



SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month Critique May 2025

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											
John	Azalea	20	7	6	11	10	10	5	70		Charming! A simple tree, nicely presented
Bob	Chinese Elm	22	8	8	14	15	10	4	81		Very nice. Good roots, trunk and branch structure. Allow foliage to fill out a little more. Perhaps lean forward slightly at next repot.
Tony M	Hawthorn	23	9	8	13	14	9	5	81	8	Flowers going over a little but still a lovely tree. Good nebari and trunk, nicely presented.
Richard M	Cotoneaster	18	6	6	11	12	10	4	67		Pretty tree, simple but striking. Pot too big.
Peter	Acer deshojo	20	10	9	13	12	10	4	78	2	Good nebari and trunk. Leaves a bit large. Good choice of pot.
Zac	Cotoneaster	20	10	5	12	12	10	4	73		Lovely image. Excellent pot choice. Would like to see some trunk showing through by opening up branch structure a little.
Alistair	Beech	21	8	9	13	13	10	4	78	2	Great roots and good trunk. Consider shortening front branches to open up view inside – they are very eye-poking!
Paul R-Y	Cotoneaster	18	9	6	12	12	10	3	70		Weeds! Once we had established the correct front a nice tree emerged!
Brian	Acer katsura	21	7	8	13	13	10	4	76	3	Nice tree. Pot a bit too big. Possibly remove some roots on the left. Work on increasing ramification.