

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

December 2015 Newsletter



## **December Meeting Information:** **Holiday Party & Benefit Auction**

Saturday, December 12, Noon – 3  
UNCC McMillan Greenhouse  
9090 Craver Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

by Gene Martin

Warm up your Bundt pans and Fondue pots – on December 12 we'll get together for some good food and fellowship.

President Bob describes it as “a goodie potluck for appetizers or Christmas treats.” The club will furnish drinks and table service. Please note there is no kitchen available at the Greenhouse.

As the goodies are being consumed, there will be a fund raising Auction with proceeds going to the BSC. Please donate a bonsai-related item for the Auction if you can. This is a Member and guest event, so please consider bringing your significant other.

The BSC Executive Board will meet before the December 12 meeting, at 11:00. These meetings are open to all Society members.

On the Horizon:  
watch this space for 2016 events

## **November Meeting Recap**

### **Collecting Adventure**

by Gene Martin

Member & VP Mike Brawley made his land available to us again this year to collect raw material.

About 20 folks participated, both old and new members. We collected American Hornbeams, American Beeches and other species. The specimen size was limited only by the collector's willingness to dig it out.



*Scott Telk opted to plant his material in a grow bed. Photo by Scott*



*Mary Alice collected American Hornbeam seedlings for a forest. Photo by Mike Brawley*



*Gene ready to collect a Hornbeam. Photo by Mike Brawley*

As I'm sure you've figured out by now, I'm not a professional newsletter editor. And the LibreOffice software has its share of quirks – often resulting in unwanted and unnecessary white space in awkward places. But that's life in a volunteer organization. If you'd like to write an article or just have an idea for one, please feel empowered to do so. Now back to our regularly scheduled broadcast.

If anyone has a copy of Stone Lantern's Master Series Junipers book, I like to borrow it. One of Wayne's recent posts mentioned ramification and I'd like to read more.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and especially to Mike for allowing us to once again tromp all over his property!!

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## **Winter Bonsai Show 2015**

**December 5 & 6 (Happening NOW!)**

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show** in Kannapolis is underway this weekend! If you've never attended, this is an opportunity to see some of the best deciduous bonsai in America up close and personal. Info about the show can be found [here](#).

If you make it to the show and would like us to include any of your pictures, please send them to me, with info about the contents.

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## Raffle Reminder

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

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## Other News

Kent H. Raymond, MD notified us that the DeBerry Gallery, North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill is hosting a portion of his four year study/project of pen and ink on paper drawings of bonsai trees. The exhibit opened November 3 and runs thru January 3, 2016. The exhibit is entitled “**Bonsai. Organic Shapes, Natural Forms.**” It is free and open to the public during the Garden's regular hours.

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## 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](#).

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