

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

## October 2017 Newsletter



### October Meeting Information:

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Auction**

Saturday, Oct 7, 10 – 12

UNCC McMillan Greenhouse

9090 Craver Rd

Charlotte, NC 28262

by Bob Hampel

Still have money left after summer vacations? We can fix that. Come to our 5th Annual Member Auction on October 7. There'll be some great items – demo trees as well as items from our club members. Our Auctioneer's bum arm is healed, so no stealing from a one-armed auctioneer this year! We accept cash, check, credit card and indentured servitude. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends (especially the rich ones)!

Here's an opportunity to turn some of your excess bonsai stuff into money. The auction is limited to bonsai related items such as plant material, styled trees, pots, books, tools, art, etc.

**IMPORTANT:** Each item must have two 3x5 index cards, one marked with your name, item number (1 – whatever), item description or common name / botanical name, and any comments helpful to the new owner. The other

card has your name, item number, and brief description. If you wish to set a minimum bid, please mark it in the upper right corner of the cards. Remember though, a high minimum bid may prevent a sale. The first card is for the Auctioneer's use and goes to the buyer. The second card is for you to get paid.

Sellers are asked to bring their bonsai-related items by 10:00. Everything will be available for inspection until 10:30, when the live auction begins.

Sellers must be BSC Members and are limited to five lots for the main event. If you bring more, they may be sold if time permits.

You may also donate items to the BSC for the auction.

Diseased trees will not be accepted. The auctioneer reserves the right to refuse any item and his decision is final. The club will receive a 15% commission from the seller. Sellers can expect a check from the Club Treasurer within a week or so.

Past President Bob Hampel will be Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer again this year. This is not a sanctioned event, but International Amateur Auction protocols and rules will be followed. Many thanks to Bob for this write-up as well as volunteering to be our Auctioneer.

Non-BSC members will be assessed a \$25 fee to participate in the Auction. Annual dues will be accepted at the meeting, if that makes more financial sense for you.



*Auction Master Bob Hampel examines a tree up for auction. Photo by Randolph Lewis*

**The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet after the October meeting. Members are always invited to attend.**

### 2017 At A Glance

Jan 14 – Dog Swap  
 Feb 11 – Soil, Pest Control & Plant Science  
 Feb 24-26 & Mar 3-5 – Spring Show  
 Mar 11 – Bonsai 101 Workshop  
 Apr 8 – Bonsai 201  
 May 13 – Member Workshop

June 10 – Picnic & Member Tour  
 June 23-25 – US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition  
 July 8 – Arthur Joura  
 Aug 12 – Bonsai 101 Workshop  
 Sept 9 – Design Challenge  
 Oct 7 – Auction  
 Oct 14-15 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville  
 Nov 10 – Collecting Trip  
 Dec 2 & 3 – Winter Silhouette Show  
 Dec 9 – Holiday Party

### September Meeting Recap

### Design Challenge

by Gene Martin

Six experienced BSC members/teams tackled “Grey Owl” Junipers donated by Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens. Each artist/team had approximately 90 minutes to turn trash into treasure.

Most of the specimens looked like the sample pictured. I took pictures of the trees as the day progressed, but without a solid background, they pretty much disappear - so no pictures. But all the trees will be available at the Auction.

The BSC thanks Luke Andrews, Bob Hampel, Chris Peck, Carl Maxwell, Martin Sweeney / Jim Hanley for stepping up to the Design Challenge.

Many thanks to DSGB for the generous donation of Junipers for the Challenge.



*Sample of Juniperus virginiana 'Grey Owl' generously donated by DSBG.*

## November Collecting Trip

by Gene Martin

Planning for this adventure is still in progress. Watch this space to see where we will be collecting trees next month.

## Carolina Expo

Setup for the Carolina Expo will be on Friday, 10/13, around 11am – anyone in the area should plan on helping. If you are able to attend the event, please take pictures and share them with

me for potential Newsletter publication.

Teardown / cleanup will happen Sunday when the show concludes – extra hands for that would also be greatly appreciated!! Please reach out to Tammy if you can help.

## Other News

Pretty slow last month. If you have articles or information you'd like to share, please contact me.

## Raffle Reminder / Update

The October meeting will NOT include a Raffle – save your Raffle items for a future meeting. Thanks for your support!!



The September Auction resulted in new homes for a number of plants and other items. Dave brought samples of Chinese Moon Cakes for everyone to try – thanks, Dave!!

## Dues Reminder

2018 BSC Membership dues are due. \$50 Bring a check to the November meeting or mail it to Treasurer John Farrell.

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## ***Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas***

President – Tammy Bates

Vice President – Carl Maxwell

Treasurer – John Farrell

Secretary – open

Show Chairman – Brad Russell

Newsletter Editor – Gene Martin

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## **BSC Meeting Information**

Monthly meetings are held at the McMillan Greenhouse on the campus of UNCC unless otherwise noted. Directions and parking information can be found on the [BSC website](#).

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