

## Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique June 2024

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			
<b>Advanced</b>											
Brian	Cryptomeria	22	8	5	11	12	10	4	72	3	This really is a forest! Interesting and nicely presented but lacks maturity.
Richard M	Mixed Penjing	20	7	5	10	14	10	4	70	2	Well presented Penjing. Not sure about the small tree at the front – it distracts.
Richard P	Ash	20	5	8	12	12	10	4	71	4	Nice connected roots and overall image is good but needs a proper pot!
Bob	Chinese Elm	20	7	7	12	12	10	4	72		Very interesting combination of clump plus two. Needs more branch structure.
Michael	Larch	22	9	7	13	15	10	4	80	6	A good group. The three varied trees work well together as an overall image. Great pot! Could expose the roots a little.
Tony M	Dawn Rewood	22	8	5	11	12	10	4	72		Pleasing group but lacks maturity. Some trees are straggly and it needs trimming for an overall shape.
<b>Novice</b>											
Dave G	Hornbeam	21	8	6	12	13	10	3	73	2	Nice raft with interesting trunks. A little congested at the tops – needs thinning.
John C	Oak	21	7	5	10	11	10	4	68		Trunks are rather too evenly spaced and it needs a dominant tree.