

**NBS Links**

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**Upcoming Events**

*No December Meeting*

*No December  
Mentorship*

**Meetings**

2nd Tuesday of every month  
 @ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

**2019 Dues**

\$30 per member  
 or  
 \$40 per family

**Blog Roll**

[Michael Hagedorn - 2,520  
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Hello to all the Members and Guests of the Nashville Bonsai Society!

*November Recap*

It seems like the summer heat went straight into winter with the arctic blast that Tennessee received this month. We found ourselves scrambling to protect trees that weren't yet winter hardy from night time temperatures as low as 15F. Things have warmed up a bit since the beginning of the month with mild temperatures and rain through the Thanksgiving Holiday. Hopefully, everyone has finalized their winter plans for their Bonsai and have them on the ground when needed and safe out of the wind.

*November Meeting*

Once again, we had Bjorn Bjorholm of Eisei-En Bonsai come to speak to our club. This year Bjorn brought a big Itiogawa grafted eta-jin Kishu and spoke a bit about grafting techniques. As always, there were lots of questions and Bjorn presented the material in a concise manner. This is always a special

event and we are fortunate to be in Bjorn's home area and we are so appreciative that he takes the time out to do these each year.



*December – Care Calendar*



<p>Shortest day of the year</p> <p>Avg. Low 32° Avg. High 49° Record Low 10° Record High 79</p>	<p><b>Tree Talk:</b></p> <p>Leaf drop completes. By winter solstice, trees are deep into dormancy as a result of day length and temperature. We are seeing deciduous trees using almost no water and evergreens needing only a little bit. The evergreens still need direct sun light.</p>	<p><b>How to Respond:</b></p> <p>The trees are dormant, not dead. Continue to monitor for water and light needs. Let them dry out a bit between watering. Always water 24 hrs. before a deep cold snap. If medium and larger trees are on the ground and mulched in, they can probably tolerate 18° - 22° without difficulty. Shohin, Chuhin and trees with reduced foliage may need additional protection.</p>
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**Mentorship 101 - November**



We had another wonderful Mentorship 101 class at Eileen’s home this month. It was a blustery and cold day, but we had a great crowd and enthusiasm ran high. We worked on Scots Pines and continued our education on the biology of trees and the art of Bonsai. Big thanks to Eileen and all of our volunteer mentors!





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## 2019 Calendar

All events in the “Other Event” and “Mentorship” categories are member’s only events. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

	January	February	March	April	
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	N/A	Topic: <b>Collecting Trees</b> 2/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: <b>Repotting Demo’s</b> 3/5/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: <b>Deciduous Demo w/ Owen R</b> 4/9/2019, 6:30pm-9pm	
<b>Other Event</b>	N/A	<b>Lawn &amp; Garden Expo</b> 2/28/19-3/2/19, 8am-5pm	<b>Lawn &amp; Garden Expo</b> 2/28/19-3/2/19, 8am-5pm	<b>Member Garden Tour</b> 4/27/19, 10am-2pm	
<b>Mentorship</b>	<b>101 Class</b> 1/5/19, 10am-2pm	<b>101 Class</b> 2/2/19, 10am-2pm	<b>101 Class</b> 3/2/19, 10am-2pm	<b>101 Class</b> 4/6/19, 10am-2pm	<b>Pines (SF) Class</b> 4/13/19, 10am-2pm
	May	June	July	August	
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Topic: <b>Deciduous Discussion</b> <b>**@ Eisei-en**</b> 5/14/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: <b>Crepe Myrtle Discussion &amp; Show Prep</b> 6/4/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: <b>Bald Cypress Demo w/ John W</b> 7/9/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: <b>Bonsai Pottery</b> 8/13/2019, 6:30pm-9pm	
<b>Other Event</b>	<b>Open House, Turnbull Creek Bonsai</b> 5/4/19, 1pm-5pm	<b>BYOT Workshop w/ Owen R</b> 6/1/19, 8am-12pm	<b>NBS Annual Show</b> 7/13-14/19, 10am-4pm	<b>Workshop: Andy Smith – Golden Arrow Bonsai</b> 8/22/19 Session 1: 8:30am – 12:30pm Session 2: 1:00pm – 5:00pm	
<b>Mentorship</b>	N/A	<b>Pine (MF) Class</b> 6/15/19, 10am-2pm	<b>Tree Work</b> 7/6/19, 10am-2pm	<b>Tree Work</b> 8/3/19, 10am-2pm	
	September	October	November	December	
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Topic: <b>Juniper Discussion</b> 9/10/19, 6:30pm-9pm	Topic: <b>Demo with Adam Jones of Tree House Bonsai</b> 10/8/19, 6:00pm-9pm	Topic: <b>Conifer Demo w/ Bjorn B</b> 11/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm	<b>No Meeting</b>	
<b>Other Event</b>	<b>Cheekwood Moon Viewing</b> 9/22/19, 2:00pm – 5:30pm	<b>Fall Picnic</b> 10/26/19, 12pm-4pm	N/A	<b>No Events Planned</b>	
<b>Mentorship</b>	<b>Tree Work</b> 9/7/19, 10am-2pm	<b>Mentorship 101</b> 10/5/19 10am-2pm	<b>Mentorship 101</b> 11/2/19, 10am-2pm	<b>No classes</b>	





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### *Podcasts – A Great Way to Bonsai in the Winter*

We begin the longest days in our hobby – the wintertime, where many of our trees are dormant and tucked away for the season. While we put down our tools, one way to stay connected with the hobby and continue our education is to listen to some of the great podcasts out there while we wait for the sap to move. I thought I would put together a quick list of some of the podcasts available for the Bonsai enthusiast. You should be able to type these titles into your favorite podcast player and run a search to subscribe.

- **“Asymmetry” by Bonsai Mirai** - This is Ryan Neil’s podcast and usually features a conversation between Ryan and either his students, or a professional guest dealing with some aspect of Bonsai. These episodes tend to be over an hour long and Ryan runs the gamut of topics from horticultural technique and artistic criticism to their favorite beer of the moment in the PNW. Asymmetry is updated on a regular basis and there tends to be a new episode each month.
- **“Bonsai Network Podcast w/ Bjorn L Bjorholm”** – Bjorn has been podcasting and video logging on the topic of Bonsai for several years. Bjorn tends to be more topical in his podcasts, usually with a subject or technique that he wants to talk more about – he rarely does things in the interview format. I like this podcast because the techniques he speaks of tend to be more applicable since he lives right here in Tennessee. He is much more sporadic in updates than some of the other podcasts.
- **“Bonsai Stuff” by Bonsai Matsu** – Bonsai Stuff is a podcast located in Australia by Scott Martin. Scott is one of the few Bonsai nursery owners in Australia and looks to have started this podcast to raise Bonsai awareness in his area and help Australian locals get quality material and equipment locally. This is a really interesting podcast to listen to, not only because of the area, but because Scott seems relatively new on the scene. This podcast is a relatively even mix between interviews and discussion on Bonsai technique.



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