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NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY December 1, 2019 1:30 PM- 4 PM

Triangle Bonsai Society Winter Gala and Club Auction

1:30 -4:00

**Sarah P. Duke Gardens
426 Anderson St.
Durham, NC 27705**

On this coming Sunday, December 1st, we will hold our annual Winter Gala holiday party and club auction. This is a wonderful opportunity to come enjoy an afternoon of bonsai friendship and support TBS in bringing top notch bonsai programs to our members in the coming months.

There are two ways you can help support TBS in one of our auctions. First, look through your bonsai "stuff" and consider donating an item or two to the auction. Items to consider may include supplies such as wire, tools, books, pots, or even bonsai or pre-bonsai materials. Just bring your lightly used or no longer needed items to the meeting and check in at the auction table. Then let our auction organizer know you'd like to make a donation to support the club through the

organizer know you'd like to make a donation to support the club through the auction. It should be noted that the bonsai that were created during this year's State Fair will be up for auction.

We will also have all of the remaining "pre-bonsai" junipers that were not used for the State Fair demos for sale at the event. These wonderful little 1 gallon, staked junipers are very nice and will be a steal for just \$10 each.

Secondly, you can support TBS by purchasing something at the auction. All proceeds from the auction will go to helping us bring in gifted, and often internationally recognized bonsai artists from all over the country and around the world.

It should also be noted that the location for our Gala this year will be the beautiful facility at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens - the same location we've used for our annual show for the last few years. As at our September meeting with Julian Adams, you will have a couple options for parking. One parking location is just a short walk away from the facility and it is free. However, if you park in the parking lot directly adjacent to the facility, you will have to pay for parking. But we've worked out a deal for you. If you park at the Gardens and pay for parking AND you purchase something at the auction, your parking fee will be deducted from your auction total.

That's a good deal!

Parking options and details will be sent out under a separate email.

Aside from our fun-packed auction, another highlight of our Winter Gala is the "Pass a Dish" extravaganza! While not really an "extravaganza", we do ask everyone to bring one of their favorite holiday dishes to pass. Nothing big and fancy, but something nice and tasty to share with the membership. In years past, members have brought a personal favorite or a family favorite dish to pass. Maybe you could consider bringing a home country holiday staple that will truly make our gathering an international holiday celebration. So please use your imagination and have some fun. I can't wait to see the offerings!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Silhouette Bonsai Expo

December 7 & 8, 2019

150 Research Campus Drive

Kannapolis, NC

Admission to this excellent show is Free and is run by our very own Dr. Steve Zeisel. This is the 7th year for this nationally recognized show. It is held in what is likely the most elegant location for a bonsai show - a 4 story marble lined atrium. Many say this is their favorite show of the year, where trees are exhibited in their winter best form. Exhibitors and vendors come from all over the country. There will be demos by world-class bonsai artists William Valavanis, Owen Reich, Tyler Sherrod and Rodney Clemons. There will also be a bonsai auction Saturday evening. Banquet dinner by reservation Saturday evening. Here is a link to the Winter Silhouette website (<https://www.winterbonsai.net/>). You should really consider attending such a world class bonsai show right around the corner from us. It makes a great day trip from the triangle area.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Well, yet another year end is coming up surprisingly quickly. It has been another busy year for the Triangle Bonsai Society. We've had some wonderful special guest artists and made a number of new friends. We're also welcoming a bunch of new members to our club - through our new membership promotion that we ran in conjunction with the State Fair. Hopefully we'll all get to meet a few of them at the

upcoming Winter Gala and Auction on Sunday afternoon. Please keep in mind that the new membership promotion will run through at least the end of the year - or until our second workshop is full. There are still a few more openings available.

Our Vice President, Gabe Monetti has been working hard at firming up some exciting programs for next year and here is what we're working on right now for the first half of the upcoming year.

- **Sunday, January 5** - Club Meeting - "BYOT" - Bring Your Own Tree - A discussion about wintering over bonsai and getting them ready for Spring
- **Saturday, February 8** - Bonsai Beginners Series / Open Workshop - Class 1 of 5
- **Saturday, February 22** - Root Over Rock Trident Maple- Multi-year Workshop with Ed Lauer - Class 1
- **Sunday, February 23** - Club Meeting - Visiting artist and Vendor Matt Ouwinga
- **Saturday, February 29** - Morning (TBD) and Afternoon Workshops with world renown bonsai artist William Valavanis
- **Sunday, March 1** - Club Meeting - Demonstration and lecture from William Valavanis
- **Saturday, March 14** - New Members Workshops (1 morning and 1 afternoon)
- **Saturday, March 14** - Trident and Japanese Maple Forest Workshop with Ed Lauer
- **March 19 - 22** - Art in Bloom bonsai display at the North Carolina Museum of Art
- **Sunday, April 5** - Club Meeting - TBD
- **Saturday, April 18** - Bonsai Beginner's Series / Open Workshop - Class 2 of 5
- **Saturday, May 2** - Kusamono Workshop with special guest artist Young Choe
- **Sunday, May 3** - Club Meeting - Kusamono lecture demonstration from special guest artist Young Choe
- **Saturday, June 20** - Morning Workshop - Azaleas with world guest artist from the UK, Peter Warren. Afternoon BYOT Workshop with Peter Warren
- **Sunday, June 21** - Club Meeting - Lecture / Presentation from guest artist Peter Warren

As you can see, we have some really nice programs coming up in the new year. What you may have also noticed is that as of right now, there are no "location details" for any of our programs as we continue to work diligently to secure an appropriate location for all of our meetings and workshops through at least the middle of next year. However, we are so confident that this will all work out very

soon, we have scheduled our activities as usual. We will publish specific times, locations, prices and details as soon as possible in future newsletters and upcoming, more timely group emails as necessary. So stay tuned!

I hope to see you all very soon.

Ken

TRIANGLE BONSAI SOCIETY
2019 NC STATE FAIR
MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL



**2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP, BONSAI TREE,
CONTAINER, SOIL AND FULL BONSAI EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP**
(WORKSHOPS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020)

IF YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO LEARN BONSAI BUT NEVER FOUND A GOOD WAY TO START... **HERE IT IS!** **SIMPLY COMPLETE YOUR "2019 NC STATE FAIR NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AT www.trianglebonsai.com/newmembership** AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FORM.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR
NEXT MEETING (NOVEMBER 3rd)!



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Kannapolis, North Carolina

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FREE ADMISSION

Demos by **William Valavanis,**
Rodney Clemons, Tyler Sherrod
and **Owen Reich.**

An exhibit of the best bonsai in their



An exhibit of the best bonsai in their winter appearance.

"a most unusual and elegant atmosphere for this exhibition... I was honored to participate" William N. Valavanis

Two rooms of bonsai vendors.

To display a tree, vend or visit see:
<http://www.winterbonsai.net>



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