

TRIANGLE BONSAI SOCIETY JUNE NEWSLETTER



Our next meeting is June 11, 2017 1:30 PM at Agriculture Extension Bldg, 4011 Cary Rd. Raleigh.

Ron and Sharon Lang are among the top of American bonsai potters. They will talk about how to select the right pot for a tree, so that the tree looks at its best. They will also be selling their pots and can help you

select or design a pot and and they can make a pot to order (bring the tree or a picture).

From their website, the following gives you an idea of what they will talk about:

"Bonsai pots are a challenge to make right. Not a technical one so much as an aesthetic challenge. Pots need to fit trees. Beyond functional requirements, good pots will fit the natural characteristics inherent in the material or the design decisions forwarded by the bonsai artist. So often a good match between tree and container is yet another good design choice by the bonsai artist with an eye for the pot that will bring out the best in the tree.

The challenge of the bonsai potter is to provide fresh options, subtlety and variety for bonsai artists. Pots that come on strong, that make too much of a statement all on their own and have too much "ego" are difficult to marry off. But the opposite extreme is just as problematic, the generic, the mass produced and anonymous manufactured containers offer little opportunity for nuances in relationships beyond traditional arrangements."

THIS IS A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THESE GREAT POTS!!



From the TBS President

As many of you know, the club has changed its website design, and we are updating our Facebook site soon. We are also changing our newsletter to this new format.

We could use some bonsai columnists! Perhaps you have a secret desire to write bonsai fiction, or to write a column on bonsai design or care? If you have an idea for a column to appear in the newsletter, contact me at stevenzeisel@gmail.com (<http://trianglebonsai.com/so/3LmjREqp/click?w=LS0tDQo4NDgzNjcwMi1jYmJILTRiZTAtYjc1Zi02YzZiMjl1YTgyNjMNCm1haWx0b2pzdGV2ZW56ZWl3ZWxhZ21haWwuY29tDQotLS0>)

Board members will meet before the August 6th club meeting to discuss plans for next year. Gabriele Monetti will be taking over as program chair and is asking that you talk to him about what programs you would like. We also have to identify club officers for next year, so let any of us know that you are interested.

JUNE Bonsai Care Tips

This is the month to fertilize all deciduous trees except for fruiting and flowering trees. Fertilizing should be continued for all evergreen and broad leafed evergreen trees.

This is a good time to start air layers of deciduous trees. It is also a good time to take softwood cuttings of current year's growth which has hardened off. If the cutting "snaps" like a snap bean it is mature and ready. If it bends into a semicircle it is still immature.

The NC hot summer weather starts this month and it is a good idea to rotate your bonsai periodically in relation to the direction of the sun. It is also important to keep humidity at a high level around your bonsai. When watering, water benches, surrounding ground, shrubbery, etc, to increase local humidity. With good drainage over-watering should not be a problem in the hot months of the year. However, you should be aware not to over-water. Check drainage of containers regularly. If containers stay very wet for two days or more take immediate remedial action by re-potting the tree in a better draining soil mixture.

Junipers should be sprayed with a miticide for spider mite control. Sevin can be safely used on all elms for insect control. • Keep a close check on azaleas, maples, elms and Zelkova for wire damage. These plants grow rapidly at this time.

Leaf pruning of trees mentioned in the calendar will produce a new set of smaller leaves during the remainder of the growing season. The tree must be in a healthy condition for this type of treatment. Regular fertilization once each week for the first 2 to 3 weeks in June for these trees is a must prior to leaf pruning in the last week of June.

At this "halfway" point in the growing season you should enjoy the aesthetics of your bonsai achievements. It is a time to reflect on whether or not your goals have been met and a time to plan for future development. Best of all it is a time for full enjoyment of viewing your bonsai.

June Calendar

TRANSPLANT/ROOT PRUNE: • Azalea - after flowering • Buttonwood, Citrus, Cotoneaster, Pyracantha, Tropicals, Wisteria

BRANCH PRUNE: • Azalea - after flowering • Bald Cypress, Birch, Buttonwood, Cedar, Cryptomeria, Tropicals, Wisteria

LEAF PRUNE: Make certain your trees are healthy and fertilize them at least 2 weeks before leaf pruning. Apple, Beech, Birch, Elm, Ginkgo, Holly - deciduous, Hornbeam, Maples - all, Quince, Sweetgum, Zelkova

TRIM/PINCH NEW GROWTH: • Azalea - after flowering pinch/trim new growth until end of June • Birch - trim soft growth leaving 2 leaves • Cedar - pinch/trim soft shoots continually • Chamaecyparis - Hinoki - pinch out extending new growth • Cryptomeria - pinch out tips of primary and secondary shoots • Cypress - pinch out extending new growth • Elm - pinch/trim new soft growth leaving 2 leaves • Ginkgo - trim new growth

leaving 2 leaves; use sterile tools • Holly - all • Jasmine - winter - trim primary shoots • Juniper - pinch off tips of primary and secondary shoots • Maple - all - trim new soft growth leaving 2 leaves • Pine - black - bud pinch every other year • Podocarpus - trim back soft shoots continually • Pomegranate - trim new long soft growth • Quince - Chinese - trim soft new growth until June 15 • Spruce - twist foliage sprouts off with thumb and forefinger • Yew - pinch back soft new shoots continually • Zelkova - trim soft new growth leaving 2 leaves • Apple, Bald Cypress, Camellia, Citrus, Fig (ficus), Fir, Gardenia, Hemlock, Hornbeam, Mountain Laurel, Oak, Peach, Pine - white, Rhododendron, Sasanqua, Tropicals, Willow, Wisteria

FERTILIZE: Apricot, Bald Cypress, Bamboo, Beech, Birch, Boxwood, Buttonwood, Camellia, Chamaecyparis - Hinoki, Cherry, Crape Myrtle, Cypress, Elm, Fig (ficus), Fir, Gardenia, Ginkgo, Hemlock, Holly, Hornbeam, Juniper, Maples, Nandina, Oak, Peach, Persimmon, Pines, Plum, Podocarpus, Pomegranate, Privet, Pyracantha, Rhododendron, Sasanqua, Spruce, Sweetgum, Tamarix, Tropicals, Willow, Wisteria, Yew, Zelkova. WIRE: • Hackberry - after shoots harden • Hornbeam - when shoots begin to harden you can wire to shape • Jasmine - winter • Maples - all • Mountain Laurel - when shoots begin to harden • Quince - Japanese • Apple, Azalea, Bald Cypress, Beech, Birch, Boxwood, Buttonwood, Camellia, Citrus, Cherry, Cotoneaster, Crab Apple, Crape Myrtle, Elaeagnus, Elm, Fig, Ginkgo, Oak, Peach, Pear, Plum, Persimmon, Podocarpus, Pomegranate, Privet, Pyracantha, Rhododendron, Sasanqua, Sweetgum, Tamarix, Tropicals, Willow, Zelkova



REMEMBER THE TBS SHOW JULY 8th and 9th, 2017

at Sarah Duke Gardens.

Merrit Barnett is in charge of making this show happen and needs help from club members.

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(<http://trianglebonsai.com/so/3LmjREqp/click?w=LS0tDQplZjgxZTcxMi05MzlhLTQzNTAtYjQxMC1kNzZkYTY3YjA4YjUNCm1haWx0bzptYmFybmV0dDE3QG5jLnJyLmNvbQ0KLS0t>)

Please show a tree, all levels from beginners to expert welcome.

TBS will provide parking passes so parking for volunteers is free.

Check out the new TBS website  ([http://trianglebonsai.com/so/3LmjREqp/click?](http://trianglebonsai.com/so/3LmjREqp/click?w=LS0tDQo1ZjlyZDIIMC0zOWEzLTRIYTgtMWIwZC04NjBkYzVjODMzN2ENCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnRyaW)

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