

Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique September 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											
Michael C	Blue cedar	20	5	5	11	14	10	4	69	1	Looks strong and healthy, but think it would better without the large cones, Roots are a tangle and pot too big!
Bob	Elm	22	6	8	13	16	10	5	80	4	Very nice little shohin. Fabulous roots/lower trunk. Pot too deep
Richard M	Oak	21	5	8	12	12	9	4	71	2	Great roots and lower trunk. Needs more branch structure
Brian	Hornbeam	23	7	3	11	13	10	5	72	4	Delightful display with the little gooseberry accent. Some issues with inward growing branches
Richard P	Cotoneaster	22	6	5	11	13	9	4	70	2	A bit "topiary" looking. Trunk chops could be carved to look more natural, Some dead leaves.
Novice											
Nigel	Cotoneaster	22	7	3	11	13	10	4	68	2	Nicely presented. A little "topiary/lollipop" looking at this stage but in time will improve. Carve the chopped trunks to look natural