



# January 2020 Newsletter Triangle Bonsai Society





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# **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**NEXT MEETING**

**SUNDAY January 5, 2020 1:30 PM- 4 PM**

**Triangle Bonsai Society**

**Monthly Meeting**

**BYOT - Bring Your Own Tree**

**1:30 -4:00**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION  
Cameron Village Regional Library  
Combined Rooms 202 and 202A  
1930 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, NC**

Several more experienced members of TBS will be available to provide feedback, help, and advice on any of your trees.

We will meet in the Combined Rooms 202 and 202A. The rooms are on the second floor, but an elevator is available. Plenty of parking is available as well. This meeting is dedicated to you, the members. You are encouraged to bring one or two of your creations to receive honest and helpful feedback from our more experienced members. We are going to do this primarily in one on one sessions, but we will probably also pick 2-3 trees are critique them as a group.

We will also have a short discussion on wintering over your bonsai and when are the best times to start doing your "Spring Work" on various species of trees.

**An important word of caution:** The library is a very new, very nice facility and we get it free of charge if we don't serve any food. We want to return the room, and the hallways leading to the room, in pristine shape. Please ensure that every tree you bring into the facility is either in a clean plastic tub or wrapped in a plastic bag so we don't spill any soil on the way to the room.

Since we won't be able to provide snacks at this meeting, you might want to pick up a snack or lunch before the meeting. As this meeting location is basically attached to the Cameron Village shopping area, you'll likely have a number of fun options for a nice Sunday afternoon lunch.

**Annual Elections**

At our meeting tomorrow, we will be holding annual elections for 3 positions on the Board of Directors. The three positions up for election will be:

Treasurer (currently held by Harold Johnson - 1 year term)

Secretary (currently held by Barbara Holmes - 1 year term), and

Director (1 of 4 Director positions - being vacated by Colin Lickwar - 2 year term)

We will be accepting nominations for these 3 positions and taking a vote to fill these positions for 2020. If you're interested in helping TBS through service as a club officer, please let me know by emailing me at [carolinabonsai@nc.rr.com](mailto:carolinabonsai@nc.rr.com).

### **One Last Important Note**

TBS will have some bonsai and bonsai related items for sale at the meeting. A very generous donor who has given TBS many items sold at past auctions asked that remaining items be sold and proceeds donated to a cancer fund in honor of their daughter and two son-in-laws who all died of cancer.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **February is a Big Month for Triangle Bonsai Society**

## **Bonsai Beginners Series - 2020**

**Session #1 - "The Basics"**

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**9:00 - 11:00**

Location to be announced

The Bonsai Beginners Series is a series of classes that are run throughout the year that when completed, provide the participants with a complete Bonsai Fundamentals Course. The Series is made up of 5 classes - one offered every couple of months throughout the year and are provided and at no cost to all current members of the Triangle Bonsai Society. The classes are taught by some of our more experienced members and are strongly recommended for anyone in the club looking to get a well rounded exposure to this wonderful art form.

Here is a summary of what will be covered in the various classes.

Session 1 - The Basics - History of Bonsai, Bonsai Tools - What are you going to need  
What to look for in good plant material at the nursery

Session 2 - Bonsai Styles, Design Basics, The Horticulture of Bonsai

Session 3 - Pruning, Wire and Wiring Techniques, Wiring Practice

Session 4 - Basics of Bonsai Soil, Pruning, Fertilizing, and Pest Control, Bonsai Containers & Selection

Session 5 - Container prep, Working on your Tree, After Care, The #1 Killer of Bonsai

While you're encouraged to attend all classes in order to get the entire coursework, if you can't make it to any given session, don't worry, you can always pick it up next year as the Bonsai Beginner's Series is offered on an ongoing, annual basis.

## **Root Over Rock with Trident Maple Multi-Year Workshop**

Starting Workshop

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

**9:00 - 12:30**

Pricing and Location to be announced

## **February Club Meeting**

## Visiting Guest - Matt Ouwinga

Sunday, February 23, 2020

1:30 - 4:00

Location to be announced

## Morning Workshop with World Renown Bonsai Artist

**William Valavanis**

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:00 - 12:00

Material, Pricing and Location to be announced

## Afternoon "Bring Your Own Tree" Workshop with William Valavanis

Saturday, February 29, 2020

1:00 - 5:00

Pricing and Location to be announced

## March Club Meeting

Visiting Guest - William Valavanis

Sunday, March 1, 2020

1:30 - 4:00

Topic and Location to be announced

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## RECENT TBS ACTIVITIES

### **TBS Holiday Gala and Auction**

Our club had another successful Holiday Gala and Auction. I wanted to thank everyone who attended and blessed us with so many wonderful goodies to eat. It truly was a delicious holiday treat! The gathering was well attended and thanks to the generosity of many of our members and donors, we were able to offer over 70 items for auction. The auction brought in enough money for us to bring in a number of highly regarded artists in the coming months - all able to provide new and interesting learning opportunities for our members. Thanks again to everyone who attended, provided holiday snacks, and bid on our many items. I can't thank everyone enough for helping to create another wonderful holiday experience.

### **2019 Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show**

Our own past club President, Dr. Steve Zeisel organized another fantastic Winter Silhouette show at his beautiful facility in Kannapolis, NC - the first weekend in December. As usual, the show was world class, with some spectacular bonsai specimens taking center stage. It was very nice to see so many TBS members participating as either show participants, attendees, and vendors. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful, nationally recognized, annual event so close to us. I'm already looking forward to December, 2020!

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## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT**

We are approaching a New Year of promoting the art of bonsai in the Triangle community and beyond. TBS is now 40 years old but I feel as if we just started. The bonsai movement in the United States has grown by leaps and bounds over the last 25 years and we are now proud to







The TBS Website [→](https://shoutout.wix.com/so/d0MzoHYi9/c?w=tu4dRriDK7VrPhS5jKgZfo-PCsZ1pd2RMzgVEZCVrpA.eyJ1ljoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudHJpYW5nbGVib25zYWkuY29tLylsInliOiJkM2Zi) (https://shoutout.wix.com/so/d0MzoHYi9/c?w=tu4dRriDK7VrPhS5jKgZfo-PCsZ1pd2RMzgVEZCVrpA.eyJ1ljoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudHJpYW5nbGVib25zYWkuY29tLylsInliOiJkM2Zi

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