

Taunton and Somerset Bonsai Club, Tree of the Month critique

Date June 2017

Member name	Tree species and style	Subject		Technique					Total Score Out of 100	Member votes	Comments
		Overall presentation 30	Pot 10	Roots 5	Trunk 10	Branches & foliage 15	Health & vigour 25	Surface 5			
Advanced											
Jon	Chinese Elm	23	9	2	8	14	23	3	82	5	Excellent tree pot combination. Very good branch structure. Trunk has some inverse taper but looks fine in this style. Moss obscures lower trunk and nebari.
Geoff	White beech	23	8	4	7	12	22	4	80	7	Really powerful trunk and nebari. Some inverse taper due to scars but still a lovely curve to trunk – scars could be carved out. Branches are a little “flat”. Pots suits well.
Tony	Azalea	20	7	2	8	12	22	3	74	2	Good structure and nice flowers. Perhaps too many lower branches which obscure trunk line? A little top heavy and top might be divided into several smaller branches. Can’t see roots well.
Mike C	Birch	23	9	3	7	12	22	4	80	1	Well presented. Ancient looking trunks make a pleasing image and pot suits very well, both style and colour. A bit bare of branches to lower left.
Novice											
Sara	K hornbeam	15	6	4	7	10	20	3	65	7	Nice trunk base and lower trunk, but tree does not look finished. Has no apex and “pad” style does not suit it well. Needs more natural branching. Currently looks better from the back!
Richard P	Azalea	19	7	3	6	10	20	3	68	8	Lovely prolific flowers. Good trunk line but leans back and is cluttered by some small twigs. Needs structure now in branches.