



TRIANGLE BONSAI SOCIETY

March 2025

This will be a busy month for TBS members. We will be exhibiting trees in two local venues this month and many of you have signed up to exhibit and help. Coming up March 19-23RD is ART IN BLOOM at the NC Museum of Art. This is a classy exhibit and worth seeing. Our display is outdoors, so you can come see it without paying to see the indoor exhibits of cut flowers. Come by and support the club please.

Next is our annual TBS Bonsai Expo at the NC Botanical Garden, 100 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Our exhibit is on the weekend of March 29th. Trees will be on exhibit that were created by beginners, by intermediate and by senior members of the club. Please exhibit your tree. There still is room, contact Travis Hill at sixpathsllc@gmail.com. The show is free, the venue is great and easy to get to (just off 15-501 in Chapel Hill). Please come and invite as many friends as possible. We still need a few volunteers to docent during this weekup, sign up on the TBS website.

Then comes our April meeting, with guest artist Young Choe. Young Choe is a kusamono (accent plant used to indicate season when displaying bonsai) artist who studied traditional art in her native Korea before moving to the United States and earning her BS in horticulture from the University of Maryland. While volunteering at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, she brought her artistic talent together with her knowledge of horticulture to create kusamono. As her interest developed, Young traveled to Japan to study the unique art form with the master kusamono artist, Keiko Yamane, a former student of Saburo Kato. She worked for many years with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) including the U.S. National Arboretum. Young is considered a leader in the field and enjoys conducting workshops and lectures nationally as well as internationally. Young Choe will run a workshop on making kusamono Saturday April 5th, you can sign up on our website www.trianglebonsai.com starting this Friday. She will do a demonstration at our regular meeting on Sunday. The meeting and the workshop will be at the Raleigh Police Club.

There are other bonsai activities I want to make you aware of:

The American Bonsai Society will be hosting its annual Learning Seminar Exposition from June 4-7, 2026, at the beautiful North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC. The lineup features renowned speakers and artists, including Bjorn Bjorholm, John Geanangel, Andrew Robson, Sergio Cuan, Kaya Mooney, Shannon Salyer, and Brad Russell.

This will be followed by the Blue Ridge Bonsai Society 2025 Exhibition at North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC on June 7-8, 2025. Chris Baker from the Chicago Botanical Garden will be giving a demo, multiple workshops, and a commentary on the displayed trees. The tree display will include all levels of trees, suiseki stones, and kusamono. In addition to the guest artist demo, several club members will be working on various trees informally throughout the day and will be available to answer questions. The Blue Ridge club will also host several vendors who will be selling bonsai, pre-bonsai, pottery, tools, and various supplies.

Hope to see you soon.

Steve Zeisel
President, Triangle Bonsai Society