

Taunton and Somerset Bonsai Club, Tree of the Month critique April 2023

Member name	Tree species and style	Subject		Technique					Total Score Out of 100	Member votes	Comments
		Overall presentation 30	Pot 10	Roots 10	Trunk 15	Branches & foliage 20	Health & vigour 10	Surface 5			
Advanced											
Tony W	Hawthorn	20	6	6	13	14	10	3	72	1	Great trunk. Needs more structure and height in branches which are very flat
Michael	Quince	21	6	3	10	12	10	4	66		Pretty tree, just needs time to develop branch structure
Bob	C Elm	23	7	8	14	16	10	3	81	2	Nice elegant tree. Good gnarly tapered trunk, great nebari and good branch placement. Pot a bit big and not well suited – would look good in a more elegant pot. Would like to see this at Willowbrook
Tony M	Crab apple	25	7	9	14	16	10	3	84	7	Lovely! Very good nebari and trunk. Lower branches need more development and thickening. Nicely presented
Richard M	Downy Birch	21	6	8	12	15	10	4	76		Well presented, good nebari. Pot is too chunky for such a delicate looking tree
Richard P	Larch	21	7	7	12	13	10	4	74		Well presented and tidy. Good nebari. Just needs time to get more ramification
Nigel	Larch	22	6	7	13	15	10	4	77	1	Nice tree well presented though bright coloured top dressing is distracting. Good taper and branch placement. Pot a bit big and clunky
Alistair	Cascade larch	25	8	9	14	15	10	5	86	4	Looks good on the stand. Very nice trunk and branch placement. Watch the top doesn't get too dominant over the weaker descending branches. Another one for Willowbrook!

Novice											
John C	Hawthorn	20	5	4	10	12	10	3	64	6	Good effort, just needs more trunk taper and branch structure
Chris A	Larch	20	6	3	12	13	10	4	68	7	Good to see a John Trott's literati advice put into action! Watch out that top branches don't dominate the weaker low branches.