



SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique November 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			
Advanced											
Richard M	Birch	21	7	9	12	13	10	4	76	2	Pot too dark, big and clunky, though a shallower version with an out-turned lip would look nice.
Bob	C Elm	23	8	9	13	15	10	4	82	1	Good for size and shape, but a darker glaze to match the trunk would look better.
Michael C	Birch	23	8	8	13	15	10	4	81	3	Good pot in terms of size and shape, perhaps a slightly lighter shade would reflect the trunk colour better.
Peter	Dawn Redwood	22	9	8	12	13	10	5	79	2	Great match of red/black colours to the trunk.
Novice											
John C	Pyracantha	23	9	7	11	12	10	3	75	2	Good match of pot in terms of colour and shape, particularly the orange sheen around the lip. It may prove too shallow for keeping the tree healthy – Pyracantha don't do well in shallow pots.
Zac	Hawthorn	20	8	6	13	11	10	3	71	2	Fine in terms of size and shape, but a match to trunk colour would look better, or even a bright colour to enhance flowers/berries.
Paul R-Y	Blue Cedar	19	7	6	12	12	9	3	72	1	Pot needs to be wider to give a more landscape effect for two trees.