

## NBS Links

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## Upcoming Events

### *Mentorship 101*

11/2/19, 10am-2pm  
@ Eileen & Richard Knox's  
Home

### *November Meeting*

11/12/19, 6:30pm-9pm  
@ Cheekwood

## Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month  
@ Cheekwood, Massey Hall

## 2019 Dues

\$30 per member  
or  
\$40 per family

## Blog Roll

[Bonsai Tonight: Fall Clean-Up on Shohin Satsuki Azalea](#)

[Bonsai-South: In Bonsai, Timing is \(Almost\) Everything](#)

[Adamaskwhy: Post Number 500: Carving Out My Niche in the Bonsai World](#)



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

### *October Recap*

Did summer really end? It didn't seem that way this month, with record temperatures cooking our trees in the opening of the Autumn season. On the other hand, with proper technique, we saw our trees put on some substantial late in the year growth and scrambled to remove wire pinching on some trees, while trying to get wiring on to others. Fortunately, we have seen some rain and cooler temperatures in the last half of the month as we prepare our trees for the winter to come.

### *October Meeting*



Our October meeting featured artist and nursery owner, Adam Jones of Tree House Bonsai. Adam was brought to us generously through the local Japanese Consulate and put on a great demo on a local Pitch Pine.

Adam entertained everyone through his demonstration with stories about his time as a Western nursery owner in Japan and spent a generous amount of time answering questions about both Japanese culture and Bonsai. We can't thank Adam and the Consulate enough for being part of this great opportunity!



## November – Care Calendar

<p>First hard freeze</p> <p>Avg. Low 40° Avg. High 59° Record Low 1° Record High 85°</p>	<p>Tree Talk:</p> <p>We are seeing trees using less water, loss of leaves and the fertilizer is no longer breaking down. Toward the end of the month we will see little, or no, sign of added tissue. The more foliage, trunk and root mass the tree has, the more-cold-hardy the tree is and the more growth potential in the spring</p>	<p>How to Respond:</p> <p>We need to get trees on the ground and mulched. Complete all winter preparation by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Give the evergreens their final application of fall fertilizer early in month. Great time to do maintenance work on pines. Protect newly styled trees from 42° and below for 4-6 weeks. As daylight shortens and temps drop, a healthy tree can probably tolerate 22°-26° now.</p>
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## Mentorship 101 - October



Our first class for Mentorship 101 was held October 5th at John Cole's home. We had an amazing time. Thank you to our mentors; Sara Hopson, Cole Lowery, Arthur Leago, Lisa Nielsen, Ken Wyatt, Ray Fuller, Albert Kolbe and John Cole. If that feels like a lot of folks, it is! We have 18 students in this year's class. Each mentor works with 2 students (Good Lord willing' and the crick don't rise).



John was able to source some beautiful Shinpaku Junipers and we learned how to choose the front on a tree, how to lay wire on and how to style. Here we are after 4 hours of fun. Thanks for the sun shade, John!

## Fall Picnic & Silent Auction



Due to the rain, we ended up rescheduling the Fall Picnic and Silent Auction to a Sunday. Eileen and Richard hosted a fantastic event and everyone who attended had a great time! The club members brought a wide variety of sides and desserts, while Richard grilled some tasty burgers and dogs.



Everyone had a great time bringing and bidding on trees at the auction. There was some great material to be had! Hopefully, we can make the auction a regular club event to help raise tree money, get newbies some good starter material, and clear out benches for some of the older hands for room for more advanced trees. Big thanks to Richard and Eileen for hosting, our Vendors for tree donations, and everyone who came out on a Sunday afternoon and talked tree!



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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>	

## Branching Out

Here is the final part of Eileen's article on her Bonsai Journey. It has been a joy to read about her Bonsai experience and we hope that this has helped other club members in their own journey!

*This is my fourth and final Branching Out article. I will stop after this one, because I am now in my fourth phase of study with my newest teacher, Bjorn Bjorholm. I find this very serendipitous, as Bjorn will be our guest presenter at the November meeting. Believe me, this is a meeting you don't want to miss.*



*I love the way a bonsai artist's character and personality show up in their trees and in their teaching style. When studying with Mike Hagedorn, I would be seduced by the ethereal beauty of the tree he was styling. Each design was subtle and nuanced to pull me into the composition. Just line his teaching. Now, when working on my trees, I will hear Mike's voice encouraging me to think longer term. To allow the tree to respond to the work and tell me what needs to come next. And, then, what needs to come next year, or in 10 years. Mike is also a brilliant author. His first book, [Post-Dated: The Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk \(Gold Medal winner 2009 PubWest Book Design Awards\)](#) is a delightful read. His second book [Bonsai Heresy](#) has been sent to the publisher and should be available soon.*

*When studying with Ryan, I was energized and challenged. I needed to bring my best to each day and to each tree. Ryan's energy and creativity are apparent in the trees he styles. Visit [www.BonsaiMirai.com](http://www.BonsaiMirai.com) and view his Gallery. The trees take my breath away and challenge me to imagine what they will look like in 10-20 years.*

*I am, now, in my second year of study with Bjorn. He encourages to think 40-80 years out. Because that is how long it takes to grow really fine deciduous trees. Fortunately, we can start with some trunks that already have some age on them, but good branching and ramification take time and consistent attention to styling and care.*

*Although Bjorn is just as brilliant with evergreens, his passion is deciduous. And while in his classroom the atmosphere flows comfortably between lecture and practicum. I am always amazed how many trees we are able to work each day, without feeling any stress. My learning days are long and rewarding. And, I am tired by the end of the three-day session. But the trees and the teaching feel open and billowy. Is that a word, 'billowy'? Well, it is how I want my deciduous to look, so billowy is now a word for me. If you have a few minutes, visit his website [www.Eisei-en.com](http://www.Eisei-en.com) There is so much to enjoy there. You can sign up for his Blog on the site. Great entertainment and information!*

Sayonara,  
Eileen

## *November Meeting*

Bjorn Bjorholm will be presenting demo at our next meeting! We are fortunate to be in Bjorn's home territory and to be able to have these yearly meetings and demos involving hm. If you have attended one of his demos, you know that he is a bottomless well of knowledge and extremely approachable with questions on trees and technique. If you haven't attended any demos with Bjorn yet, then our November meeting will not be one to miss!



## *November Mentorship 101*

Our November mentorship meeting will be meeting at Richard and Eileen Knox's home on Saturday, November 2. All mentorship students should already have an email with the address and time. If you are needing directions, please reach out to Eileen ([eileenknox@me.com](mailto:eileenknox@me.com)) For this session, we will be working on Pines and discussing the anatomy of trees. Bring your tools, chair, a notebook and pen, and \$25 tuition. Dress appropriately for the weather, it might be a cold one!

## *Special Announcement*

We want to express a special "Thank You!" to Zach Kent, our V.P. of Programming, for all of his hard work creating our calendar and running our club's programs these last two years. Zach will be stepping down from this role and passing the baton to Arthur Leago with the closing of our year. Again, thank you Zach and welcome to Arthur - while the faces may change, we will still have a great year's worth of Bonsai activities and programming in store for ya'll in 2020!





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