

# Triangle Bonsai Society

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## Nice Start to the New Year

We had a rather large group for January's meeting, considering it's supposed to be winter and we didn't have a guest speaker in from out of town.



Dan Cormican led the way, announcing that the Triangle Bonsai Society would begin offering workshops to new members and that they will most likely be held the Saturday following our regular Sunday meetings. Topics will include tool, soil and repotting, how to buy a bonsai, how to pick a bonsai pot and beginning design and style information.

The program for January was led by Ed and Harold as they redesigned a bonsai brought in by Kent Smith. First, they talked about their new design and explained why they were going to cut which branches.

As usual, it was amazing to see our "club masters" in action. It is very educational to see the progression of the plant from the beginning to the end of their demonstrations.

Club members were then given time for 'bring your own tree' with Steve and Ed.

<http://www.trianglebonsai.com/>

## For February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Steve Cratty from Plant City will be our February 5<sup>th</sup> guest.

Steve and Sandi Cratty are back with a truckload of goodies; pre-bonsai as well as killer bonsai. If you have a special need, or desire, go to Steve's website <http://plantcitybonsai.com> and check what he has posted. Or better yet, email and ask about your specific item. New members may want to consider buying a plant from Steve during his visit, and then bring it to the new member workshop the following Saturday.

The second half of the afternoon will be a session on sharpening and maintaining your bonsai tools in tip-top shape. Ed Lauer and Harold will lead the demonstration and discussion. Bring tools for consultation, but not to be sharpened, that's up to you.



## Notes from the President

The first of our Beginner Workshops went very well on Saturday the 21st. It was a small group and the session was led by Dan Cormican, Eric Eibelhauser and Don Kimball. The discussion was fairly broad covering basic design, branch placement, what species make good bonsai, etc. For the last hour and a half we looked at member trees and discussed

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their strengths and weakness and what design might best highlight the good parts, and anything that could be done to address the weaknesses.



We're planning on continuing these sessions in 2012. The next few sessions will likely be more focused on specific aspects of bonsai.

The next session will be headed by Ed Lauer and Don Kimball and will focus on repotting. For most of our trees the season to repot will be mid-February through mid-March.

This makes for an active month and can be daunting if you haven't previously repotted a bonsai. This workshop will give you the information you need to repot your trees, from soil to use to tools needed to what to actually do.

The next Beginner's session will be held Saturday, February 11th from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring a tree, a notebook and some tools.

Dan Cormican

Also, it should be noted that the Board voted to make a \$500 contribution to the bonsai program at the NC Arboretum, Asheville.

## Reminder to all members -

2012 membership dues were due January 2012.

Dues - Type of Membership:

Single: \$35                      Family: \$50

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

## 2012 program schedule.

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

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

**April 5th, 6th, 7th** - Workshops and demo by Suthin .. nothing on Easter Sunday

**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 5th** – 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