# Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique May 2023

| Member name | Tree species and style | Subject | | Technique | | | | | Total Score Out of 100 | Member votes | Comments |
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| | | Overall presentation 30 | Pot 10 | Roots 10 | Trunk 15 | Branches & foliage 20 | Health & vigour 10 | Surface 5 | | | |
| Advanced | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bob | Chinese Elm | 20 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 4 | 72 | 1 | Beautiful trunk and branch structure. Remove the wayward roots to show off the rootbase better. This tree would look fabulous in a proper pot! |
| Richard M | Hazel | 21 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 74 | | Two “sets” of roots spoils the rootbase, otherwise look nice. |
| Peter | Acer palmatum | 23 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 82 | 3 | Nice rootbase and trunk. Branches need a bit more structure. Perfect pot choice! |
| Geoff | Trident maple | 22 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 79 | 2 | Nicely proportioned and well presented tree. Trimmed shoot ends make it look a bit ragged. Gorgeous pot, if a little large! |
| Brian | Chinese Elm | 23 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 82 | 5 | Very well presented, Beautiful pot. Try planting a little to left at next repot. |
| Novice | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dave | Birch | 21 | 6 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 74 | | Nice gnarly trunk and rootbase. Clean moss off roots to show them better. Try tilting the tree a little to the right at next repot. Aphids!! |
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