

the **TREE LINE**

the official monthly publication of the **BONSAI SOCIETY of PORTLAND**

October 2011

October 15 - 2 to 5pm **Mentorship Meeting**
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland

October 25 - 7 to 9pm **BSOP Monthly Meeting**
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland

November 5 - 10am to 2pm **OSK Meeting**
Elite Care Center, 53 SW Grant Ave, Tigard

November 19 - 2 to 5pm **Mentorship Meeting**
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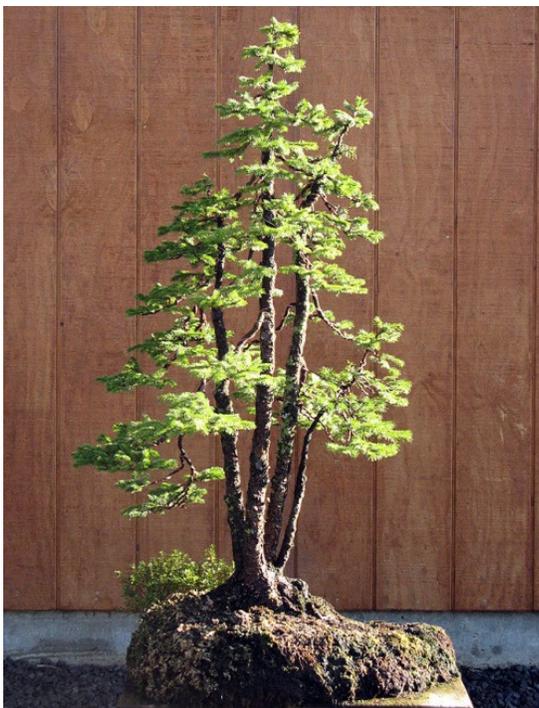
November 22 - **6:30** to 9:30pm **BSOP Monthly Meeting**
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave.

Note - Not the last Tuesday, Early start

December 3 - 10am to 2pm **OSK Meeting**
Elite Care Center, 53 SW Grant Ave, Tigard

December 17 - **Annual Holiday Party**
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland

September 14-16, 2012 - **PNBCA Convention**
Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA



Ezo spruce styled by Michael Hagedorn.
More pictures and story at crataegus.com

Program for October, the Transition Month

Weather is finally looking like fall--it has me wondering when we'll get our first freeze and if I'll be prepared in time for it. I'm a "weather junkie" and watch the forecast during the evening news. I'm watching the night time low temperatures this time of year very carefully and find the greatest chance for a freeze is when the skies clear after a system of storms. If you watch the satellite image of the cloud pattern for this, it looks like a bunch of little evenly spaced clouds over the Pacific. This usually gives me warning enough to protect the tender ones.

I'd like to thank everyone for helping to put things away after last month's meeting. One thing we need to remember is to clean the tables before putting them away --something I've caught myself doing lately since the maintenance staff from the church pointed this out. Our October program will feature David DeGroot, curator of Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim Collection in Seattle. He will show slides of his most recent trip to China and discuss them as he goes. For those of you not familiar with David, this is a program not to be missed. It's always an education to hear him speak as his knowledge of horticulture and bonsai is deep. Be sure to mark your calendars for November, when we bring Ryan Neil in for a dynamic demo on a nice piece of native material. More about that next newsletter.

Our Holiday Party this year is Saturday December 17th and will be held at the same place we have our monthly meetings. Lee Cheadle will cater it. Please volunteer to help us set up and organize things for the silent and live auctions. You can e-mail me or catch me at the upcoming meeting. The auctions are open to all members to submit trees and bonsai related items they'd like to sell, but I'd like to know at least a month in advance if you intend to participate. There was a limit of five trees/person at last year's auction, so please see me if you think you might exceed this. The Holiday Party is our big event at year's end and I'm hoping we can continue the tradition of excellence set in the past.

Greg

WHERE TO START LOOKING IN THE BSOP LIBRARY'S NEW PERIODICAL INDEX

BSOP now has a **subject** index, designed to help patrons locate magazine articles about specific bonsai topics. The index covers the following professional journals:

- American Bonsai Society Journal: Bonsai
- Bonsai and Stone Appreciation
- Bonsai from Bonsai Clubs International
- Bonsai Focus
- Bonsai Today
- International Bonsai
- Journal of Japanese Gardening

There are five sections to the index, each containing headings and cross-references:

ARTISTS & AUTHORS: an alphabetical listing of articles both by and about bonsai artists and potters.

BOTANY: articles about plant chemistry and physiology, including propagation.

SPECIMENS: plants by common name. If an article uses the scientific name, then that name is indexed, but is also cross-referenced back to a common name. Multiple names for the same plant are cross-referenced to each other. This section also includes **suiseki**, **size categories** for bonsai, and headings for **geographical regions**.

TECHNIQUES: the activities and materials practitioners use to make a bonsai out of a plant. Headings include:

- Air layering
- Beginners section
- Collecting trees
- Design (artistic principles)
- Display (both the how-to articles and articles about permanent exhibits of bonsai throughout the world)
- Drawing bonsai
- Education (study groups, presentations, field trips)
- Estate Planning
- Fertilizing
- Foliage (pinching, pruning, training)
- Grafting
- Growing (multi-year cultivation of particular species)
- History of bonsai
- Killing---(what not to do to a bonsai and how to fix it articles)
- Lighting
- Nebari (training, developing, improving)
- Pest Control
- Photographing bonsai
- Pots
- Record keeping
- Repotting/transplanting methods
- Seasonal care
- Security
- Selling
- Soil (specifically for bonsai)
- Styles of bonsai plus all kinds of group plantings
- Tools
- Trunks (bending, carving, preserving, healing)
- Watering
- Wiring
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MAGAZINES INDEXED: a listing of each journal that has been entered into the index so far. This list will grow as more journals are purchased and as items that were out on loan during the indexing process are returned and entered into the index. Periodic index updates will be made available.

Members are encouraged to use the hard copies of the index available at the library table during general meetings. An online version of the index is in preparation, thanks to the efforts of BSOP Webmaster Chas Martin. Members are also encouraged to contact librarians Karen VunKannon and Barbara Devitt with specific requests for search information and advance reserve requests. Please give us at least one week's notice. We can set aside reserve books for you to pick up at the next general meeting, or prepare a list a magazines that contain articles about your area of interest. Due to the new crating system for magazines, those articles will be easy to find when you arrive at the general meeting, and we will be happy to help you. For those of you with large magazine collections at home, if you have a specific search topic but can't locate the article you need, you can contact me via e mail. I will search the index for you and e mail the list of articles back to you (for articles found in magazines in the BSOP library).

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Potentilla fruticosa styled by Harry Harrington. See bonsai4me.com for more on this 12.5 inch specimen

Out on a Limb

My maples are beginning to color and I don't need to water every day. This must be fall! Scott Elser will be talking about "Transitions, from summer to winter, from growth to dormancy" at our Mentorship Group on Saturday, October 15th from 2:00 to 5:00. With Scott's expertise, this is a program for all levels of experience. Our thanks go out to Scott Tice who is retiring from chairing the Mentorship group. He has had a strong team working with him that will continue to support our newer members as we look for a new mentorship chair. If you have an interest, please call me or one of the board members.

I want to thank Charlene Vojtilla for the home made treats she has provided for our meetings. Her work requires that she turn this over to someone else. The board is also looking for a few people to help Dorothea Lee and Joanne Raiton with hospitality set up. The lifting is minimal, but we need someone who can carry a few things up and down stairs before the meetings. And Chris Botero needs one more person to help with room setup before the meetings.

The BSP board met last week and decided that we will continue with the Summer Picnic and it will become a pot luck event. We will use the picnic money to subsidize the Christmas Party. So, plan to get your tickets for the Christmas Party at the October and November meetings. Your cost will be much lower than previous years. We are closing in on a final figure soon.

I have been involved with many professional organizations and clubs throughout the years and I am always amazed at how much difficulty they have filling volunteer positions. That is not the case with our club. If I were to create a list of members who have stepped forward to help this year, it would include 70% - 75% of our membership. If you are new to our club, volunteer. It is a great way to meet other members and become an active part of a healthy organization.

Smiles,

Eileen



Library Highlights

Bonsai and Suiseki: So many find both art forms appealing. An excellent article by Willi Benz with the very Germanic-sounding title, "Some Observations about Shangshi or Suiseki as an Art Form According to Eastern and Western Understanding," offers a clear and in-depth discussion of the concepts and values behind the art of arranging viewing stones. These same concepts and values underlie design principles of bonsai. The article offers a very clear contrast between Eastern and Western approaches to art and nature.

A companion article by Jack Dennis in the same issue ("Discovering the Oriental Art of Decorative Viewing Stones: An Introductory Perspective," Bonsai and Stone Appreciation, 2009, Vol. 48/4) explains the differences between Japanese and Chinese stone appreciation, and describes how the art form was introduced into America. In the course of the discussion Mr. Dennis expands upon the concepts outlined in the article by Mr. Benz.

Taken together, these two pieces offer an outstanding summary of the art of stone collecting, arranging and viewing. Both contain beautiful photographs, and Mr. Benz's articles includes photos showing how small changes in presentation influence the viewer's understanding of the meaning of the stone.

The articles are followed in the magazine by a full-color gallery of viewing stones from the collection of Peter and Mary Bloomer. BSOP members who are serious stone collectors should find this issue rewarding.

Karen VunKannon

Recycle

Please bring your used copper wire to the monthly meetings. Roger Case will have a five gallon plastic bucket available to collect used copper wire to turn in for cash for the club. Take advantage of the fact that he has volunteered to do this for the club to generate a little income for BSOP.

Oregon Shohin Kai

The October meeting of the Oregon Shohin Kai was a workshop with Greg Brenden . Using a few of his Shohin as examples, he worked his way through the good sized group, assisting with care suggestions. In his talk he covered fertilization, trimming, as well as design.

This meeting was held at a very nice new venue in Tigard. The building was an old barn made into a large garden room with two walls of large windows and a roof of clear plastic. The lighting was very adequate even on a cloudy day. This garden room is on the campus of Elite Care at Fanno Creek in Tigard, which has been reserved for next month.

November 5th 2011 will be our next meeting. The program will be learning some of the highlights of good winter preparation and working on clean-up of our trees. Watch your email for details. If you want more information and don't do email, call Jan Hettick at 503-504-7760.

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