

Somerset Bonsai Society

Monkton Elm - Demo and Workshop

Saturday, 6 April 2022

Due to a combination of Covid and the loss of our previous venue we haven't been able to run weekend workshops for several years. So, one of our key aims for 2022 was to find a suitable venue to get weekend workshops up and running again.

Monkton Elm Garden Centre offered us the use of a room – "The Sanctuary" in exchange for doing some bonsai demonstrations and talks for the wider public. It seemed like an ideal arrangement and so it turned out to be. Ade gave an hour-long demonstration and talk on repotting in the morning, which seemed to go down well; there were seven Monkton Elm customers plus several of our own members, so quite a room full! Once finished, nine society members settled down to an informal workshop with help on hand from Ade and Alistair. A fair bit of repotting was done, plus Michael managed to completely rewire his lovely larch group. It was a very enjoyable and productive afternoon for all those who attended.

Evening workshops on club nights are great but sometimes it's nice to have longer to complete more ambitious tasks with help on hand. 'The Sanctuary' room was perfect for our needs and the café is right next door should you want lunch. It is a bit of a trek from the car park through the garden centre but there are plenty of trolleys available so you can load up and go!

We have two more Saturday workshops booked with Monkton Elm this year and we hope that this successful partnership that will continue into future years.



