



February 2020 Newsletter Triangle Bonsai Society



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NEXT EVENT

Bonsai Beginners Series - 2020

Session #1 - "The Basics"

Saturday, February 8, 2020

10:00 - 1:00

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME

Cameron Village Regional Library; Room 202A

1930 Clark Ave., Raleigh, NC 27605

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 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.

NEXT WORKSHOP

Root Over Rock with Trident Maple


Multi-Year Workshop

Starting Workshop

Saturday, February 22, 2020

9:00 - 12:30

While this workshop is currently sold out, please send an email to TriangleBonsaiSocietyBoard@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the waiting list in the event there are any cancellations.



NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY, February 23, 2020 1:30 PM- 4 PM

Triangle Bonsai Society

Monthly Meeting

Featured Guest Speaker

Matt Ouwinga

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chinese Quince Workshop with World

Renown Bonsai Artist

William Valavanis

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30 - 12:00

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION

**Rolesville Masonic Lodge
207 Pulley Street; Rolesville, NC 27571**

Cost - \$150

Workshop participants will be working with select Chinese Quince that have been grown by Mr. Valavanis, specifically for bonsai. This workshop will be limited to 10 participants at a cost \$150/participant - which includes the Chinese Quince and personal instruction with Mr. Valavanis.

The sign up for this workshop will open at 9:01pm tomorrow night - Friday, February 7. Be sure to visit our website (www.trianglebonsai.com) to sign up and don't wait long as this workshop will likely fill up fairly quickly.

Afternoon "Bring Your Own Tree" Workshop with William Valavanis

Saturday, February 29, 2020

1:00 - 4:00

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION

Rolesville Masonic Lodge
207 Pulley Street; Rolesville, NC 27571

Cost - \$50

This workshop will give participant the opportunity to work with and get direction from one of the world's best bonsai artists - working on their very own bonsai or nursery stock. Participants are encouraged to bring 1 or 2 of their own trees to get feedback and direction from Mr. Valavanis. This 3 hour workshop will be limited to 10 students, so we can ensure that Mr. Valavanis will be able to spend valuable time with each participant.

The sign up for this workshop will also open at 9:01pm tomorrow night - Friday, February 7. Be sure to visit our website (www.trianglebonsai.com) to sign up and don't wait long as this workshop will likely fill up fairly quickly.

March Club Meeting

Featured Guest Speaker - William Valavanis

Sunday, March 1, 2020

1:30 - 4:00

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION

Cameron Village Regional Library; Rooms 202-202A
1930 Clark Ave., Raleigh, NC 27605

State Fair New Members Workshops

Saturday, March 14 2020

We will be holding two workshop sessions on Saturday, March 14 for our 30 new members who joined during our annual State Fair Membership promotion. We will have 15 folks in each of the workshop session. Each session will consist of a short Introduction to Bonsai presentation which will immediately lead into the workshop portion of the session. Each participant will be provided everything they need to create their very own bonsai. This will include a plant, container, soil, wire, and the use of tools for the workshop.

Final details on location and times should be available very soon and will be forwarded to all participants in these workshops as soon as it becomes available. Participants will also be told which workshop (morning or afternoon) they will be in at that time.

Maple Forest Workshop with Ed Lauer

Saturday, March 14 2020

9:00 - 3:00

Location TBD

Cost - \$170

This workshop will be lead by our very own gifted bonsai artist and instructor Ed Lauer and participants will be using either Japanese Maples or Trident Maples to recreate their very own bonsai forest compositions. The cost of the workshop includes instruction/guidance, very nice maples, soil, wire and training container.

The workshop will be limited to 6 participants to ensure a quality experience.

The sign up for this workshop will also open at 9:01pm tomorrow night - Friday, February 7. Be sure to visit our website (www.trianglebonsai.com) to sign up and don't wait long as this workshop will likely fill up fairly quickly.

Bonsai Collecting Trip

Sunday, March 15, 2020

For the last few years, TBS has sponsored a one day collecting trip to a local piece of land where a lucky group of members can go and collect "wild" trees for future bonsai training. This year's collecting trip is scheduled for Sunday, March 15. The group will be heading out to a nice piece of property in Warrenton, NC and will be lead by our own Merritt Barnett. This collecting trip will be strictly limited to no more than 8 participants.

The sign up for this collection trip will also open at 9:01pm tomorrow night - Friday, February 7. Be sure to visit our website (www.trianglebonsai.com) if you're interested in hunting your very own "wild bonsai". This has been a popular field trip in past years. So be sure to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

2020 North Carolina Museum of Art "Art in Bloom"

Thursday, March 19 - Sunday, March 22 2020

For the last several years, the Triangle Bonsai Society has been honored participants at the Museum of Arts wonderful "Art in Bloom" event. We will be back again this year and our involvement will once again be lead by Harold Johnson. As in years past we will need a number of volunteers to act as docents

in the area where our bonsai will be displayed. Please try to set aside some time during these few days when you can sign up to be a docent. Our display has always been a hit at the event and it's great fun to interact with the public as they are delighted by the wonderful bonsai. Information on when volunteers will be needed and how to sign up will be forthcoming.

April Workshops and Monthly meeting

I'm very excited to announce that Mr. Sean Smith, from Marysville, PA will be back to TBS with 2 more unique workshops and lecture for our monthly meeting. Sean's workshops and lectures have always been very popular in the past and I expect the same to be true for his April 4th workshops and program. Stay tuned for more details to come!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As you can see, TBS has a busy month or two ahead of us. We have a number of really high quality workshop coming up with very nice material and world class instructors. You'll really want to sign up for these workshops early before they fill up. For our newer members, I should mention that it is expected that you have some basic knowledge and abilities to participate in many of these upcoming workshops. You would need your own basic tools and you should be able to do your own basic wiring with minimal guidance from the instructors. You can easily learn about what tools you might need and how to do basic wiring by attending our Bonsai Beginner's Series classes - which are free to all of our members. These classes will provide you with both educational and training opportunities that you'll need to participate in any of the workshops.

The other thing I would like to remind our members about is the "TBS Swap-Sell" section of our website. Be sure to click on that tab on a regular basis to check out what item(s) might be up for sale/swap. Members should also feel free to use that area to list any bonsai or bonsai related items that they would like to sell or swap. Be sure to take a look as I have it on good authority that there may be some nice little boxwoods showing up there in the not too distant future.

Spring is in the Air. Bonsai are waking up. It's time to get creative!

Let's have some bonsai fun! See you all soon,

Ken

TBS Bonsai Library
Borrow a book!

A row of various books standing upright on a shelf. The spines of the books are visible, showing different colors like red, blue, yellow, and green. Some books have decorative patterns on their spines.

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