



the **TREE LINE**

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BONSAI SOCIETY of PORTLAND

Upcoming Events

September
2016

September 18 10am-2pm **Mentorship 102** Milwaukie Center

September 25 10am-2pm **Mentorship 103** Milwaukie Center

September 27 7pm **BSOP monthly meeting** Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

October 1st 9am-5pm **Fall Show** Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

October 13 - 16 **2016 PNBCA Bonsai Convention**, Red Lion Hotel, Olympia, WA

October 23 10am-2pm **Mentorship 101** Milwaukie Center

Words From Your President

Happy summer days to all of you. I am sitting here in an air conditioned room as the temperature is steadily rising outside. We will be in triple digits on Thursday and Friday and like most of you, I will be thinking of the trees and recruiting my wife to water until I get home.

When the temps hit this high the trees have problems supplying the leaves because they use the moisture faster than it can be replaced. Hope you all fared well.

We had another successful picnic this year. I want to especially thank Barry Baertlein for offering last minute to be the picnic chairman...he saved the day for sure and his wife, who was our chef, cooks a mean dog and burger; thanks to both of you.

In addition, Steve Leaming came through as our raffle handler and we made a fair sum of money to cover the picnic costs.

Mentorship season is returning in September. Be on the lookout for the dates. We will use the same time frame: 10am to 2pm at the Milwaukie Center.

Speaking of mentorship, George Biddle has volunteered to be our new 101 chairman. We will meet soon to discuss how we want to handle it and will give you the information soon.

Lastly, we have had several meetings to discuss the 2018 convention we have been planning and have decided to try something new. Instead of calling it a convention and having it at a hotel we have decided to dub it a "Rendezvous" and we want to help other smaller clubs to be able to have their own "Rendezvous" and use our version as a template for the future. More on that as the months pass by.

As always, thank you for your trust, *Lee*

Fall Show Time

Fall is here and that means we are back to our monthly meetings. Our September 27th meeting will feature Scott Elser with part 3 of “Everything is going to be just Pine”. Scott’s 3rd in a series of 3 programs on pines will chock full of information you need to grow and train successful pine bonsai.

It’s also time for our 3rd annual BSOP Exhibit, Demonstration & Marketplace (FALL SHOW). I hope every BSOP member is planning to attend our big event on October 1st, 9am – 5pm, at the Milwaukie Center.

As mentioned in our previous email to members, the fall show is a really big fun event. It satisfies two of our club goals, education and membership outreach, and fundraising for the continued operation of our outstanding organization. The first two years were very successful and we hope to make this year the biggest and best yet...but we need everyone’s help.

Here is how you can help:

TREES – We need trees to sell / auction so please take a look at your collection to see what you may want to part with. It can be anything from raw material to fully developed trees. You have two options with your trees....

DONATION – you can donate your trees to BSOP outright and we will be happy to provide you with a tax deduction receipt. This is the best way to help the club and in many cases this is a bigger advantage to members than selling.

SELLING / AUCTION – you can sell your trees and receive 80% of the final selling price (BSOP gets 20%). You can set the price, but if your tree does not sell you will get it back. Some of the trees will be chosen by our auction committee to be sold in the oral auction. If your tree is selected for oral auction, you can set the reserve (minimum bid) price, again if it doesn’t sell you get it back.

VOLUNTEERING - We needs lots of manpower to make this event a success. Please help us by volunteering to work a shift or two during the day. We have a volunteer link where you can sign up directly without having to email or call. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AIF55YgM3CQOqlgBKdAj9J8EwTUmYrtjDrsgnLLjn3Q/edit?usp=sharing> It’s first come first served, so the sooner you sign up the better your choice of shift.

PROMOTION - We need lots of people to attend so please tell everyone you know. You can also help by getting flyers posted at establishments. The poster was sent out in an email from Ron Cascisa earlier but if you need a copy of the poster emailed to you, let me know and I will make sure you get it.

EXHIBIT- We would like to see a tree in the show from everyone. This is an informal show so it will have a wide range of tree development in the show. Just a few rules....

Does not have to be in a bonsai pot but needs to have had at least some training. Must be disease & pest free. Display may include accent plants and free standing scrolls. Please fill out a card with the name of the tree, and years in training.

Our exhibit coordinator Roger Case will assist you with displaying your tree. Our set up for the event is 5-9 on Friday September 30 or 7-8:30am on Saturday October 1st.

The other things in the fall show lineup include.... Vendors (all tables have been reserved), Auctions or Raffles every half hour, the Demonstrations, Children's Activity / kusomono planting, Suiseki Display & Refreshments.

I would like to thank your committee for their work in helping put the show together – Jan Hettick (co-chair), Lee Cheatle (sale / auction), John Thomas (financials), Arlene Sigourney (marketplace vendors), Karen VunKannon (auction organizer), Michael "Lime" Allen (volunteers), Patty Myrick (children's / kusomono), Roger Case (exhibit), Damien Mcnamara (setup / takedown).

Steve Seaming – VP Programs / Fall Show co-chair

On the following pages are photographs from last years show.



How soft and lovely
Light streaming through pine branches
Moonbeams move slowly

Crinkled ridgetop pine
Shallow pool with listless Koi
Stir the Bonsai mind

By ***Ron Yasenchak***







MENTORSHIP UPDATE

Okay students, summer vacation is nearly at an end and I expect to see you back in the classroom starting in September.

Mentor's, thanks for all the times you showed up to assist in the different mentorship sessions; it was very much appreciated and our students highly benefit by having more educational one on one time. I hope that you will be as eager to assist this season as you were last season and I hope we receive even more on site support.

These first sessions will be concentrating on how much longer to fertilize and what to fertilize and also a quick review of the need for insecticides and fungicides. Scott Elser wrote a great article in the July Tree Line on the subject.

In addition, please bring the trees you want to work on and have help with.

Here are Septembers dates:

102 will meet on Sunday Sept. 18 10a to 2p

103 will meet on Sunday Sept. 25 10a to 2p

101 will begin on October 23rd, with future meetings on the third Sunday of each month. Watch the newsletter for more information. Pre-registration will be available soon.

Check the Calendar of Events on the club website for possible changes in future meeting dates. Please contact Lee if you need any additional information: leecheatle@msn.com.

Bonsai Exhibit, Demonstration and Marketplace

October 1st, 2016

The Bonsai Society of Portland will host this educational and fun event to inspire appreciation of the art and culture of bonsai.

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The Pacific NW is fast becoming the epicenter of Bonsai in the United States! Members of the Bonsai Society of Portland are sharing the secrets of this ancient art on October 1st from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The club, celebrating its 51st anniversary will present an exhibit, demonstration, and marketplace at the Milwaukie Center. The event is designed to educate the public about the aesthetics and techniques of this ancient but fast growing and evolving art form of bonsai.

The 300-member organization will display an extensive exhibit by its members. Their bonsai represent a wide range of plant varieties and styles. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in gardening in a limited space. Bring mother-nature into your homes, decks or back yards with a rewarding, hands-on living art form. Watch your efforts grow and change with every season! It will be a fun event for anyone interested in downsized horticulture and miniature design. What a great personalized gift for those who love the outdoors!

Beginners are encouraged to attend. Live demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the event. Visitors can learn the basics of bonsai or more advanced techniques. Bonsai Society members will be available to answer questions, talk about their trees, share opinions and recommendations.

Marketplace items will include mature bonsai, early stage trees and everything in between. Prices will reflect tree quality from inexpensive starters to show-quality trees. Pots, tools, books and related items will also be available. Several trees will be auctioned throughout the event, and raffle prizes will be drawn hourly.

Bonsai attracts an interesting mix of individuals. The group's members will be available to share knowledge and opinions on design, horticulture, techniques and more. Membership includes students to physicists, potters to arborists, and writers to chefs. Their backgrounds are as varied as the bonsai they create. Portland's favorable climate and environment supports a large diversity of tree types.

Since bonsai often outlive their owners, the group's educational mission is essential. Vice-President Steve Leaming embodies the group's ongoing educational role. "Bonsai is living art that is ever changing. The BSOP mission is education at every level from beginner through advanced. We teach members not only how to keep trees alive, but how to continuously develop them for the future."

The Bonsai Society of Portland is a 501-c-3 nonprofit. The group includes a wide spectrum of participants from true beginners to national award winners.

The October event is open to the public and children friendly: \$2 per adult or \$5 per family. All ages will find activities to learn the basics of design and care. A special children's area will provide hands-on experience.

The Milwaukie Center is located at 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie with ample free parking.

3RD ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBIT

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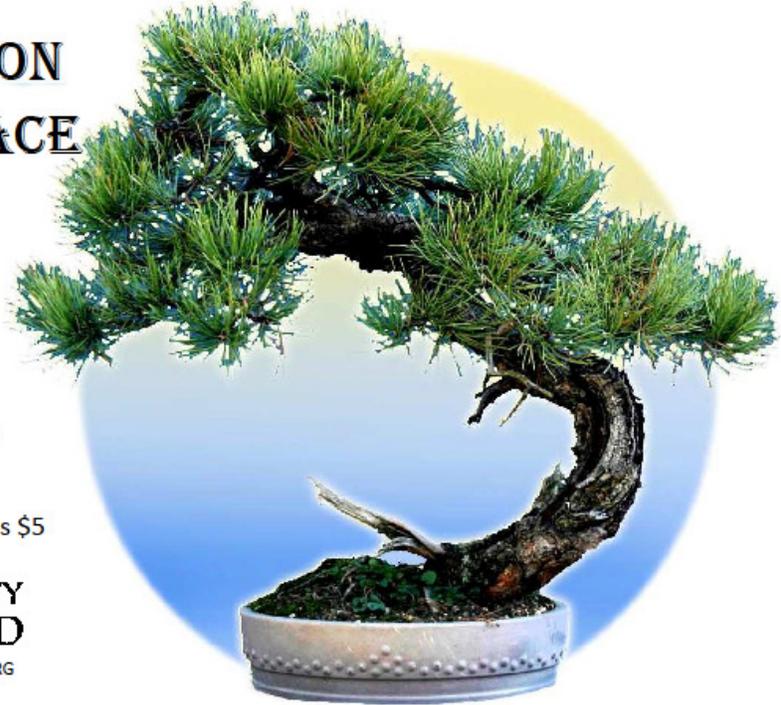
OCTOBER 1ST 9AM-5PM

MILWAUKIE CENTER
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Admission: Adults \$2, Families \$5



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This tree was styled by Michael Hagedorn for the National Show. The pot is a Chinese antique, nakawatari, roughly 150 years old. The North American Juniper is roughly 250 years old.

Mentorship Program Starts Again

Hello Everyone, it's time to start up the Mentorships for the year!

Mentorship 102 will meet next Sunday, September 18 in the Oregon Grape Room at the Milwaukie Center from 10 - 2, and Mentorship 103 will meet at the same time and place on Sunday, September 25. The education focus will concentrate on how much longer to fertilize, what to fertilize, and also a quick review of the need for insecticides and fungicides.

Please bring several trees to work on, your tools, and a sack lunch. Come have fun! We promote bonsai addiction!

Any seasoned bonsai artists are encouraged to come help Lee with teaching and assisting the newer members with their trees.

Mentorship 101 will begin on Sunday, October 23rd, same time and place. Look for a sign-up sheet at the September 27th meeting.

Liz Hardy

Gary Wood Summer Lecture

On August 20th, Michael Hagedorn hosted a lecture and discussion about tree growth and development as it pertains to bonsai. About fifteen brave souls braved record heat to participate in a side of bonsai that is too rarely addressed. Lots of water at hand for ongoing rehydration kept us focused on the topic.

Understanding how trees grow at physiological and biochemical levels gives the opportunity to grow better trees faster. This knowledge allows us to manipulate the growth of a tree to promote back budding, trunk building and root development.

Thanks to Gary Wood for traveling from Alabama and sharing from his wealth of knowledge and for cooking a fabulous lunch. Thanks to Michael for making it happen. Thanks to attendees for bringing food to share. Ed.

Bonsai Theft

This is something always in the back of our minds, because periodically, they occur. Recently, trees were stolen from the Pacific Bonsai Museum on Federal Way by cutting through the fence.

Another victim writes, "It's terrible when trees are stolen. I had two great trees stolen about 9 years ago. It's like being mugged. I came home from work and saw two empty stands. Oh, the pain. The police laughed at me. "You want us to pursue stolen bushes? Go buy some new ones". I didn't tell them each tree was worth \$1,000.

Anyway, have you seen the new device that can track stolen objects? I'm not sure if they would work in the soil of trees. Here is the URL. Pass it on to Pacific and other club members."

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