



October Newsletter

Triangle Bonsai Society





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NEXT MEETING

No meeting in October due to the 10 day NC State Fair Bonsai Show and Demonstrations. (See more detail below under "Upcoming Events")

SUNDAY November 3, 2019 1:30 PM- 4 PM

"An Afternoon with Arthur"

Our November guest will be Arthur Joura, the curator of the Bonsai Collection at the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC. From the Arboretum website; "Arthur Joura has been the Bonsai Curator at The North Carolina Arboretum, in Asheville, N.C., since the inception of the bonsai program in 1992. Joura's educational background is in fine art. Over the years, Joura has studied bonsai with some of the leading bonsai authorities in the United States and was an official student to the Nippon Bonsai Association in Japan."

Over the past 27 years Joura has built the bonsai program to be one of the Arboretum's strongest components. He has extensively toured the eastern U.S. as a lecturer and teacher, and has been featured in numerous regional and national publications for his work with the Arboretum's bonsai collection. In 1996, he organized the first Carolina Bonsai Expo, a show featuring the work of bonsai enthusiasts from organizations in a 6-state region. Under Joura's management the

characteristics from organizations in a 6 state region. Under careful management, the Expo attracts more than 4,500 visitors for the two day event and is recognized as the premier annual bonsai show of the Southeast. (Source: ncarboretum.org)”

Arthur has always been very willing to share his experience and has a tremendous wealth of bonsai design and cultivation knowledge.

NEW CLUB MEETING location for this month:
JC Raulston Arboretum, 4415 Beryl Road, Raleigh, NC 27606

UPCOMING EVENTS

24th Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo

October 12 & 13 , 2019

NC Arboretum Bonsai Exhibition Garden
Baker Exhibit Center and Education Center
100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way
Asheville, NC 28806-9315

As many of you know, the Carolina Bonsai Expo is the only show on the TBS calendar for which participation is not individual, but rather at the club level. As in past years TBS will prepare a display for this year’s edition. All TBS members and friends are invited and strongly encouraged to visit the Expo to see beautiful trees and to take advantage of a great bonsai shopping opportunity.

The featured artist this year will be gifted bonsai potter and ceramic artist Ron Lang – with bonsai pottery being a recurring theme throughout the Expo. Sounds very interesting!

The Arboretum offers **free parking** to TBS members: if you plan on joining us in Asheville please **email monetti@gmail.com by September 30th** indicating the name of the driver and the days of attendance.

Consider attending this wonderful event in a beautiful area of our State at one of the best times of year (the Fall colors are spectacular). For more information, visit

the Arboretum website at: <https://www.ncarboretum.org/event/carolina-bonsai-expo/2019-10-12/>

To register for the Carolina Bonsai Expo

[CLICK HERE](#)

North Carolina State Fair

October 17-27, 2019

Well it's almost time for the 2019 NC State Fair – our biggest show and public presentation of the entire year. And, as usual, we need everyone's help! Jon Biggers and I will be leading the TBS efforts this year at the Fair. But we sure could use your help.

The fair runs for 10 days and the bonsai show/competition will be in place for that entire time. So we need lots of volunteers to help answer questions and oversee the care and security of the trees everyday. We also still need a few volunteers willing to do some 1 hour demonstrations during the Fair. We are currently scheduled for 16 demos this year.

We will be posting a volunteer sign up area on our website within the next few days. If you'd be so kind to also consider presenting one of our demos, we will also have a sign up for available times on the website also.

We will have 3 shifts each day of the Fair and we need 3 or more people for each shift. As we have scheduled in the past, the daily shifts will be:

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, and

4:00 pm – Close (Usually around 8-9:00)

Again, we need multiple people for each of these shifts – everyday of the Fair. You don't need a bunch of bonsai experience to volunteer and sharing your love of bonsai, along with the Fair is a good time! We've even put together a short list of responsibilities to make it really easy to understand your duties. Give it a try.

AND HERE IS THE BEST PART!

All volunteers will receive a parking pass and FREE Admission to the Fair. The parking location is very close to our display area and the free Fair admission makes the entire experience a bunch of fun.

We really can't have just a few people cover all these days and shifts, so please maybe consider signing up for at least one and maybe multiple days and times. We really need everyone to help out and share the experience – so everyone can have a good time and TBS makes the most of this wonderful community outreach opportunity. Thanks in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions at all, please give Ken a call. (Ken Hallatt at 919-579-8447)

Bonsai Beginners Series (Session 5) / Open Workshop

Saturday, November 16, 2019

4011 Cary Drive; The Commons Bldg. (Next to our normal mtg. bldg.)

Raleigh, NC

9:00-11:00 Bonsai Beginners Series Class

This is the last class in the annual Series and will cover Container Prep, Fertilizing, Pest Control, and Bonsai Aftercare. Don't worry if you missed 1 or more of the previous classes as we'll be running them all again next year. So you can pick up what you missed. I encourage all of our newer members to attend all of these free classes.

11:00-1:00 Open Workshop

At this late stage of the year, we don't want to do any drastic root or foliage pruning on anything other than tropical species and as this is not our normal meeting room, we won't be able to do any work on trees, but it's never too late in the year to bring in any tree to discuss questions and get direction on what to do next.

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. Look for more details on this in an upcoming newsletter.

RECENT TBS ACTIVITIES

Bonsai Pottery Workshop

On August 4, TBS sponsored a wonderful Bonsai Pottery Workshop at Dan Finch Pottery in Bailey, NC. This workshop was lead by our own Dean Bulluck, who was assisted by Ken Hallatt. Our Host Dan Finch was also on hand to lend his expertise along with one of his helpers, Kim.

Our bonsai pottery workshops are always popular and this one was no exception – filling up very quickly. I have to say that the pots that came out of this workshop were very high quality and very nicely made. Everyone did a fabulous job. Great thanks to Dean especially for all of his hard work and dedication – firing and glazing the pots in record time and returning many of them to their creators at the September meeting. Well done everyone. And thanks again to Dan Finch and Kim for being such wonderful hosts. I'm hoping we can do this again sometime sooner than later. Here is a photo of the pots that came out of the workshop.





TBS September Workshop and Meeting

TBS was fortunate to have a special guest for our September meeting and workshop. Julian Adams, the proprietor of Adams' Bonsai in Lynchburg, Virginia, traveled South to share his knowledge of Pine bonsai design and maintenance. Unfortunately, I was out of town and unable to attend, but thanks to Duke Gardens for helping us with a nice meeting location. I hope everyone who was able to attend the workshop and/or the meeting was able to come away with a deeper understanding of the rewards of Pine bonsai.



TBS and the Wake County Library Events

Earlier this year, the Wake County Library System reached out to TBS and asked if we would be willing to participate in their “Meet the Artist” programs – which they run at many of their libraries throughout Wake County. Special thanks goes out to members Dan and Christy Wopperer who put together a wonderful presentation at the Northeast Regional Library on September 3.

I was also privileged to provide presentations at the Cameron Village Library

(September 17) and the North Regional Library (September 19). The presentations were all well received by the library patrons and it was another great opportunity for TBS outreach - which focuses on helping people see how fun and rewarding bonsai can be.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As you can see, TBS has been very busy. We've recently had some wonderful programs and special guests all while we continue with our community outreach.

We're now getting ready for 2 big programs for TBS. The 24th Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo in Asheville, NC and our largest public offering of the year - the NC

State Fair Show and Exhibition. All of this is only possible because of our wonderfully active and engage members. We encourage you to consider Asheville, and look forward to seeing many of you (and some of your tree) at the NC State Fair.

We have also recently learned that our normal meeting location (the Ag Services Bldg. over on Carve Rd. in Raleigh) will be unavailable for at least through the first

Dr. Over on Cary Rd. in Raleigh will be unavailable for at least through the first 6 months of 2020. So we'll be doing our best to find a new, "consistent - temporary" location for our regular meetings for the coming months. Be sure to keep an eye on our website, this newsletter and our emails for the most up to date information. Or, if you ever have a question about anything TBS related, please feel free to email me at carolinabonsai@nc.rr.com

Ken



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VP

Many thanks to Jim Easterbrook, Steve Zeisel, and Jon Biggers for fulfilling the duties of gracious hosts during Julian Adams' visit to TBS on September 8. While I had to miss the meeting for the first time in my tenure I am sure that Julian's mastery of the world of pines was on full display. Julian's method is the result of decades of learning and experimenting with several different pine species. If you attended the morning workshop make sure to bring the end result to future TBS meetings in 2020 and beyond so we can share in the joy of your progress and maybe offer a few recommendations.

Gabe

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.

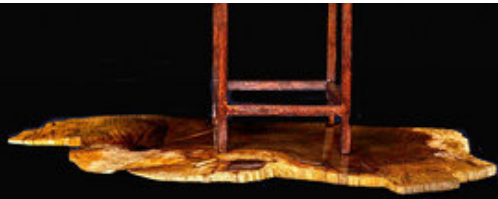
An exhibit of the best bonsai in their
winter appearance.

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

A photograph of a bonsai tree with purple flowers, displayed in a decorative, light-colored pot on a wooden stand. The tree has a gnarled trunk and several branches with clusters of small purple blossoms.

Two rooms of bonsai vendors.

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



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