

TBS

Triangle Bonsai Society

September 2010

Fall is Here

Making plans for State Fair and NC Bonsai Expo in Asheville

Preparations for both the TBS display and competition at the State Fair in Raleigh and the North Carolina Bonsai Expo at the Arboretum in Asheville have begun.

By now everybody should have seen announcements for these two wonderful events.

STATE FAIR - RALEIGH, NC

Kevin Ray has spoken at each of our last two meetings regarding his work at the fairgrounds and his need for volunteers to help with booth duty.

- TBS needs volunteers to help prepare the display area and to work at the display during the fair. Contact Kevin if you would like to volunteer.
- TBS still has some slots available for demos.
- Volunteers get parking passes and admission tickets to the fair.
- The NC State Fair will have bonsai in the premium book this year, which means any resident can enter their bonsai for a chance to win ribbons and prize money. This will be separate from the TBS display. There will be three categories of bonsai: shohin, deciduous,

and evergreen. In addition, ribbons will be awarded for best in show and peoples choice. There is a link on TBS' homepage to the NC State Fair website for more information and entry forms. There will be room for five entries in each category. Registration must be completed by October 1st.

The State Fair runs October 14 thru October 24

NC BONSAI EXPO -ASHEVILLE, NC

We have all been receiving Arthur Joura's messages regarding the bonsai expo in Asheville October 9 and 10 at the Arboretum.

If you haven't been, you don't know what you are missing. Bonsai societies from across the south east United States join to display their society's best bonsai. We are lucky to have this collection of bonsai close to us for all of us to view.

It's not too late to make reservations for the weekend...or to make plans to drive over for the day and view the exquisite bonsai displayed.

In addition, there is a vendors area with everything bonsai related available for purchase. We cannot forget to mention the workshops being held over the weekend.

Check this site for more information...

<http://www.ncarboretum.org/plan-a-visit/events/carolina-bonsai-expo/>

Our guest for the September meeting was Ted Matson. Ted held workshops on Saturday before our meeting and did a demo on Sunday.

Ted talked about Yaupon Holly and worked on a ficus:

- yaupon holly is native to North America.
- good species for shohin.
- hollies are rigid, hard to bend established branches.
- need some winter protection.
- narrow leaf variety of ficus are very hardy.
- minimum night temperatures of 60F is recommended. Below this, ficus should be protected.
- remove clutter - unnecessary branches and foliage.
- find the basic structure (nebari, trunkline and branches) first. This makes development of the bonsai easier.
- set the framework with the trunk and branches.
- use clip and grow method to fill in and ramify.



Ted Matson also talked to the club about displaying bonsai:

- when displaying bonsai, there is a purpose or relationship of the bonsai on display.
- displays often have a theme.
- placement of bonsai in the display is important.

Spacing is critical for displays.

Bonsai need space to be viewed separately.

The bonsai should not be crowded together.

The tallest bonsai is usually in the middle of the display.

*look for some cohesive thread for the display; for example, fall color, all conifers, multiple trunks, etc.

UPCOMING MEETINGS SCHEDULE

October 3...State Fair prep

November 7...program by Arthur Joura

December 5...Holiday Party and Auction

Members should begin thinking about plants, pots, tools, books and anything bonsai that they can contribute to the auction.

We have a number of items donated by members or past members to auction: tools, books and pots.