

## NBS Links

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## Upcoming Events

### *August Meeting*

8/14/18, 6:30pm-9pm  
@ Cheekwood

### *August Meeting*

9/11/18, 6:30pm-9pm  
@ Cheekwood

## Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month  
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

## 2018 Dues

\$30 per member  
or  
\$40 per family

## Blog Roll

[Nebari Bonsai, Candle  
Cutting](#)

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[Bonsai Tonight, Identifying  
Weak Roots](#)



Hello to all the Members and Guests of the Nashville Bonsai Society!

### *Next Meeting*

Our next meeting is August, 14th. Bring a tree to show and discuss, or to ask for help. We will be discussing everyone's thoughts on the club show. We will also be discussing elms and zelkova as bonsai. If you have any elm or zelkova please bring them to show as examples. As always, meetings are free to the public.

### *July Recap*

July was a busy month for NBS. It started with our Annual Garden tour. This is an event where four members open up their gardens for everyone to enjoy. A big thanks to our hosts!



Our July meeting was very informative and helpful for those who were preparing displays for the show. Eileen Knox led a discussion on how to moss your tree and clean your pots.

Of course, we also had our annual show. Please see the special article this month for more details.

### *Raffles*

For 2018, we will be raffling off donated items at every meeting. Bring some cash for raffle tickets! The item will always be bonsai related but may vary (pots, books, trees, etc). Ticket price will vary based on the value of the item but will generally be \$1-5 a ticket.

If you have some items you would like to donate, please bring them to one of the meetings.

### *Display of the Month*

This month John Cole put up the display and Mike Brown did the judging. The tree was a procumbent juniper and scored an 87 of 100.

Some improvements that were mentioned were filling in the right side of the apex and just letting the tree mature a little more. A smaller pot and a different shape were suggested as well. This could make the tree seem bigger.

We will not have a Display for August.







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## *Notes for August*

What to do when there isn't much to do...

August is a do-nothing kind of month for bonsai. It's still hot here in Alabama; two-needle pines are candling after last month's candle-cutting activities. Trident maples are still going strong, as are many in the Elm and 'prunus' families. Azaleas are beginning to set flower buds for next spring's display...what does that leave us with? Here is a list:

1. Continue feeding if you're using organic fertilizers; it takes a few weeks to realize the benefits of organic fertilizers and you want trees to be strong for that last growth spurt when the heat breaks in September.
2. Look for pests and fungal diseases. Overnight humidity begins to increase this month, which increases risk of unwanted pests and diseases. Pay close attention to pine candles and ficus trees, scale can pop up quickly and telltale signs include shiny leaves, "sooty" leaves and shoots, increased presence of ants. Aphids are also active now, keep an eye on succulent new growth on camellias and fruit trees, and even on the bark of pines. Often, the presence of ants are an indicator that you have a problem on a tree...follow them to the reason they're on your tree!
3. Aerate the soil surface gently with a chopstick. Constant wet-dry cycles along with moss and fertilizers can add surface tension to soil and deceive you into feeling the soil is being completely saturated, but it is possible that water is not penetrating the full volume of soil.
4. Scrub trunks (carefully) and pull back the moss. It will grow back quickly in September!
5. Rotate trees when you're on vacation. I'm bad for not rotating my trees because I like to see the front, so I turn them around before I go on vacation. The person taking care of them doesn't notice...I also built my benches so they face 3 different directions so I can still look at the fronts of them while they have a different view of the sun from a different bench.
6. Pinch deciduous trees one last time if you suspect they have one more flush of growth in them. Junipers, elms, Pyracantha, and tropicals will still respond to pinching now and have enough time to harden off by winter.
7. Photograph the collection and keep photos of trees in full-leaf to help guide winter pruning and wiring efforts.
8. Take pride in your collection and show your friends! Estimates put the number of bonsai enthusiasts in the US at around 15,000...we're a rare breed indeed!

\*August Bonsai Care from [Nebari Bonsai](#)



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## **NBS Annual Club Show**

Our club show was on July, 21st at Cheekwood. It was a huge success! NBS would like to thank Mike Brown and Eileen Knox for organizing the event, the hospitality committee for taking care of the food and refreshments, Arthur Leago for the awards, all the volunteers for your help, and, of course, Arthur Joura for judging. Thanks to everyone who made the event a success.

Please enjoy the photos of the award winners.



Best in Show  
Amy Blanton



Best Evergreen  
Best Display, Runner Up  
Eileen Knox



Best Deciduous  
Zach Kent



Best Display  
Gary Stein





Best Small Bonsai  
Zach Kent



People's Choice  
Albert Kolbe



Best Evergreen, Runner Up  
Don Evans



Best Small Bonsai, Runner Up  
Mike Brown



Best Deciduous, Runner Up  
Amy Blanton



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