

# Triangle Bonsai Society

## A December Auction to Remember

WOW!! What else can be said? The 2011 Christmas Party and Auction was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the 54 members, family and guests in attendance had a blast.

As usual Harold Johnson and Dan Cormican did a wonderful job auctioneering the myriad of pots, plants, and tools and reading material members brought and contributed to be auctioned off.

The Christmas auction and our summer picnic auction, are our biggest and best fundraising events. The money raised allows us to have Ted Matson, Suthin, Bjorn Bjorholm and David Easterbrook join us and give the outstanding workshops and demonstrations we as members are so used to. Thanks to all members who attended and brought items for the auction.



Also, thanks to everyone who brought food. If you went away from the meeting hungry it was your own fault. A Christmas cornucopia of treats were shared by all...THANK YOU!

That said, the Triangle Bonsai Society was the big winner.

Other winners included Joe Pastusek who won 2 of the raffles. Joe won the \$25 Gift Certificate from **John Green and Green Thumb Bonsai** and the \$50 Gift Certificate from **Steve Cratty and Plant City Bonsai**. Ted "Tightwad" Prather bought 1 raffle ticket...and won the \$50 Gift Certificate from **Ken Hallatt and Carolina Bonsai**. Next year he will be required buy at least \$5 worth of raffle tickets.



*Pictured above, Joe Pastusek and some of his treasure*

Other winners included Dan Cormican who outbid all others for the juniper styled by Suthin during his visit in May 2011.



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## Notes from the President

I'm amazed how quickly the end of 2011 snuck up this year. It seemed like the year flew from show to auction to Asheville to auction again to Holidays. It's time to start thinking 2012. Back in October, we had a great meeting in which neatly everyone brought a tree or two and we spent them meeting talking about what the next step for each tree was. The trees ranged from collected material that had barely been touched to material that has been shown at the Raulston expo. Everyone enjoyed it and I think everyone left having learned something.

We don't have a meeting on the calendar right now set aside for critiques like this, but January is a great time to look at deciduous trees and start planning the coming year's work for them. With all of the leaves off, it may be the first time in months you've been able to see the branch structure. In addition to Harold and Ed's repotting demo, perhaps we can carve out some time to look at a few member trees and discuss what they need to develop and perhaps be ready for our Expo in June, or possibly for the State Fair or Asheville in the fall, or perhaps just to be all the more beautiful to the proud owner.

Dan Cormican

One last thing...

TBS has just learned of the passing of Howard Kazan several weeks ago. Howard was a long time member of TBS and the teacher of many TBS members. Even after moving to Weaverville, NC, Howard donated items for our auctions.

We send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Lori.

## **Reminder to all members -**

2012 membership dues are due January 2012. You can pay your dues by adding that amount to your check for your auction merchandise at the blow-out Holiday Party and Auction extravaganza.

Dues - Type of Membership:

Single: \$35                      Family: \$50

Senior (65+): \$25              Senior Couple: \$40

## **2012 program schedule.**

**January 8th** - Re-potting demo by Ed Lauer and Harold Johnson. **Members bring trees for critique.**

**February 5th** - Steve Cratty from Plant City Bonsai offering excellent bonsai material

**March 2nd, 3rd and 4th** - Workshops and demo by Bjorn Bjorholm

**April 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th** - Workshops and demo by Suthin

**May 6th** - Picnic, plant sale and auction

**June 2nd and 3rd** - the TBS Display at the J. C. Raulston Arboretum.

**July** - No meeting

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>** - Workshops and demo by Ted Matson

**September 9th** - Styling demo by Ed Lauer and Harold Johnson

**October 7th** - Focus on the Carolina Bonsai Expo and NC State Fair

**November 4th** - Arthur Joura

**December 2nd** - Holiday Party and Auction