



# the **TREE LINE**

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## Upcoming Events

December  
2015

December 13 Sun **Holiday Party**, Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

*There will be no Mentorship meetings in December*

January 2 Sat **Mentorship 103** 10-2pm Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

January 10 Sun **Mentorship 102** 10-2pm Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

January 24 Sat **Mentorship 101** 10-2pm Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

January 26 Tue **Monthly Meeting** 7pm Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

## Words From Your President

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**

I am keeping this short but I am not short on the thanks I feel to all of you that have given so much of your time to make our club the success that it is. We continue to do things within the BSOP that make being a member something to be proud of.

We have a tremendous depth to our membership and willingness to be involved.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Event on Sunday the 13th as well as at our mentorship meetings in January and at our first general meeting in 2016.

Until then, take care and again, have a great holiday season!

Thank you for your trust, *Lee*

## Mentorship 101

Mentorship 101 met in October and November learning wiring skills on Junipers and Black Pines. The enthusiastic sixteen BSOP members are quickly developing their horticulture knowledge base and bonsai skills.

Thanks to Lee Cheatle, Jan Hettick, Paula Bentley and Joanne Raiton for helping to create such a fun learning environment along the way.

# Happy Holidays

It's that wonderful time of the year when everyone has a million things to do, but hope all of you have set aside some time to join us at the BSOP Holiday Party, this Sunday December 13th at the Milwaukie Center. If you have not yet bought a ticket or RSVP, it's not too late, tickets can be purchased at the door. The party is a great time to relax and spend some time visiting with your fellow BSOP members. We are still looking for items for the auction, please email with the items you are planning to bring [stevenleaming@gmail.com](mailto:stevenleaming@gmail.com). You can auction your trees and receive 90% of the proceeds which is a great way to get some extra holiday income. Direct donation of auction and raffle materials are always welcome too. For full details on the holiday party, please refer to our website at [portlandbonsai.org](http://portlandbonsai.org).

I would like to thank Ryan Neil for his great ponderosa styling program in November and to Scott Elser for his pine information in October. Scott will return for part II in February next year and will follow up with another workshop. Information on the January program will be covered in the next newsletter.

I would like to thank those who purchased akadama/kanuma from me at the last meeting. I had a complete sellout so the second order is on the way. I will have some extra on hand if anyone missed the order deadline.

Happy holidays to all and thank you all for helping to make BSOP one of the best bonsai clubs in the US...it wouldn't be possible without your involvement.



*Steve Leaming*, VP Programs

Black pine by Masahiko Kimura

This tree took top honors at this year's Taikan-ten. From [bonsaitonight.com](http://bonsaitonight.com)

## Mentorship 102, 103

Mentorship 103 (previously known as Oregon Shohin Kai) met Saturday, November 7 in the Oregon Grape room at the Milwaukie Center. The well-attended group focused on wiring. Lee Cheatle gave a presentation on wiring techniques; then he and Steve Wilcox helped everyone with their trees. Many thanks to Lee and Steve!

Mentorship 102 (previously known as Mentorship) met on Sunday, November 15 from 10:00 to 2:00. The focus was on creating Jin and Shari. The group were encouraged to bring trees to add or improve the Jin and/or Shari. As always, they could bring any tree they wanted help with. They were not limited to bringing trees that pertain directly to the lesson of the day. Members were encouraged to bring several trees to work on, and a sack lunch. There will be no mentorship meetings in December!

*Elisabeth Hardy*

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