

the **TREE LINE**

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

December 2010

Schedule of Upcoming Events

- December 18 - BSOP Holiday Party, Oaks Park
December No regularly scheduled meetings
January 8 - 10am to 2pm **OSK Meeting**
J. C. Kitchen Cabinets, Wilsonville
January 11 7 pm **BSOP Board Meeting**
Don Howse condo - 503 668 5834
January 25 - 7 to 9pm **Monthly BSOP Meeting**
St. Philip Neri, St. Paul Rm 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland

Mentorship Meetings

There will be no Mentorship meetings during
December and January. **Scott Tice**

Oregon Shohin Kai

The next meeting of the Oregon Shohin Kai will be on a **second** Saturday, January 8, 2011. Bring deciduous trees this month to work on branch structure while we plan some programs.

We meet from 10 AM to 2 PM (bring lunch), in the workshop of J.C. Kitchen Cabinets, located west of I-5 on the east side of the Commerce Center South complex at the intersection of SW Boones Ferry Road, SW 95th Avenue and SW Elligsen Road.

Take the North Wilsonville exit from I-5 and head west, take the first right, then right again into the parking lot, around the complex to the sign. Call Jan Hettick at 503-504-7760 if you get lost or have questions. **Jan**

The Bonsai Society of Portland Annual Holiday Party

The Holiday party and auction is on December 18th at Oaks Park in the Dance Pavilion. Same location as last year.

- 4pm: Setup begins **Help needed**
5pm: Deliver trees, other items for auction, four tree limit.
6pm: Silent auction open for bids. No host bar opens.
6:30pm: Dinner buffet catered by Lee Cheatle
7:15pm Oral auction begins
9:30pm: Tear down begins

Please register for the party by contacting Rory Zabel if you have not already done so. Email works best at rzabel@standard.com. The cost is \$20 per person for dinner, the oral and silent auctions and an evening out with bonsai friends.

Donations are welcome for a raffle. For those planning to bring trees for sale, please limit your initial selections to four items (additional items may be allowed on a space-available basis). 10% of the sale proceeds will be retained by BSOP to help cover costs. Payment for purchases can be made by cash, check or VISA.

Out On A Limb

“**Tis the Season**”. This is a familiar phrase we often hear this time of year. It was taken from the likewise familiar Christmas Carol, “Deck the Halls”. In actuality this phrase is appropriate any time of year, and does not just refer to a religious holiday time.

We who work with living plants are well aware of the seasons, and no matter the time of year, we are confronted with numerous tasks that are related to the seasons. I think we who dally in Bonsai could put together a calendar of seasonally related tasks, using the phrase “**Tis the Season**” as our mantra.

....’Tis the season torepot,
....’Tis the season tostyle and design,
....’Tis the season towater and fertilize,
....’Tis the season to.....prune, pluck, and decandle,
....’Tis the season toput on the wire,
....’Tis the season toshow and admire.

...and here at the end of the calendar year....’Tis the season to ...socialize.

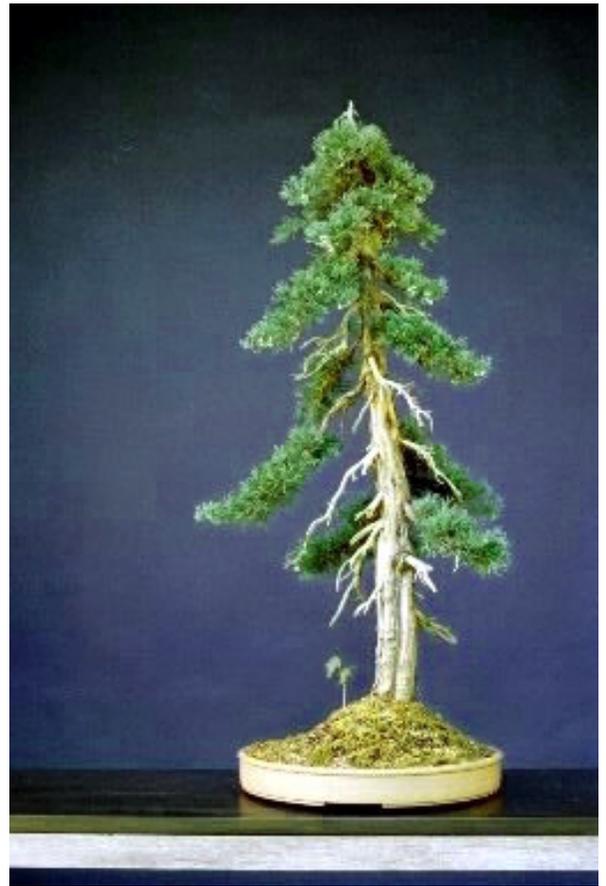
We at BSOP like to socialize. We offer the opportunity at each and every membership meeting. We also have two special events each year for this important task, the picnic held each August, and the Holiday Party held each December.. Next week on December 18, we will gather to have our annual Holiday Party.

So, I look forward to seeing all of you and your guests at Oaks Park for this fun event. It is necessary that we fulfill the tasks related to the seasons, and ‘**Tis the Season.... to Socialize**’. **Let’s Party!**

Don

*Inadvertently
day after day passes by.
This is how you came to existence,
yesterday*

Buson



Blue Rug Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*)
by Nick Lenz from Art of Bonsai Project
website



Root-Over-Rock Apple in Winter
by Nick Lenz from Art of Bonsai
Project website

PNBCA 2012 Planning Meeting

We have made good progress toward early stages of the PNBCA 2012 convention planning. Negotiations are under way for the Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, the same place we were in 2007 but with all activities on the main floor. Committees are working hard to finalize a program, select the headliner artists, and find top-quality workshop and demo materials.

It's time now to get the rest of the convention rolling. There will be a meeting of all committee chairs on:

Monday, December 20, 2010, 6:30 PM

Tualatin Valley Fire Station No. 50

12617 SW Walnut Street in Tigard

Parking is limited, so try to car pool where possible.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring you up to date on details that have been planned so far, and make sure everyone understands the specifics of their role in the future. For those of you who have already committed to a chairmanship, please watch your email for a communiqué from me. I'll want to know things like: how you see your responsibilities, how many people you think you'll need to get your job done, how much budget you need, and the timing of various aspects of your activities.

We still need to fill a few chair positions. These people will be responsible for getting the job done (either by yourself or by delegation). If you have not signed up but think you can help, please come to the meeting on December 20th. These positions include:

- Audio Visual – making sure systems are in place and operating properly for demos, banquets, raffles.
- Coordinators for Critiques, Demos, Workshops – planning, organizing, monitoring these events. Separate individual for each.
- Friday Evening – this is a major event, in need of planning and staging. Entertainment, food, tickets, decorations, etc.
- Auction Coordinator – someone to manage fund raising efforts beyond the raffle, such as auction of high-value items, demo trees, etc.
- Security – keeping materials safe and secure, making sure rooms are unlocked and re-locked on schedule.
- Non-Bonsai Events – identification of some non-bonsai events for the convention and something for the spouses/partners to do while their other half does bonsai.

Every committee will need helpers. If you can serve on these or other committees, please contact Deb Wilcox, our Volunteer Coordinator, at djbwilcox@frontier.com.

If you are willing to chair one of these committees, please come to the meeting on December 20th. WE NEED YOU! If you have questions, call/email me, Jan Hettick, 503-452-1129, janhettick@comcast.net.

Winter Trees

*All the complicated details
of the attiring and
the disattiring are completed!
A liquid moon
moves gently among
the long branches.
Thus having prepared their buds
against a sure winter
the wise trees
stand sleeping in the cold.*

by William Carlos Williams

Japanese maple by Walter Pall
from Art of Bonsai Project
website



LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Imagine seeing Medieval England from the air ---a patchwork of green fields bordered by hedgerows of yew, elm and hawthorn. The ancient yews that once provided wood for archers' longbows now humbly provide beanpoles for English gardens.

It was a quest for such beanpoles that led Colin Lewis to discover an old elm that had been killed by the terrible elm blight of the 1970s. The parent root had survived and thrown up a sucker that had lain hidden and protected by the yew hedgerow for over a decade. Its few branches had been culled many times for beanpoles by other gardeners until the little tree became a warty old stump.

In the years since he collected the stump, bonsai master Lewis transformed the warty little elm into a mighty monarch, much as Merlin once turned The Wart into King Arthur. Lewis shares his sorcerer's tips and tricks as well as his talents for writing and photography in "A Gardener's Legacy," Bonsai Focus, July-August 2010.

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The *Bonsai Society of Portland* has been an active group in the Portland area since 1966. It is organized to promote the art of bonsai through education, exhibits and social activities. The Society welcomes everyone interested in this unique and beautiful art form to share in the bonsai experience and develop both basic and advanced skills.



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The Bonsai Society of Portland meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except in summer, when other group outings are arranged.

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