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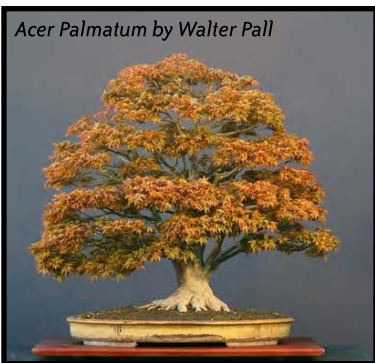
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Acer Palmatum by Walter Pall



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BSOP Summer BBQ

by Scott Tice

It's time once again for the BSOP Summer BBQ. This year we've scouted high and low for a central location that is better than Laurelhurst Park... and hopefully we've found it. On **Saturday August 16th** from **12 - 3 pm** we will have the BBQ at **Creston Park** just off **42nd & SE Powell**. The site is in Area A which is located on SE Rhone Street. There is plenty of parking and it is just steps away from our shaded picnic area that includes a bunch of park benches and a kitchen with running water and cooking facilities!!!

Once again the format is a Pot Luck. The club will provide, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, buns for both, assorted drinks and condiments as well as plates and silverware.

If your last name starts with... then please bring...

A thru L - Deserts

M thru Z - Salads or Side Dishes

We will have an Ugly Tree Contest, a Free/Give-away Table (Bring Bonsai related items in need of a new home), a For Sale Table (All items need to be priced and have the sellers name attached).

There are plenty of picnic tables (20) at this location so you do not need to bring chairs (unless you want to).

Unfortunately I am going to miss the event because of a family reunion in Montana so there are some tasks that still need a few live bodies to volunteer for. None of them are difficult and we would really appreciate it if a few more people could step forward and volunteer.

If you have questions, answers or comments, please contact Scott Tice.

We hope to see all of you there!



Calendar of Events

- AUGUST 4 - Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- AUGUST 16 - Saturday - 12 pm to 3 pm
Creston Park - Area A - 42nd & SE Powell - Portland
BSOP Summer Picnic - Email Scott Tice to offer Help
- SEPTEMBER 13 - Saturday 10 am to 2 pm
Community of Christ Church - 4837 NE Couch St.
Monthly **Oregon Shohin Kai** - Topic TBA
- SEPTEMBER 18 to 21 - Spokane, Washington
PNBCA Annual Convention
www.inlandbonsai.com/convention for information
- SEPTEMBER 23 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **BSOP meeting** - Topic TBA
- OCTOBER 2 -5 th - Grantsville, PA
4th Annual International Stone Appreciation Symposium
- OCTOBER 6th- Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- OCTOBER 11 & 12th - Rochester, New York
Bonsai: 2008 National Exhibition
- DECEMBER 13 - Oaks Park - Portland, Oregon
BSOP Annual Holiday Party

Check out the official BSOP website:
www.portlandbonsai.com
for the latest in events & information.



Membership Report

by Pat Foldi - VP of Membership

Count of Membership
as of July 11th.

171

Wanted: TreeLine editor

After a solid four years as the newsletter editor the time to pass the torch has now come. The board is looking for somebody to fill the position in the next few months and entirely take over the duties as of the January issue.

This job is not difficult if you have a bit of knowledge of the computer and some general page layout skills. Proofreading skills are a bonus. The TreeLine editor is required to work closely with the board and take in information from various sources and compile them into a legible format for the clubs members.

A complete redesign is not necessary, but if you have the skills you can have a lot of fun. You must have good email skills. Most of the information comes in the form of email. You must be capable of cutting and pasting information between programs.

The position is not platform specific so you can use a Mac or PC. Right now I am using a program called Freehand that is not even supported anymore (Adobe bought and phased it out). If you know how to use Illustrator, InDesign, Quark Xpress, Pagemaker or Publisher you can give it a go. Heck, if you're good you could probably do it in Word.

As editor you must make a PDF compatible file for the 2nd Vice President to email to the members and also take the files to Kinko's (or your choice of copy center) and produce hard copies to mail for those that do not have access to a computer... as well as a few copies for the following months meeting. You should also attend the Board meetings at least every other month.

This position will take a bit more time in the beginning but when you have your layout finalized it can be a breeze. It takes me about 4-6 hours a month (not including the board meeting).

I am more than willing to share the masthead (or any other elements) as a file for you to drop in and I will work with you to ease the transition. If this task sounds like something you might be interested in please feel free to email me at scottice@teleport.com or call (503) 781-0310.



Adventitious Buds

Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new member...

David Cox



President's Message

by Jan Hettick, President

As I write this we are experiencing the rare perfect weather (knock on wood!). Not too hot, not too cold, although they say it's going to warm up later in the week. I try not to think too hard on the fact that the days are getting shorter. You'll be happy to know that I'm making progress with my fertilizer program, but now I'm behind in the summer pruning. Both bonsai and yard!

I hope you enjoyed Cindy Read and the suiseki program last month. Eight members attended the diaza workshop Wednesday evening, and we had a great time. We're almost ready to have a suiseki – rather viewing stone – exhibit!

People have asked why we don't have meetings in the summer – the answer is that attendance is typically very low due to members being on vacations or attending other activities. And there's not really too much to do on our trees... keep them watered, fertilized and pruned. Now's the time to give the family some attention so they forgive us time spent on our bonsai last winter/spring and before it's time to start fall bonsai work.

Although it's our summer break, there are still several activities going on – I'll leave it to Steve and the Calendar of Events to provide details of future events. I hope you didn't miss the Multi-Club picnic July 12th, where we met with the Salem, Eugene and Corvallis groups at Wee Tree Farm, a great place to find bonsai material. Thank you, Wee Tree, for hosting the event. For your further summer entertainment, there are other club members with bonsai businesses that you can visit for bonsai material, wire, tools and pots – a few have ads in the newsletter, but check out the "business" listing in the Club Roster for more.

One event I'd encourage you to consider is the PNBCA 2008 convention in Spokane. It will be held September 18-21, 2008, at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park. Guest artists are Walter Pall, Kathy Shaner, Dennis Makishima, Jerry Meislik and David Rowe. For more information see , or call me for a copy of the registration form and brochure.

Finally, check out information appearing elsewhere on the Board of Directors positions that need to be filled for the 2009-2010 term. In this above all else, we need member input and participation. According to the newly revised Bylaws, the slate of officers must be announced by October 28, 2008. Elections will be held November 25, 2008, and the new Board will take the reins on January 27, 2009. Talk to Steve Wilcox or any member of the Nominating Committee or current Board if you're interested.

(Idea of the Month will be back in the future... that is, if I ever get another idea. You're welcome to join in here!)



A Word from the V.P.

by Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

My article will be brief this month.

Just got back from the All Club Picnic at Wee Tree Farm. It was great seeing and talking with people from several different clubs here in Oregon. I hope you will all attend our Society picnic on August 16th. I know that Scott Tice and his committee are working hard to arrange a fun picnic. The location has great parking, plenty of shade and lots of picnic tables. It will be a great time.

We are currently looking for people who would like to be officers on the next Board. The term starts January 1st 2009 for two years. I know many of you think two years is quite a commitment but, in reality the time has just flown by. If any of you are interested in serving please contact me. Remember that a Society is only as successful as the number of members willing to serve and assist. I have heard it said that a Society is a group of people working together to achieve common goals; whereas a club is a group of people who gather for social reasons. What kind of group are we?

I am currently working on the September meeting. When I get plans formalized I will let everyone know. If anyone would like to offer suggestions for upcoming meeting please let me know. See you all at the picnic. 🌿



2009/2010 Board of Directors

Please give serious consideration to club operations over the next two years. If you can spare some time to join the Board of Directors, or think you know someone who would do a good job, please let the Nominating Committee know.

Secretary - This needs to be someone who can take accurate notes and is familiar with a computer word processing program. This is probably the least time consuming job on the Board, but critical for record keeping purposes.

Treasurer - This should be someone who can track financial details using QuickBooks. It's an easy program to learn, and a couple of past Treasurers are standing by to answer questions. This person needs to be available at regular meetings and special events to pay fees and collect funds.

Second VP - In charge of membership. Again we currently rely on the computer, using a database designed in Microsoft Access 2002. Major duties include processing renewals in the fall and getting the Roster printed, as well as welcoming new members and getting them into the system.

First VP - This is the hardest job, planning the monthly programs and overseeing other activities such as the Mentorship program and workshops. This person could easily be assisted by a committee.

President - This is the second easiest job - all you have to do is ride herd on the rest of the Board. Seriously, though, the President is the official face of the organization, a position of honor and responsibility - this is where the buck stops. The President is responsible for the details of running the non-profit organization, but you have four other Board members to help out.

These are all important jobs, critical to the operation of the club, but it's fun and rewarding and a great chance to instigate new ideas. Think about it!



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Library News

Many thanks to Sharony Berger for the donation of numerous old BCI magazines to the BSOP library!

Do you have library books?

Please check your stack of bonsai books to see if you might have some of the society's long lost books or magazines. Our library is based on the honor system and we rely on members to return what they have checked out in a timely manner. For the most part this means a month or two. If you plan on borrowing a book for an extended period of time please let Barbara Devitt know (503) 261-0568.

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Bonsai Wiki

[wwwhttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonsai](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonsai)

Wikipedia's entry for Bonsai.



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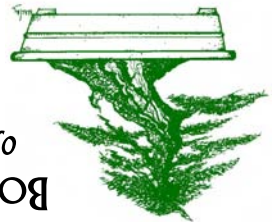
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The Bonsai Society of Portland meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except during the summer, when other group outings are arranged.

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Visitors are always welcome!

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