

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

October 2016 Newsletter



## **October Meeting Information:**

### **Member Workday**

Saturday, Oct 1, 10-Noon

Bonsai Learning Center

142 Hidden Harbor Rd

Mooresville, NC 28117

by Bob Hampel

Still have money left after summer vacations? We can fix that. Come to our 4th Annual Member Auction on October 1. There'll be some great items – demo trees as well as items from our club members. Our Auctioneer's bum arm is healed, so no stealing from a one-armed auctioneer this year! We accept cash, check, credit card and indentured servitude. Invite your friends (especially the rich ones)!

Here's an opportunity to turn some of your excess bonsai stuff into money. The auction is limited to bonsai related items such as plant material, styled trees, pots, books, tools, art, etc.

**IMPORTSNT:** Each item must have two 3x5 cards, one marked with your name, item number (1 – whatever), item description or common name / botanical name, and any comments helpful to the new owner. The other

card has your name, item number, and brief description. If you wish to set a minimum bid, please mark it in the upper right corner of the cards. Remember though, a high minimum bid may prevent a sale. The first card is for the Auctioneer's use and goes to the buyer. The second card is for you to get paid.

Sellers are asked to bring their bonsai-related items by 10:00. Everything will be available for inspection until 10:30, when the live auction begins.

Sellers must be BSC Members and are limited to five lots for the main event. If you bring more, they may be sold if time permits.

Diseased trees will not be accepted. The auctioneer reserves the right to refuse any item and his decision is final. The club will receive a 15% commission from the seller. Sellers can expect a check from the Club Treasurer within a week or so.

Club President Bob Hampel will be Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer again this year. This is not a sanctioned event, but International Amateur Auction protocols and rules will be followed. Many thanks to Bob for this write-up as well as volunteering to be our Auctioneer.

Non-BSC members will be assessed a \$25 fee to participate in the Auction. Annual dues will be accepted at the meeting, if that makes more financial sense for you.



*Auction Master Bob Hampel examines a tree up for auction. Photo by Randolph Lewis*

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

### September Meeting Recap

### **Member Workday**

*by Gene Martin*

A couple dozen members attended the September BSC Member Workday. A number of trees underwent significant transformations and began their long journey toward bonsai-hood.

Other members asked questions, offered suggestions and watched as scissors did their work.

The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet after the October meeting. Members are always invited to attend.



*Scott giving his tropical a haircut*

### 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



*Post haircut and some wire, the journey has begun*

Many thanks to everyone who brought trees to the workshop.

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## November Meeting Tease

## Collecting Trip

by Gene Martin

As I write this article it is 90°! Hopefully, it will be much cooler, perhaps even COLD by early November. For collected trees to survive they must be dormant.

Bring your outdoor gear and tools to collect some piedmont North Carolina native trees. Hornbeams are common and other species are available if you know what to look for. Get

yourself a Field Guide and read up on how to identify trees without leaves. Info on the location will be in the November Newsletter.

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## Other News

**Election of officers will be held in December, but nominations are due in October. 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.**

BSC Member Creighton Bostrom won the "Creativity in Bonsai Display" award at the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition! Congrats, Creighton!

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.

Members who joined this year and did NOT attend a Bonsai 101 Beginner Workshop should contact President Bob ([rwhampel@gmail.com](mailto:rwhampel@gmail.com)). We will try to schedule a workshop next month or guarantee a spot at the workshop in March, 2017.

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Spider Mites are frequent invaders of bonsai and landscape trees. Mike B. highly recommends "Spider Mite Killer" by Growers Trust. His experience is that it works better than anything else he's tried. Please use all insecticides wisely.

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## **Raffle Reminder**

The October meeting will **NOT** include a Raffle – save your Raffle items for a future opportunity. The September Raffle added \$29 to the BSC Treasury Thanks for your support!!

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### ***Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas***

President – Bob Hampel  
Vice President – Mike Brawley  
Treasurer – John Farrell  
Secretary – Tammy Bates  
Show Chairman – Brad Russell  
Newsletter Editor – Gene Martin

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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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