

# September TBS Newsletter

Tell your story. Use catchy text, bullets, links and more to bring your words to life.

SUNDAY September 10, 2017

1:30 PM to 4 PM

Bring your tree and tools and get help from club members in a hands-on workshop.

CLUB MEETING location:

Agric Extension Bldg 4001-E Carya Dr Raleigh, NC 27610 .



At this month's meeting members have a chance to bring in a bonsai and work on it during the meeting with help from other members (perhaps with more experience). Often others can see what needs to be done to improve a tree that you are too close to. Bring some tools, etc.

September is a good time to work on wiring, repotting (for some trees) and for styling trees.

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR BONSAI EXHIBIT OCT 12-22, 2017

**G**reetings TBS and other bonsai enthusiasts. It's less than 2 months before the NC State Fair kicks off their 150th year. Many of you have trees that you are considering for the show. I would ask that everyone consider showing at least 1 tree, but please enter 1 in each of the 3 categories (Shohin= 8" in height from the soil, Evergreen, and Deciduous) for your experience level (Novice = less than 10 yrs, Open = more than 10 yrs). This is an introduction to bonsai for the vast majority of the public, so it's as important to see trees of every quality level and development stage (let's face it, your tree has GOT to be better than any "Mall-sai" with glued gravel).

That being said, there are a few things to do before you get ready to display your tree(s):

1. Remove any dead, or dying foliage from both the tree, and the soil.
2. Ensure that the tree is not showing disease.
3. If possible, consider application of moss to the surface of the soil. There is a tremendous number of resources about mossing on YouTube and other internet sources, and plenty of moss thanks to our recent monsoon season. The sooner this is done, the more time the moss will have to knit together and become natural looking.
4. It is OK to leave-on or put-on wire, so long as it's neat, and as inconspicuous as practical—In fact, the presence of wire serves a valuable opportunity for docents to educate the public.
5. It is not necessary to provide a stand; most of the trees (except shohin) will be outdoors, exposed to the elements. Exceptions would be cascading styles. Any stands should have your name on masking tape on the underside (true for ANY show).
6. No separate accent plants please (consider entering them in the flower arrangement exhibit if you wish to show them).
7. Look-up your tree's common name and Genus species (variety) and approximate yrs in training, and forward them to me @ MJSmart@aol.com

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Lastly, and importantly we'll need volunteers as docents to pull this off:

We need folks for 3 daily shifts:

10:am-1:00pm

1:00pm-4:00pm

4:00pm-8:00pm, every day from Thursday Oct 12—Sunday Oct:22.

Volunteers get Free Parking/Entrance tickets for that day.

Email me to volunteer for a slot @ MJSmart@aol.com

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We'll also need a set-up & check-in crew Wednesday October 11, 2017

10am-1:00 pm, and 1:00-4:00 pm. Email me to volunteer for a slot @ MJSmart@aol.com

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Finally, we need members who want to do a demo (see slots in chart below, xxxxxx means slot not available).

The club gets paid for each tree registered, for each docent hour spent and for each demo given, so you could generate \$ for TBS that will pay for next year's program at the club.

Please help!! Email me to volunteer for a slot @ MJSmart@aol.com

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With your help this is going to be a blast. So sign-up, ready trees, get psyched!

Thanks,  
Michael Markoff

**2017 North Carolina State Fair Demo Schedule**

Date		12:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 2:00
October 12	Thursday	None (Closed for Judging)	None (Closed for Judging)
October 13	Friday		
October 14	Saturday	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	
October 15	Sunday	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	
October 16	Monday	None (Closed for Judging)	None (Closed for Judging)
October 17	Tuesday		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
October 18	Wednesday		
October 19	Thursday	None (Closed for Judging)	None (Closed for Judging)
October 20	Friday		
October 21	Saturday	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	
October 22	Sunday	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	

**Carolina Bonsai Expo**

The North Carolina Arboretum’s annual Carolina Bonsai Expo will be held on Saturday, October 14, and Sunday, October 15, 2017, in the Arboretum’s Baker Exhibit Center and Education Center buildings. TBS will have a display of bonsai at the show; Don Kimball is making the arrangements. This nationally-known event features juried exhibits by bonsai enthusiasts hailing from a multi-state region, including North Carolina. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase live bonsai plants and supplies at the Expo’s bonsai marketplace, participate in bonsai workshops, and watch free demonstrations. In its 22nd year, the Carolina Bonsai Expo is the premier annual bonsai event of the Southeast and the most popular plant show hosted by the Arboretum.

If you want to meet bonsai enthusiasts, see some very nice trees, and enjoy Asheville when the leaves are turning colors, this is the show for you!



## TBS LIBRARY

Continuing the thread from last month, I'd like to feature two more introductory bonsai books from our library. Both are quite comprehensive and provide a wealth of information. The first is by Australian Deborah Koreshoff, *Bonsai: Its Art, Science, History, and Philosophy*, which was first printed in 1988. The title says it all, and the book covers it all. The second is by Amy Liang titled *The Living Art of Bonsai*, which relies more on color photos than drawings and sketches, and seems to be a little more up-to-date, even though it is from a similar era, having first been published in 1991. They are of comparable length—255 pages vs. 288 pages—so plenty of information is available in both. I hope that our newer members will take advantage of these (or other books), and start building a foundation of knowledge that will accelerate the quality of their bonsai journey. Check out materials through the TBS website under the tab “services” and click on “TBS library”, or follow the link below.

I will miss the September TBS meeting, but for those of you who will be returning materials, or wanting to check out new items, I will arrange for a substitute to help out.

Jim Easterbrook

[Link to TBS Library](https://www.trianglebonsai.com/so/7Ltcy0Rt/click?w=LS0tDQphN2M5NWQ3Yy1kNThlLTRkZDMtMjAyMS03M2VIYjJjMWNhNTUNCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnRyaWFuZ2xlYm9uc2FpLmNvbS90YnMtbGlicmFyeS0yDQotLS0) (<https://www.trianglebonsai.com/so/7Ltcy0Rt/click?w=LS0tDQphN2M5NWQ3Yy1kNThlLTRkZDMtMjAyMS03M2VIYjJjMWNhNTUNCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnRyaWFuZ2xlYm9uc2FpLmNvbS90YnMtbGlicmFyeS0yDQotLS0>)

## NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM FOR TBS

2018 is right around the corner and we have many exciting programs in the works for TBS. Back in June many of you took the time to submit a survey that gave us great insight into the activities you expect the TBS to offer: thank you! We listened and several changes will be introduced over the next three years. The main thrusts are two: first, the need to offer more advanced topics to cater to a membership whole level of expertise has significantly increased over the last decade and, second the desire to have more refined stock for our workshops.

But it doesn't stop there! Several of you indicated that a new series of Beginner classes, as well as a collecting trip, would be a welcome addition to our calendar. The theme for the year is Maples.

We will kick off 2018 with a pottery workshop and club meeting demo from our very own President, Ken Hallatt; later in January, our very own Harold Johnson will teach the first in a series of six classes for Bonsai Beginners.

February will take us closer to the end of winter with a presentation on root pruning during repotting by Ed Lauer and the return of everybody's favorite dealer of quality containers, Matt Ouwinga.

March promises to be, as usual, a very busy month, with three main events. A longtime friend of TBS, Bill Valavanis, will bring his 50+ years of experience in the world of bonsai with a workshop and a lecture. During the same month, Ed Lauer and Dean Bulluck will lead a collecting trip into the woods of Eastern North Carolina; a new type of event that certainly holds a lot of promise.

April is also primed for a fun workshop and club meeting with the nationally recognized Kingsville expert, Rodney Clemons, joining us. Participants in the workshop have a great chance to work with one of the best and leave with a tree or landscape with all the potential to become a masterpiece.

Owen Reich, one of the rising stars of the bonsai movement in the US, is going to join us in May for a Dwarf Bloodgood Japanese Maples workshop and a lecture. Our Spring Picnic and Auction at Lake Crabtree in June will wrap up the first half of the year. After this year's great success, with an estimate of well over 1,000 people in attendance, in July we will return to Duke Gardens for the yearly TBS Expo. In September we will welcome back our local (to NC) certified bonsai master, Tyler Sherrod. By then he may be able to tell us about his new bonsai nursery in Hickory, NC.

The year will conclude with our four staple Fall events: the State Fair, the NC Bonsai Expo in Asheville, the Winter Silhouette in Kannapolis, and our Winter Gala and Auction. Last, but not least, we are pioneering a new approach to BYOT and critique of members' trees. In a departure from previous models, members will be allowed to bring one tree they need help with to the meeting location 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Several experienced members of the club, each specialized in one or more species, will be ready to offer one-on-one advice in a more private setting, dedicating the appropriate attention to each case.

I truly hope all of you will join us for every meeting and continue making TBS the great place to learn and share our passion for bonsai we all know and love!

Gabriele Monetti

[Link to TBS Calendar](https://www.trianglebonsai.com/so/7Ltcy0Rt/click?w=LS0tDQphMTZINzJmZi00NGM2LTQ1ZjUtMTRmNy01ODIINjE4ZDNjMWINCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnRyaWFuZ2xIYm9uc2FpLmNvbS9jbHVhLWNhbGVuZGFyDQotLS0) (https://www.trianglebonsai.com/so/7Ltcy0Rt/click?w=LS0tDQphMTZINzJmZi00NGM2LTQ1ZjUtMTRmNy01ODIINjE4ZDNjMWINCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnRyaWFuZ2xIYm9uc2FpLmNvbS9jbHVhLWNhbGVuZGFyDQotLS0)

### NEW FEATURES ON THE TBS WESITE

1. TBS FORUM - discuss anything bonsai with enthusiasts in and beyond the club. Question about bonsai care? Event people should know about?

Just use your email and a password you create to login to the forum and start a topic or comment on and existing topic.

Try it and I hope you'll like it. Check the forum regularly to see if there is a question you can help with.

2. TBS Swap site - enter something you want to trade or sell.

Steve Zeisel

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# Winter Silhouette Bonsai Expo Kannapolis, North Carolina

150 Research Campus Drive

December 2 & 3, 2017

FREE ADMISSION

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

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

To display a tree, vend or visit see:

<http://www.winterbonsai.net>



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