



the **TREE LINE**

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Upcoming Events

Summer
2015

- August 23 **Summer Picnic**, Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
September 12 10am **Oregon Shohin Kai**, Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
September 25-27 **The Artisans Cup** Portland Art Museum
October 17 **Fall Show**, Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
October 22 7pm **BSOP Monthly Meeting**, Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
December 13 **Holiday Party**, Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

Words From Your President

Fresh sun-fried trees for sale....cheap. And, a second round of heat coming again soon. Actually I did not lose any trees just some burnt leaves here and there. However the water district keeps calling me insisting I have a leak in my water main.

July is our first month in the year that we do not have a general meeting. We do however have our highly successful mentorship meeting on Sunday July 19th. Hours are the same; 10am to 1pm and as usual, in the Grape Room, at the Milwaukie Center.

I plan on sharing some new information that I received from Ryan Neil during a recent visit I had at Mirai. After that, we will start into working on the trees that you bring.

Our other upcoming events will be on the calendar and Steve Leaming will also be reviewing them as well.

So I am going to keep this quite short and hope your trees remain green and your water bill low.

Thanks for your trust, *Lee*

OREGON SHOHIN KAI

The OSK group will take a break over summer. Our next meeting will be September 12, 2015, delayed to the SECOND Saturday because of Labor Day weekend. The meeting will be at the Milwaukie Center. Check the website or watch your email for additional details.

Jan

Portland Japanese Gardens Spring Show Results

This year's Spring Show at the Portland Japanese Gardens was a continuation of the excellence that BSOP has become known for. We had quite a few new trees, and some new faces to exhibitors also. I hope that you had a chance to take in this year's exhibit.

Matt Reel brought a different perspective to the critique on Saturday evening. His insights were both refreshing and informative, gleaned from his almost eight years studying in Japan.

We have a pictorial recap of the winners in each category below. Voting was very close in most categories - so close we had a tie in the Deciduous category. I think the highlight of the show was the fact that out of five categories, we had three first time winners. Our club has a lot of depth.

Thanks everyone for all of your participation, whether tree sitting, demonstrating, or showing a bonsai, all help was appreciated. Congratulate yourselves on a job well done.

Scott Elser



Best Shohin - Redwood, by Deb Wilcox



Best Saikei - Japanese Beech,
by Scott Elser



Best Deciduous - tie, Black Huckle-
berry, by Greg Brenden



Best Deciduous - tie, Antarctic Beech, by Dennis Vojtilla

Best Conifer, Scots Pine, by Eileen Knox



Best Accent - Multiple species planting, by Patty Myrick

All photos by Tom Walsh

2015 FALL SHOW AND PLANT SALE

Save the Date! Saturday, October 17th is the 2015 Fall Show and Plant Sale, being held at the Milwaukie Center. This event is open to the public, and fulfills BSOP's #1 mission of "promoting interest in and enjoyment of the art of bonsai." With a primary purpose of having FUN while educating the public, we have a secondary purpose of raising funds to pay for top notch programs and meeting space for the coming year. Styled after the 2014 event, this year's show and sale will consist of several sections: a bonsai exhibit, a vendor section, a member sale section, refreshments, children's activities, door prizes, and auction(s).

Volunteers – Pat Foldi, Chair. Two comments: First, we can't do this event without the participation of BSOP members. Please sign up for a two to four hour shift for tree sitting, cashiering, set up (Friday afternoon) and take down (Saturday evening), and/or many other jobs that need doing. Second, volunteering is the best possible way to get involved in BSOP, and involvement equals learning! Experience not required. patfoldi@comcast.net

Bonsai Exhibit – Steve Leaming, Chair. This show is more casual than the Spring Show. The primary goal is to have FUN. We'd love to have at least one tree from every BSOP member. We want your favorite tree, not your best tree. It need not be fully styled, but should show some effort and its bonsai potential should be recognizable. The aim is to show the public how much FUN we can have in the process of raising bonsai. The only rules for trees entered in this show are that they be free of bugs and diseases. Bonsai pots or nursery pots are okay, as long as they are clean and have no ants or slugs. Start now thinking about which tree(s) you can show. Let's get some suiseki (viewing stones) and kusamono (grass plantings) in the show, too! StevenLeaming@gmail.com.

Marketplace – John Thomas, Chair. Tables will be available in the Marketplace for members with bonsai businesses and for members who just have excess trees or pots to sell. There will be a charge of \$20 per table (remember, this is a fund raiser). Reserve your tables ASAP, because space is limited. Chaparralbooks@aol.com.

Auctions and Door Prizes – Lee Cheatle, Chair. In 2014 the silent auctions and door prizes were very popular, causing people to hang around to see if they won anything (and spending money while they wait!). For this we need donations of trees, pots, tools or other bonsai objects. If every member donated one thing we'd have about 250 auction items! This is where we make the most money, so take a look at your collections and let Lee know what you can donate. leecheatle@msn.com.

Publicity – Shannon Wells, Chair. In addition to sending press releases to local media, this involves getting posters and notices to local nurseries. For this we need your help. What an excellent excuse to visit your local nursery! shannonwells29@gmail.com.

Childrens Activities – Wayne King and Eileen Knox, Co-Chairs. Children love hands-on activities, so we are looking for cuttings and seedlings that can be made into small bonsai or kusamono plantings to keep them busy while mom and dad spend time in the exhibit and marketplace. Of course, parents like to get their hands dirty, too, and we'll let them! So if you have something that can be used, let Wayne and Eileen know about it. wfkclassicwoods@aol.com or eileenknox@me.com.

Refreshments – Patty Myrick, Chair. If you like to bake cookies, here’s an opportunity for you. Plain or fancy, let’s feed our guests, and maybe make a little more money. verdil-lia@comcast.net.

We have only one general meeting (September 22) prior to this event. Please don’t wait until the last minute to get involved – contact any of the above with your ideas, comments, suggestions or questions. The plan is to raise a little money, spread the word about bonsai, and **HAVE FUN!**

Jan Hettick janhettick@comcast.net.

MENTORSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

NEWCOMERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!!!

In addition, the following are our scheduled upcoming dates for this year’s mentorship meetings. Dates are subject to change.

July Sun 19th

Aug Sun 16th

Sept Sun 13th

Oct Sun 11th

Nov Sun 15th

Dec Sun 13th

See

Gresham Japanese Garden Tsuru Island



Save the date for Fukkatsu (rebirth) of the Gresham Japanese Garden on August 8 at Gresham Main City Park. This grand re-opening will feature environmental groups, local community organizations and the 4th annual Skosh Japanese Cultural Festival. See more on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

On Sunday August 8th, The Tsuru Island Japanese Garden in Gresham will celebrate the completion of a new bridge. I am helping organize an informal outdoor bonsai exhibit. I am asking club members for help in bringing display items or doing demos, etc.

Please call me. *Mark Vosabrink*



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