



May Newsletter

Triangle Bonsai Society





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NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY May 19, 2019 1:30 PM- 4 PM

TBS Spring Picnic and Auction

CLUB MEETING location:

Beech Shelter at the Lake Crabtree County Park, 1400 Aviation Parkway,
Morrisville, NC 27560. Information about the park and directions can be found at

<http://www.wakegov.com/parks/lakecrabtree/Pages/default.aspx>.



Message from the President

2019 Annual Dues

A reminder that 2019 Annual Dues are now overdue. You can now renew your membership quickly and easily through the MEMBERSHIP link on our website (trianglebonsai.com) .

You can also renew “the old fashion way” by filling out the attached membership application and mailing to the address at the top of the form.

Members who fail to renew their memberships by the beginning of May will be dropped from the membership roster and distribution lists. As we have some exciting offerings in the works, you’ll want to keep your membership up to date.

IMPORTANT – A couple notes on our regular meeting location

1. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As it has become more and more difficult to schedule and confirm the location we’ve been using for the last several years, we are now actively searching for a new, permanent location for TBS regular meetings and workshops. That’s where you come in. If any of you know of any facility we might be able to use for our regular meetings and workshops, please let us know. We will explore any options that are brought to our attention. The ideal location we are looking for would be centrally located to the Raleigh, Durham, Cary areas and easy to get to. As the membership has also indicated that they would like to maintain our current meeting day and time, the new location would have to be available Sunday afternoons and the occasional Saturday for workshops. Also, as we are a non-profit and make every attempt to offer top-notch programs at a reasonable cost, we do have a budget we must maintain for meeting costs.

Some places you might want us to consider include: town or county park facilities, company meeting facilities, various high school or college facilities; church facilities or lodge facilities.

I’d like to encourage you all to release your inner explorer and look into at least a few options in your areas that you think we might be able to consider. With everyone’s help, I’m confident that we’ll be able to find a new home for the Triangle Bonsai Society.

If you have any ideas, please contact me at carolinabonsai@nc.rr.com

1. Check trianglebonsai.com regularly

While we continue to work hard to confirm our meeting locations as far ahead of time as possible, as we found out last month, meeting locations can be lost and relocated with very little notice. If presented with a last minute room cancellation, we will do our best to find an alternate location for the meeting rather than cancel. But we realize that depending on the circumstances, we may have to cancel.

Whether we are in our normal location, relocated, or cancelled, we will communicate this in two ways.

1. We will email everyone on our current membership roster. However, as we have also painfully learned recently, a few people did not receive our latest broadcast notification for meeting relocation. So, we will also
2. Update the main page of our website – indicating where our meeting will be taking place.

Therefore, watch your email and check our website regularly for any updates. But please take a peak before you head out to any regular upcoming meetings.



Message from the VP

Many thanks to those of you who made it to Rolesville for our last meeting. I realize the last-minute change of venue did not make it easy for many folks, but I assure you that it was beyond our control. Notwithstanding the logistical difficulties, we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of learning with Steve Zeisel and Ed Lauer. They created a beautiful Japanese maple forest under our very eyes and provided a lot of useful information. Creating bonsai forests is not only a lot of fun but also an easy way to create something that looks good in a relatively short period of time. Forests can be created with a variety of materials, both deciduous and evergreen, even if the trees are relatively young seedlings.

Several volunteers, led by Michael Markoff, enjoyed a morning of learning, repotting and styling last Saturday, April 27th. Michael offered a presentation on

bonsai styles and design. The second half of the meeting took place outside (the weather was great!) and it was dedicated to helping some of our newest members report the junipers they acquired with their State Fair Membership Special. We also took the time to offer styling advice on other trees of different species.

Our next gathering is for our yearly Spring Picnic and auction on May 19th at 1:30 PM. The location is the same one many of you are familiar with, the Beech Shelter at the Lake Crabtree County Park, 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560. Information about the park and directions can be found at <http://www.wakegov.com/parks/lakecrabtree/Pages/default.aspx>.

We expect many of you to join us there and to bring any trees, pots, tools, and other bonsai items you would like to donate to the auction, as well as your checkbook for your purchases! If you haven't had a chance to renew your membership yet, you should plan on doing so at the picnic. Last, but not least, while TBS will provide the core elements of the meal, we invite all of you to contribute a dish to share (appetizer, salad, dessert). Don't miss this unique opportunity to spend time with fellow bonsai lovers and to take advantage of some great deals on bonsai stuff; we all know everybody can use more bonsai stuff!

HELP NEEDED! TBS trees need a home until next spring!

As some of you may know, we recently acquired more than 70 trident and green Japanese maples for a forest workshop. Unfortunately, due to the weather being very mild over the winter, the timing of the workshop did not work out and we will run it next winter. In the meanwhile, the trees are sitting in my backyard and they are way too many for the space and the time I have available. I ask that you consider "adopting" a portion of the trees through next February; if we have just 3-4 volunteers for the job, it should not be too big of a burden on each individual. Please consider helping out

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Winter Silhouette Bonsai Expo

Kannapolis, North Carolina

150 Research Campus Drive

December 7 & 8, 2019

FREE ADMISSION

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

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:
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