

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

August 2016 Newsletter



August Meeting Information:

Carving Workshop – Bob Hampel

Saturday, Aug 13, 10-Noon
UNCC McMillan Greenhouse
9090 Craver Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

by Gene Martin

Our own Bob Hampel, President and chief bonsai artist-in-charge, will demo tree carving at the August meeting. Carving can often enhance or emphasize the drama of your bonsai. Bob's demo will be followed by a carving workshop.

If you have a tree or trees that could benefit from some carving action, bring them to the McMillan Greenhouse this Saturday.

The BSC Executive Board will meet after the August meeting. Members are invited to attend.

2016 At A Glance

Jan 9 – Bonsai Begins with Wire

Feb 13 – Grafting & How Trees Work

Feb 26-28 & Mar 4-6 – Spring Show
Mar 12/13 – Bonsai Basics Workshop
Apr 9 – Masters' Garden Road Trip
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 3 & 4 – Winter Silhouette Show
Dec 10 – Holiday Party

July Meeting Recap

Arthur Joura's Red Maple Demo

by Gene Martin

Arthur never fails to conduct an informative and entertaining program. This year, he inspired everyone to give red maples an opportunity to be great bonsai.

He left the club with a number of observations and recommendations about Red Maples as bonsai. Here are a few noted by various members:

- Leave the petiole when cutting off larger leaves to protect the buds and get a little more photosynthesis.
- After collecting a Red Maple, remove all old soil, otherwise drainage will be inconsistent and potentially cause root rot.
- People are attracted to something different in bonsai, not just a replica of another tree.
- Not all Red Maples have red leaves in the fall.

- Maximize the survival changes for your Red Maple bonsai by utilizing local varieties.
- The most beautiful bonsai tell a tortured story of survival against all odds.



Art's Red Maple bonsai before today's work



Time and plenty of wire are required to achieve good bonsai

All photos in this article are courtesy of Ron Bates. Many thanks to Ron for capturing the action of Art's program!!



One of Art's Red Maples in training



As most of you know, by the end of the session, most of the tree will be on the floor or table, on the way to a better bonsai!

My thanks to everyone who provided input to this synopsis of Art's visit. The BSC is

extremely grateful to Arthur for another outstanding program!!

September Meeting Tease

Member Workday

by Gene Martin

Do you have trees that need final tune up work for the Expo in October? Or the Silhouette Show in December? Or just to make them better bonsai?

If you do, round them up and transport them to the September BSC meeting for a member workday.

Other News

Election of officers will be held this fall. Terms are 2 years and we will need candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you're interested in any of these positions, please contact a member of the Board.

Steve Zeisel's 2016 Winter Silhouette Show website is up and running. Logistics and Registration information can be found [here](#). Guest artists this year are Bill Valavantis, Owen Reich, Rodney Clemons and Adam Lavigne. Quite an impressive list.

Obviously you should be prepping your trees **now** for the December show.

Bob Wymer sends his best regards from sunny Florida. He has a new email address. Anyone who needs it, send an email to the Editor.

The National Bonsai Foundation is celebrating the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum's 40th anniversary. Additional info available [here](#).

The Atlanta Bonsai Society's Annual Club Auction is August 20, from 3-7pm. If you're going to be in the Atlanta area that day, check out the details at www.AtlantaBonsaiSociety.com.

Raffle Reminder

The August meeting **will** include a Raffle – bring your Raffle items and a few bucks to the August meeting. Thanks for your support!!

Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

President – Bob Hampel
Vice President – Mike Brawley
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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](#).

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.
