

Triangle Bonsai Society

Picnic in June...and then an early summer SWOON

Sunday, June 5th 2011 the Triangle Bonsai Society held their annual picnic and auction at Lake Crabtree Park. The turnout, both in people attending and the amount of bonsai related material, was outstanding. We had 51 people bidding on items and additional family members brought our total attendance to over 60.

The 94 degree temperature was kept somewhat in check with the use of several fans spread around the shelter...that was a great idea. Thanks go out to the responsible party...you know who you are.

The food was excellent as always. A wide variety of salads and sides and desserts were brought by and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Sonny Poche` and David Keller for handling the grilling duties on such a hot day.

Beside the club, the two big winners of the day had to be Don Kimball and Sonny Poche`. Don outbid all others to claim the juniper Suthin Sukosolvisit created during his demonstration for the society during his visit in 2010. And Sonny was able to outlast his competition and claimed the 3 tree boxwood grouping that Rodney Clemmons created for us during his 2010 visit.

Thanks go out to Harold for acting as head auctioneer, and to his helpers Dan, Martin, Kevin, R.B., Sam, Tina and Marianne.

Thanks to all members who brought bonsai related material. You did a great job bringing hundreds of plants, hundreds of pots and all the other items auctioned off.

We hope you enjoyed the picnic and were able to find some bargains. This benefits both the club and members and only works when we all participate.

Kudos to all!!



Don Kimball (above) with the 2010 Suthin Sukosolvisit demo juniper



Sonny Poche` (above left) with 2011 TBS Expo People's Choice winner Martin Evans holding the Rodney Clemmons designed 3 tree dogwood group planting

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Expo 2011 final report from Dan Cormican

The Triangle Bonsai Society held their annual Expo at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum May 21 and 22.

We had nearly 300 attendees at the Expo this year. We had a great mix of trees this year, with some beautiful azaleas in bloom. We also had an excellent mix of trees from the standpoint of the range of club members displaying trees. Triangle Bonsai Society has a tremendous depth of skills and talents and this Expo may have displayed them better than past years.

Similar to past years nearly every tree got a vote in People's Choice. The competition was very close this year. The top 2 vote getters were only 4 votes apart and 3rd place was only 3 further back in voting. Third place in the voting was Steve Zeisel's Penjing Forest. Second place went to Harold Johnson's Red Maple. First Place went to (insert drum roll or triumphant music of your choice here) Martin Evans' Pond Cypress, shown below.



I'd like to thank everyone for all of their help with the show this year. I always have a lot of fun the weekend of the show. It's great getting to see the

trees, telling the public stories about the trees (most of them fairly true) and getting to hang out with everyone in the club.

Thanks to Harold, Ed, Merritt and Eric for covering the demos. Ed and Harold hope their remarks about the trees on display are of benefit to members.

And thanks to everyone else for a fun, successful weekend (I can't name names, I'm bound to leave someone out, as there were plenty club members who helped with the show).



Dan Cormican pictured above, with the People's Choice winner over his shoulder, at the TBS Expo

DO NOT FORGET – NO JULY MEETING

Tip – Be very careful using any fertilizer now that our daily temperatures are regularly over 90 degrees



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The auction crew, from left to right, Dan, Martin, Kevin, Harold and Sam

One final note... we will send out a message to all members before our August meeting with details for the balance of the year.



This is a picture of all the items that were for auction. 100's of plants and pots, not to mention all the other tools donated.