



# January Newsletter

# Triangle Bonsai Society

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### **NEXT MEETING**

**SUNDAY January 6, 2019 1:30 PM- 4 PM**

TBS Holiday Auction and Party (rescheduled from December)

#### **CLUB MEETING location:**

Auditorium of the Agricultural Extension Service, Wake County Office Park  
4001 Cary Dr, Raleigh, NC, 27610

### **Monthly Message from the TBS VP**

What a year! A whirlwind of events and appointments for TBS and all bonsai lovers of the Triangle and beyond. Great workshops, informative presentations, wonderful shows, the 6th National Exhibition: 2018 had it all! What a shame that the worst December snowstorm in memory kept us from wrapping it up with another great Winter Gala and Auction. No matter; as all of you know we will gather on January 6th for fun, food, and lots of deals. The TBS auctions always represents a great opportunity to add to one's collection of trees, containers, tools, or supplies.

As in previous years, the Winter Silhouette Show is Kannapolis, NC, put a bow on a wonderful year. Approximately 70 outstanding trees, both deciduous and

evergreens, were displayed in what is now considered the classiest venue in the country. We are very thankful to Steven and Susan Zeisel for all their efforts to organize a show North Carolina can be very proud of. For those of you who missed it, you shouldn't have! The show is free, including all the demos. The shopping opportunity is second only to the Nationals show. The drive from the Triangle is short. If you don't believe me, check out Bill's recent blog entry (<https://valavanisbonsaiblog.com/>) and see for yourself what he has to say about the show. Make sure it's on your calendar for next year!

As good as 2018 was, 2019 holds even greater promise. The current outline is still being shaped as I write this message but I can certainly offer a glimpse into what all of you can expect.

In February we welcome back a bonsai artist and entrepreneur who has become a staple of our schedule; Matt Ouwinga will offer insights on an increasingly popular species, Chirmen (Star Asian Jasmine). Needless to say, Matt will also bring another great selection of antique Japanese containers and seedlings for sale.

March will bring back to us Hall of Famer Bill Valavanis, fresh off his latest trip to Japan for yet another Kokufu-ten. I'm personally looking forward to his workshop with Japanese black pine and to another enlightening presentation. I'm even more excited about presenting TBS's very own Ed Lauer and Steven Zeisel in April; Ed and Steve will lead a weekend on Bonsai Forests that includes a workshop on Saturday and a demonstration on Sunday.

After our Spring auction in May, June we will cover advanced propagation techniques with a special guest. Another special guest will join us from Lynchburg, VA in September. Julian Adams is well known to many in the bonsai world as the "Zuicho Man", as well as the provider of fine copper wire. After many years of work with pines Julian has finalized his approach to the pine lifecycle and he will offer a presentation on that very topic to our members.

Much as we did in 2018, TBS will offer throughout the year a five-part Beginner Class; if you are new to the world of bonsai, these classes are highly recommended. Besides being comprehensive and informative, they are free to members.

Let's not forget other highlights and important appointments, many of which have become a favorite of our members: our Club Show at Duke Gardens, the second National Shohin Exhibit in Kannapolis, the State Fair, the Bonsai Expo in Asheville, and the 2019 Winter Silhouette in Kannapolis.

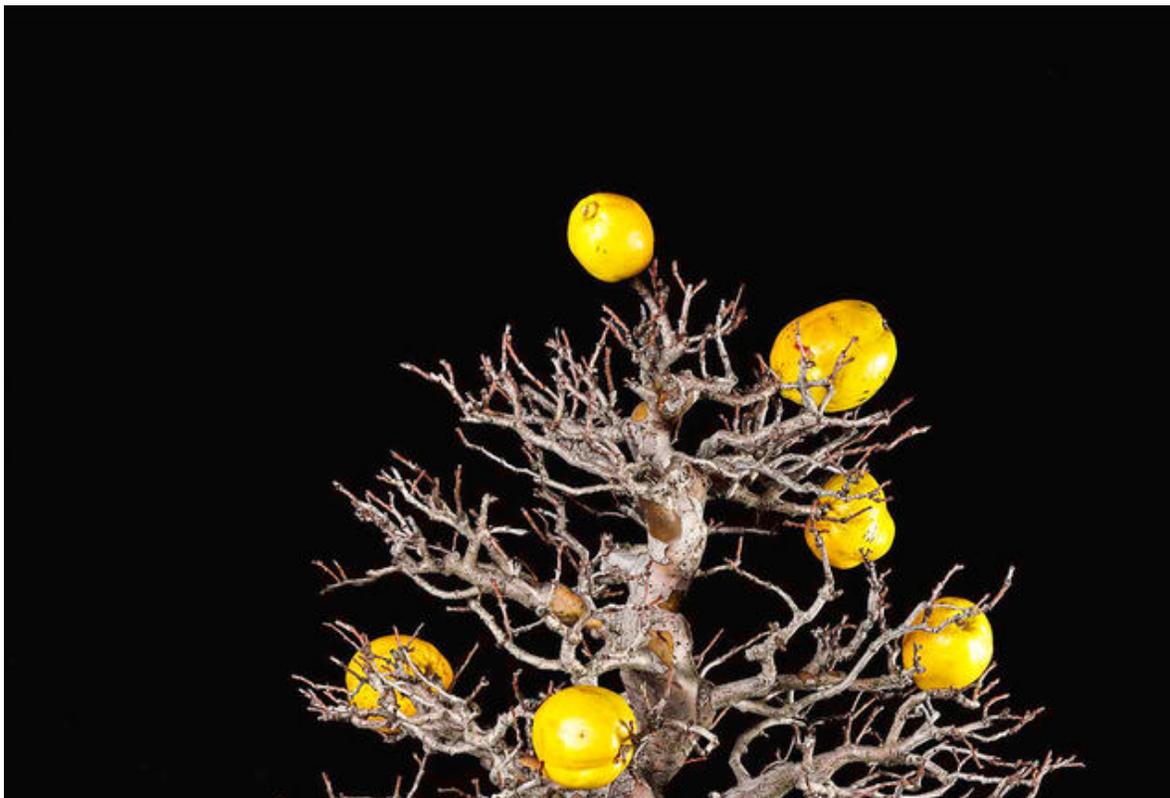
Last, but not least, something very new is in the works for March; the very first TBS New Talent Competition. If you have no more than ten years of experience in bonsai you will have the chance to show off your skills in a friendly but serious competition. Please consider participating; there is no better way to augment your skillset than to apply it with something on the line. Also, having very senior bonsai artists provide feedback is priceless. I can't wait to enjoy another year of the living art with all of you!

Gabe

### TBS at the Winter Silhouette Show

TBS members show their trees at the Winter Silhouette Bonsai show. The show was better than ever, with great trees and many vendors.

Joe Noga again took great photos of the trees at the show, you can see them all at [winterbonsai.net](http://winterbonsai.net). Joe Noga displayed a great Chinese Quince with fruit.





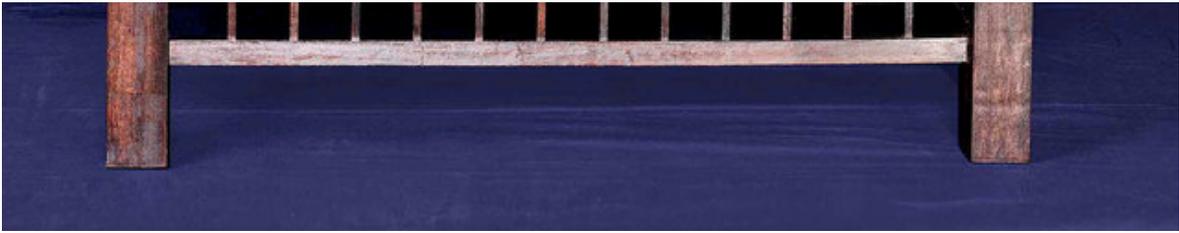
Steve Zeisel displayed a Chinese elm forest.

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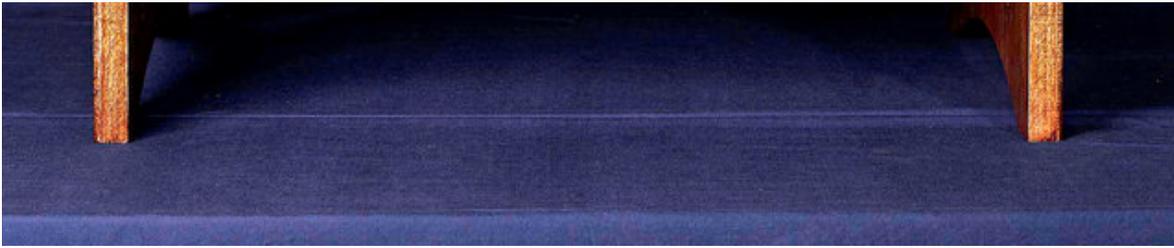
Ed Lauer showed an American hornbeam  
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Mac McAtee displayed an American hackberry  
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The show is on for next year again, so mark your calendar, this is a great chance to learn more about bonsai and to buy great pre-bonsai material and pots.

# 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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