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August Highlights

Our August 2 meeting was another double billing as we were treated to a wonderful presentation by award winning potter and member Mark Gordon. He shed some light on the secrets of how oval and irregular bonsai pots are created. This was another great presentation on the creativity and technique behind creating pots that compliment our bonsai creations. Thanks also go out to Mark for bringing a large variety of pots to the meeting for sale to our membership. We are fortunate to have such a talented and passion potter within our membership.

Judging by the amount of pruning and wiring during the second half of the meeting, members who brought trees received a great amount of advice.

September Meeting

Our meeting on Sunday, September 13th, lead by Harold Johnson, will be focusing on what it takes to get your bonsai show ready. With both the Carolina Bonsai Expo in Asheville, and the TBS NC State Fair Exhibit, we would like to encourage all of our members to identify any trees you would like to have considered for either of these public viewings. Harold will discuss how to make the trees show ready.

If you have a tree or trees you believe could be shown at the Carolina Bonsai Expo, please contact one of the Carolina Bonsai Expo committee members before the meeting on the 13th and describe your tree or trees. The committee is charged with choosing trees that provide quality and diversity of species and styles.

Ed Lauer – elauer@noelgroup.net

Harold Johnson – haroldandtina2@msn.com

Tom Waldo – tombonsai@yahoo.com

Please bring to the meeting on the 13th trees you would like to be considered for the TBS display at the NC State Fair.

The meeting will also provide members with an opportunity to bring in a tree that has been in development for a few years and get advice on how to refine it even more.

2009 Upcoming TBS Events

Sept. 13

Carolina Bonsai Expo
& NC State Fair
Preparation

Oct. 3

New Talent
Competition

Oct. 4

TBS Lecture/Demo

Oct. 10-11

Carolina Bonsai Expo

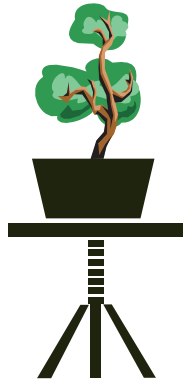
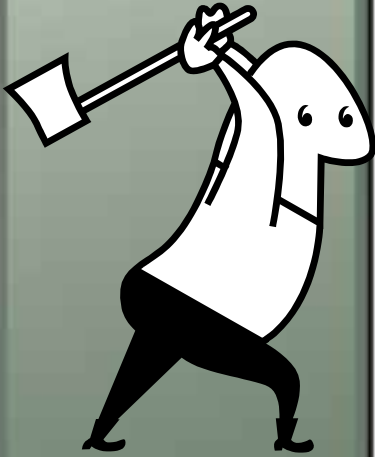
Oct. 15-25

TBS Display at NC
State Fair

TBS New Talent Competiton

Saturday, October 3

If you have been studying bonsai for 5 years or less, and want a chance to have some fun and flex your creative muscles at the same time, the TBS New Talent Contest is for you. Open to the first 10 members to sign up, participants will be provided a Shimpaku Juniper – nursery stock specially selected for this workshop from a bonsai nursery. Participants will also be provided wire as well, so all you have to bring is your tools, maybe a turntable and your creativity. The trees will then be judged and voted on by the membership and the winner will be announced at our regular Sunday meeting on October 4th. The other great benefit of this program is that the participants are welcomed to purchase their trees at club cost. Any remaining trees will be sold at our Holiday Party and Auction. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.



New Member



Welcome to new member **Colin Lickwar** from Durham. Colin has already begun to take advantage of the new member mentor program.

August Meeting Minutes

Attendance = 29

Ken Hallatt made some general announcements:

- Thanks to Marianne Lauer for providing the refreshments
- National Bonsai Exhibit books can be purchased from Ken Hallatt
- Five first time visitors were in attendance today

NC State Fair in October:

- signup sheet for volunteers will be at the meetings
- TBS needs volunteers to clean up the display area, water bonsai and talk to fair visitors, and perform demos at the fair
- bring bonsai to the September meeting to be considered for the NC State Fair exhibit and the Carolina Bonsai Expo at the NC Arboretum in Asheville

Intro to Bonsai classes will be taught by Harold Johnson and Ken Hallatt at Duke in September.

TBS had two demos at The Garden Supply Company in Cary this year.

TBS Spotlight for August is books:

- there are many bonsai books and magazines that have a wide range of information and pictures for the bonsai enthusiast
- picture books, instructional books
- magazines include the ABS Journal, International Bonsai, and Bonsai Focus

Mark Gordon was the guest speaker. He is a potter from Wilson, NC who is making bonsai pots in addition to his other pots. Mark gave a demo on bonsai pottery, and shared information about:

- altering the shape of a round pot
- adding the base to the walls of the pot
- cutting water and wire holes in the bottom of the pot
- adding feet to the bottom of the bonsai pot



Upcoming Bonsai Events

International Bonsai Symposium (Shohin Bonsai)

Rochester, NY
September 10 – 13

Introduction to the Art of Bonsai (REGISTER NOW)

Duke Continuing Education
September 16 – October 21 Wednesday nights – 6:30 – 9:00
<http://www.learnmore.duke.edu/weekend/courses/classdetail.asp?ClassCategories=Self&Submit=SEARCH&ClassID=12620>

Carolina Bonsai Expo

Asheville, NC
October 10 & 11
<http://www.ncarboretum.org/plan-a-visit/event-calendar/carolina-bonsai-expo/>

TBS Display – North Carolina State Fair

Raleigh, NC
October 15 – 25

