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## June 24th Meeting

by Jan Hettick

The June meeting will be an introduction to suiseki. Actually, it will be an introduction to the art of VIEWING STONES. Viewing stones are any stones worthy of being viewed – looked at, gazed upon, meditated upon, simply for their beauty or their meaning to the individual collector. They can include colored stones, geometric shapes, patterns, cut stones, polished stones... anything you think is pretty enough to pick up.

Although all suiseki are viewing stones... all viewing stones are not suiseki. Suiseki is defined in *The Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation* by Covello and Yoshimura as “small, naturally formed stones admired for their beauty and for their power to suggest a scene from nature or an object closely associated with nature.” Suiseki are typically hard and dark with a natural patina, and can suggest a distant mountain, a waterfall, an island, a thatched hut, or an animal. Suiseki are typically not altered in any way, i.e. not cut or polished.

There are many, many classifications of suiseki, and many rules. The June program will not get into these details, but will focus on viewing stones in general. Introducing us to the art will be Cindy Read, from El Cajon, California. We met her at Golden State 2007, when she led a collecting trip to the Yuha Desert east of El Cajon on the Mexican border. Cindy has been collecting suiseki for 18 years, and selling them across the US for 15 years. She is a member of several bonsai clubs, many with a suiseki side to them. She has exhibited her stones at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park three times, winning the Best of Hon Non Bo (Vietnamese art of miniature mountain landscapes) in 2007 and 2008. She has done shows at the Museum of Art in Balboa Park and at the Ann Arbor,



Michigan, Bonsai Club. Cindy will be bringing a collection of stones, diaza (stands) and suiban (trays) to show, and also some to sell.

All members are invited to bring their stones – viewing stones and/or suiseki. If you have diaza and stands, come prepared to put together your own exhibit. If not, just bring your pretty stones (be sure your name is on them). Let's have a really rockin' meeting! 🌿



# Calendar of Events

- JUNE 24 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm  
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR  
Monthly BSOP meeting -  
Guest Artist Cindy Read on Suiseki
- JUNE 25 - Wednesday 6:00 to ?  
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR  
DIAZA WORKSHOP - Call Jan Hettick for info
- JULY & AUGUST - NO MEETINGS:  
BSOP---OSK---MENTORSHIP
- JULY 12 - Saturday - 11 am to ???  
Wee Tree Farm - Philomath, OR  
2008 Multi-Club Picnic - Great Fun!!!  
Email [diane@weetree.com](mailto:diane@weetree.com) for directions
- AUGUST 4 - Monday 6:30 pm  
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon  
BSOP Board Meeting  
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- AUGUST 16 - Saturday - 12 am to 3 pm  
Creston Park - Area A - 42nd & SE Powell - Portland  
BSOP Summer Picnic - Email Scott Tice to offer Help
- SEPTEMBER 18 to 21 - Spokane, Washington  
PNBCA Annual Convention  
[www.inlandbonsai.com/convention](http://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 11 & 12th - Rochester, New York  
Bonsai National Exhibit
- DECEMBER 13 - Oaks Park - Portland, Oregon  
BSOP Annual Holiday Party

Check out the official BSOP website:  
[www.portlandbonsai.com](http://www.portlandbonsai.com)  
for the latest in events & information.

## Membership Report

by Pat Foldi - VP of Membership

Count of Membership  
as of June 11th.

170

## 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 [scotttice@teleport.com](mailto:scotttice@teleport.com) or call (503) 781-0310.



## Adventitious Buds

Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new members

Bradley Swift, Ben Griswald and Janet Hummel



## President's Message

by Jan Hettick, President

Don't you love this time of year – after 9:30 PM and the sky is still light!! Counting down to the longest day of the year. Hopefully we'll get a little more Spring before Summer starts on the 20th. Some good activities coming this summer – I'll let Steve tell you about all of that.

Regarding the stone collecting trip promised for Sunday, June 22, we never did find a place that we know has good material that is less than four hours away. The really good places (Eel River, Wallowa Lake, Sequim) are even farther! That said, we have found a place just the other side of The Dalles that may have potential. The problem is that the rocks are at the base of a very high, steep cliff (as in drop-rocks-on-top-of-your-head steep), and the rocks at the base are quite loose and unstable (as in roll-out-from-under-you loose). I am reluctant to hold an official BSOP function to visit this place, because it seems dangerous. Plus, in my five minute stop to check it out I found no hard, dark stones, so I'm not sure the material is worth the effort. However, a couple of us are going to take Cindy Read, our June guest artist, up the Columbia Gorge to see the waterfalls. We will go on to Rufus to see the Dolph Rock Museum, an eclectic collection of rocks, thundereggs, fossils, petrified wood, Biggs Picture Jasper. They also have a collection of stone tools used by Native Americans and a collection of antique guns. If you are really interested in tagging along, give me a call. But I repeat, this is NOT an official BSOP function. If Cindy finds lots of great stuff and no rocks come tumbling down on our heads, maybe we'll do an official trip there in the future.

I want to thank Anne Spencer and Dennis Vojtilla for being the Pacific Rim Work Party this year. They are the only two who were actually able to make it – the rest of us had other commitments. (My granddaughter's graduation from high school trumps Pacific Rim any day!) We tried to reschedule, but Dave DeGroot doesn't have any other free weekends for this whole summer. We'll try again next year.

Remember to bring your non-bonsai books for the book exchange. We had several come in and go out last month. This is a no check-out, no return exchange of recreational reading. A great way to introduce yourself to new writers without spending a bunch of money. The only rule to this is that if a book you brought doesn't get picked up, please take it back home with you at the end of the evening. We don't have the manpower or space to store them. Someone asked if these had to be non-bonsai books... well, probably not. It's just that we have so many bonsai books in our library it doesn't seem necessary. Bonsai books you want to get rid of can go on the raffle table – our new members will enjoy them.

Speaking of the library – keep your eyes out for new books and magazines. June is a great month to check books out. You get to keep them clear through September. Just don't forget to bring them back when fall gets here!

Finally, be sure to bring your viewing stones and suiseki to the June meeting. Let's have a real viewing stone exhibit.



## A Word from the V.P.

by Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

Here we are the second week of June and I think we may finally be over winter. Hasn't it been a touch damp and cool? As usual the pruning and weeding that needs to be done has gotten way ahead of the Deb and me. Maybe I need to liquidate a few trees.

I have a few spots we as a club need volunteers for. Listed below are the positions.

- Newsletter Editor

Scott Tice has done a great job but would like to try other things in the club.

- Nomination Committee

We need two more volunteers to assist on the Committee.

- Potential Board Members

We need to fill all board spots for the next term. Please contact me if you would be interested in serving your club.

- Holiday Party Committee

It is time to start planning the food, fun and auction for the party this coming December. Let me know if you want to participate in the party planning for your club.

The June meeting will be on Tuesday the 24 and the subject will be Suiseki (Viewing Stone). It should be a great meeting with our guest artist Cindy Read. In conjunction with this meeting we will be having a work shop at St Philip Neri on Wednesday evening from 6 to 9. Cindy will be teaching and assisting us in building diaza for our stones out of Bondo. Should be great fun and very interesting. We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

There will be no July meeting and in August we will have our annual summer picnic at a new location (Creston Park) in Portland. I have visited the park and it is a great location with plenty of shade and ample parking.

I better close now as I need to finish mowing the yard in case the dreaded rain returns. 🌍

## Computer Corner

California Aiseki Kai

[www.aisekikai.com](http://www.aisekikai.com)

Learn more about collecting and enjoying viewing stones.

# Diaza Workshop

Guest Artist Cindy Read will instruct us in the art of creating diaza (stands for our viewing stones) out of bondo (or maybe out of Sculpy Clay or some kind of polymer). It's my understanding that these diaza can be carved and easier to make than out of wood – very definitely they are faster to make than wood. They have the added advantage of being weather-proof. You can leave your stones outside so they can continue to age, but still give them the respect of a beautiful stand. I saw many of these stands at the California Aiseki-kai\* show at the Huntington Gardens in Pasadena a few years ago. They look great!

The workshop will be held Wednesday evening, June 25th at St. Philip Neri, starting at 6:00 PM. Cost will be between \$25 and \$30 (depending on how many sign up) – you bring the stone(s). If you want to get your name on the list, call Jan Hettick, (503) 452-1129 or email her at [janhettick@comcast.net](mailto:janhettick@comcast.net).

\* Interesting website: <http://www.aisekikai.com/> 



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## Multi-Club Potluck Picnic

The 2008 Multi-Club Picnic is on July 12th. It will start at 11:00 am to whenever! The pot luck lunch will be at noon and a contest, to be announced, will be held after lunch. Please bring your own plate and eating utensils. We will have paper plates and plastic silverware just in case. We usually have plenty of chairs but you may have a favorite you would like to bring. The Corvallis Bonsai Society will provide coffee and cold refreshments.

The picnic will be held at Wee Tree Farm, 23642 Pearson Place, Philomath, OR. It's easy to find. Take Highway 20 west out of Philomath. Approx. 4 miles west of Philomath turn right on #223 Kings Valley Highway, then left on Priest Road, and left on Pearson Place.

Hope to see you!

### Are you getting your BSOP email alerts?

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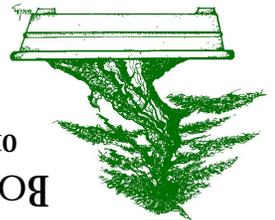
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The Bonsai Society of Portland meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except during the summer, when other group outings are arranged.

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