

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

January 2016 Newsletter



January Meeting Information:

Bonsai Begins with Wire

Saturday, January 9, 1 – 4 pm
Bonsai Learning Center
142 Hidden Harbor Rd
Mooresville, NC 28117

by Gene Martin

Does your wiring look like a rat's nest, or the back of your computer desk? Have you figured out how to wire a branch without crossing wires? Good wiring takes practice and looks great, and there's a definite method behind successful wiring.

Bring your tree(s) and wire to the January Workshop at the Bonsai Learning Center. There will be a brief program on wiring techniques and plenty of time to practice. Help will be available to those who need it and plenty of critique and analysis as well. Brad will have wire and other supplies available for purchase.

There are many internet sites that discuss aspects of wiring bonsai. Bonsai Empire has "[Wiring Bonsai Trees to Shape the Branches](#)", Bonsai4Me has 2 pages of "[Wiring Bonsai](#)", Bonsai Experience has a chapter on "[Wiring](#)" with some

really good illustrations, OrlandoBonsaiTV has a good YouTube video on "[Basic Wiring Technique](#)", and our own Randy Clark published a PDF "[Shaping Techniques](#)" available at the Bonsai Learning Center site. Make the most of Society resources, study the basics in advance and spend some time practicing.

This workshop is free to BSC Members.

The BSC Executive Board will meet before the January 9 meeting, at Noon. These meetings are open to all Society members.

On the Horizon:

Feb 13 – Grafting & Propagating
Feb 26-28 & Mar 4-6 – Spring Show
Mar 12 – Bonsai Basics Workshop
Apr 9 – Bonsai Garden Roadtrip
May 14 – Master Workshop
June 11 – Member Picnic
July 9 – Arthur Joura
Aug 13 – Carving
Sept 10 – Member Workday
Oct 1 – Auction
Oct 8-9 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville
Nov 12 – Collecting Trip
Dec 10 – Holiday Party

December Meeting Recap

Holiday Party & Benefit Auction

by Gene Martin

Although the streets and parking lots at

UNCC were being renovated/resurfaced (and therefore, a huge mess), the McMillan Greenhouse was alive with good food and holiday cheer. Mi had the best presentation by far – little blue & white bowls filled with the most delicious stuff! Mike and Jean brought wings from Price's and the table was filled with too many other goodies to name (although my favorite had to be the stuffed mushrooms).

In addition to the delicious food, an Auction was conducted to help fund future programs. Eighteen BSC members and guests brought plenty of trees, pots and paraphernalia. The Auction raised \$574!

Many thanks to everyone who attended, brought goodies, donated items for the Auction and bid on the Auction items. Your dedication and support make the BSC a great organization!

Southern Spring Show 2016

Call for trees <=====

The Spring Show is less than 2 months away. We need YOUR trees for the display. If possible, bring your candidate tree to the January meeting. At least bring pictures. This a great chance to step up your Bonsai game and demonstrate to thousands of Show visitors that you are serious about Bonsai.

In addition to display trees, there will be a need for “tree sitters”/recruiters. This is an unmatched opportunity to bring new Bonsai artists into the BSC. More on this at upcoming meetings.

Raffle Reminder

The January meeting will NOT include a Raffle – save your Raffle items and a few bucks for a future meeting. Thanks for your support!!

Other News

WebMaster Bob has updated and revamped the BSC website. If you haven't visited in a while, now might be a good time to check it out.

www.bonsaicarolina.org

BSC Member Creighton Bostrum's *procumbens nana* won Peoples' Choice Award at the Winter Silhouette Show! Congrats, Creighton!



Creighton's forest. Photo by Mike Brawley

Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

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Dues Reminder

BSC dues for 2016 are \$50 and are due NOW. Please bring a check to the January meeting or mail it to Treasurer John Farrell, 18020 Lochcarron Ln, Cornelius, NC 28031-5218.

BSC Meeting Information

Monthly meetings are held at the McMillan Greenhouse on the campus of UNCC unless otherwise noted. Directions and parking information can be found on the [BSC website](#).

The BSC Newsletter is compiled and created monthly by Gene Martin. Contributions and feedback are welcome. Please email submissions or comments to GeneMartin@carolina.rr.com by the 20th of each month for publication in the following newsletter.
