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April 22nd Meeting

Our April meeting will be held at Saint Phillip Neri Parish on Tuesday the 22nd. Lee Cheadle will be presenting Saikei! Come early and socialize. 🌿

Annual Spring Show

by Scott Elser

The time is here for our annual Spring Exhibit at the Japanese Gardens. This year's exhibit will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th, 10am-6pm each day. It will be easily remembered as Mother's Day weekend this year. This annual event is our chance to share our hard work and artistic skill with each other and the city of Portland.

We already have quite a few first time trees and exhibitors signed up for this years show. If you would like to exhibit a bonsai, need help in evaluating trees for the exhibit, or have any questions regarding tree preparation, don't hesitate to contact a member of the selection committee - Lee Cheadle (503-579-5317), Joanne Raiton (503-244-5201), or Scott Elser (503-533-2252). We would like to include every member and represent the highest quality that each individual can achieve. Bonsai and accent plants submitted to the show must meet a few requirements: All trees should be neatly groomed, clean, and weed free. Trees should also be free of disease and pests and of course, appear very healthy. All trees must be in ceramic bonsai pots. No wire is permitted on the trunk and any wire should be discreet.

Michael Hagedorn will be on hand for our annual **Saturday night Reception & Critique** to enlighten our bonsai minds and give feedback on the exhibit. If you have had the pleasure of attending one of his critiques, you know that it's not to be missed! For those who won't have a chance to make it home we will have plenty of tasty treats and libations provided by Lee Cheadle. Lee says that he'll have more food on hand than we can possibly eat! Plan to be there by 6:30pm as this is when admission to the garden closes. The Garden itself closes at 7:00pm. Our reception will begin at 6:30 and the critique will start at 7:00. After the critiques finishes at 8:00, a shuttle will run everyone back down the hill. You may purchase tickets for the event at the April meeting for \$10, or call Scott, Lee, or Joanne before May 1st to get a \$10 ticket. After that, the price will be \$12 at the door. This is a really great time to take in the exhibit, catch up with our bonsai friends, and learn a little more about bonsai and their display.

We will again have our Marketplace this year, so I hope that you are able to take advantage of what the club has to offer. Vendors are welcome to use the club's credit card machine. There will be vendors with great trees, tools, pots, and supplies. Great deals are to be had on a broad range of trees that have been previously trained, as well as raw material. If you would like to be a part of the marketplace contact Alan Taft (503-245-1927). This year year we will be charging a fee of 10% of total sales to all vendors, so please keep this in mind.

We will be counting on you club members as volunteers for this great event. We will need folks for tree sitting as usual, and to help with the Saturday night reception. We would also like some members to perform some informal demonstrations on the back deck by simply working on your trees and answering questions. We will also need some more experienced members to help with two docent tours of the exhibit each day, at 11:00 and 2:00. And finally, we will need a small army to help with take down at 6:00pm on Sunday, and set up on Friday, from 12-5pm. If you would like to volunteer for one of these activities, please contact Pat Foldi (503-635-7137).

I can't wait! 🌿



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Calendar of Events

- APRIL 19 - Saturday 10 to 4 pm
3723 SE 66th Ave. - Portland
Bonkei materials sale
Email jtrabue@mac.com for more information.
- APRIL 22 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland
Monthly **BSOP meeting** - Saikei by Lee Cheatle
- APRIL 26 - Saturday 12 to 4 pm
Pacific Rim Collection - Federal Way, WA
Puget Sound Bonsai Association **Annual Auction**
For more info contact Don Guillian at guillie@comcast.net
- APRIL 26 - Saturday
Workshop on Saikei with Lee Cheatle
- MAY 2-3 - Sequim, Washington
Dungeness Bonsai Society - 32nd Annual Show
- May 3 - Saturday 9 am to ?
Oregon Shohin Kai - Monthly meeting
Field trip to Telperion Farms - RSVP to Arlene Sigourney
- MAY 5 - Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- MAY 10 & 11 - Saturday & Sunday - All day
Spring **Japanese Garden Show**
- MAY 27 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland
Monthly **BSOP meeting** - Whack & Chat
- JUNE 2 - Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- JUNE 21 - Saturday 2 to 5 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR
Mentorship meeting - Tools and Summer Care
- JUNE 24 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland
Monthly **BSOP meeting** - Guest artist: Cindy Read
- AUGUST 16 - Saturday - 12 am - 3 pm
Creston Park - Area A - 42nd & SE Powell - Portland, OR
BSOP Summer Picnic
- SEPTEMBER 18 to 21 - Spokane, Washington
PNBCA Annual Convention
- OCTOBER 11 & 12th - Rochester, New York
Bonsai 2008 National Exhibit

Mentorship Details

Upcoming Mentorship Events:

June 21st – Saturday - 2 to 5pm
Hecker Hall at St. Philip Neri
Tools

Use, care, sharpening and Summer Tree Care.

If anyone has any questions about our meeting please contact Steve Wilcox at (503) 720-9028

The next monthly meetings will be:

- May 10 & 11th - Volunteer for the Spring Show
- June 21st - Tools- Use, Care, Sharpening and Summer TreeCare.
- July and August - No meeting



Take a Minute

Board Meeting highlights by Deb Wilcox, Secretary

- Take-down help is needed by the BSOP membership after monthly meetings, especially Library.
- Projector purchase still being researched.
- Discussion and consideration of club workshops with visiting artists.
- Summer picnic plans underway.

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

Oregon Shohin Kai

by Norm Sandberg

The OSK meeting at Portland Community Christian Church gave a good turnout of attendees. Everyone had more than one tree to i'wack and chat about. This being the repotting season most time was spent moving the trees from plastic pots to Shohin size Bonsai pots. Anne spent time visiting each attendee offering any advice that was requested making our attendance most productive. Thanks Anne. Some very nice looking trees are coming along in the group. Next month we will travel to Telperion Farms for a visit and workshop. 🌱



President's Message

by Jan Hettick, President

What strange weather we've been having this Spring. They say that stuff that fell the first week of April wasn't snow and wasn't hail, it was graupel. That is "snowflakes that become rounded pellets due to riming". Hmmm. We're never too old to learn something new. Remembering the name next time it happens is another matter all together!

My garden is telling me it's time to be done with my bonsai repotting, although I still have some conifers to do. It seems to be a bumper year for garden weeds. Probably because I've neglected to add new bark mulch for the past couple of years. Did get the apple tree pruned, finally. It's sporting seven goldfinches and a house finch right now. There was a little Downey woodpecker at the suet a while ago, and a robin is enjoying a bath. (I almost spend more time looking out my office window than I do working!)

Well, time for a little business. As you know, BSOP is the proud owner of a really great lending library. After purging the outdated books, we still have 113 books, 257 magazines, 17 video items, and several pamphlets. The materials are available to all members for check out, due back the following month. If you can't make it to that following meeting, please try to make other arrangements to get things back. Give them to a friend who can attend, so other members can enjoy the materials.

But we have a couple of problems I'm hoping you can help with. The easy one is help setting out and putting away the library. Those boxes of books are heavy, and need to be moved from the closet, off the stage, onto the tables, and back. It's too much for one person. If you could spare a few minutes at the start and end of each meeting, we'd all benefit.

A second problem is a little more difficult. The Committee has a list of 53 items that we USED to have, but don't any more. The list came from the old check-out books; items that were never marked as returned and never showed up again. If you have ever checked materials out from the library, please take a minute to look through your magazines and books to see if something from the library accidentally got put in the wrong place. Everything has "Property of BSOP" stickers, so it should be easy to identify them

On a more pleasant topic, Steve's got a busy schedule planned for the coming weeks, and I hope you're grooming some new trees for the show next month. Also, watch future newsletters for details of the next Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection Work Party, probably to be held in July some time. 🌱

Idea of the Month: Short and sweet..... VOLUNTEER! Your club needs you! Those of us who spend many hours each month on club matters really appreciate even an hour or two of help. Every little bit helps. Especially set-up and take-down at the meetings. New members are encouraged to get involved – volunteering is a great way to get acquainted with other members and learn more about the art of bonsai.



A Word from the V.P.

by Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

Can you believe that it is April 10th and we had a freeze in Aloha last night? A couple of my trees have shown their displeasure by curling up the ends of their leaves. Normally by now I have all my shelters down and trees out in the open. Well, maybe we will have some warm weather by July.

The **April** meeting will be a demonstration by Lee Cheatle building a Saikei. For those that do not no following is a description of the art. Saikei (Landscapes) - Considered by some a separate art form and by some as an expansion of Bonsai. This is understandable since Saikei uses much of the same techniques. Bonsai however attempts to stir the imagination of the viewer by virtue of the image provided while Saikei provides a naturalistic scene. Lee has done several for a mutual friend this year and he is doing a tremendous job. In conjunction with the demonstration we will be having a Saikei workshop the following Saturday from 9am to 4pm. There are still a couple of spots left for anyone wishing to attend. If you are interested please contact Lee or myself.

Our **May** meeting is going to be a whack and chat along with that I would like everyone who would like to sell trade or exchange trees and bonsai related product to bring what they want to part with. This will be a great time to move out those items you will never work on or use.

June will be our visit from Cathy Read explaining and showing us about the art of Suiseki. They may seem like rocks but are much more.

There will be **no meeting in July**.

In **August** I am pleased to announce that our annual picnic will be held on Saturday the 16th. The location will be Creston Park near SE 44th and SE Powell. We are still looking for a couple of more people to assist Scott with the picnic. If you are interested please contact Scott Tice or myself.

The mentorship meeting was held early this month. We had a great turn out of members making their own organic fertilizer. For those of you who were here I still have a faint smell of fish emulsion on my garage

There will be no mentorship meeting in May as I am hoping that everyone will find a way to help out at the annual BSOP Show at the Japanese Garden.

The June Mentorship meeting will be about bonsai toll their uses and care. We will also be working on our own trees. Remember that the mentorship program is for both new and older members. Whether you are learning or sharing these meetings are a great for all who attend. 🌱

Library News

Your Library Committee has identified a number of books that we would like to acquire. Although we do have the funds that the Sekura Bonsai Club so generously donated when they disbanded, it would be nice not to have to spend it all right away. If any club members have one of these books they would like to donate, or find them on sale in some book store, please let the Library Committee know as soon as possible. These are the books that have been recommended so far. If there are others you feel we should consider, please let us know.

- Focus, the Exotic Bonsai by Jerry Meislik
- Bonsai Today Masters Series - Pines
- Bonsai Today Masters Series - Junipers
- Bonsai Techniques I by John Naka
- Bonsai Techniques II by John Naka
- Penjing: World of Wonderment by Qingquan Zhao
- Basic Bonsai Design by David DeGroot
- Forest, Rock Planting and Ezo Spruce Bonsai by Saaburo Kato
- Bonsai for Beginners by Craig Coussins
- Bonsai School by Craig Coussins
- The Art of Bonsai Design by Colin Lewis
- Bonsai - a Care Manual by Colin Lewis
- The Bonsai Art of Kimura by Stone Lantern Publishing
- The Bonsai Art of Kimura II by Stone Lantern Publishing
- Vision of My Soul by Robert Steven



Anne Spencer talks about Shohin at the March meeting.

Membership Report

by Pat Foldi - VP of Membership

Count of Membership
as of April 9th.

163



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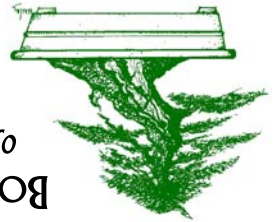
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The Bonsai Society of Portland meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except during the summer, when other group outings are arranged.

St. Phillip Neri Parish

2408 SE 16th. Ave. • Portland, OR
(Northeast Corner of SE Division and 16th. Ave.)

Visitors are always welcome!

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Come early and socialize!

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