



the TREE LINE

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March 25th Meeting

Our March meeting will be held at Saint Phillip Neri Parish on Tuesday the 25th. Anne Spencer will be presenting Shohin! 🌱

Annual Spring Show

It's hard to believe that it's less than two months until our next Spring Show. I know that you are all in the midst of repotting and such, so now is a great time to take a look at your trees and think about the upcoming show. This year's exhibit at the Japanese Gardens will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th. 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. Each year the club is able to put on a grand display and somehow each year we manage to make it even better, and this year should be no exception.

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. All trees must be in ceramic bonsai pots. No wire is permitted on the trunk and any wire should be discreet. There is nothing quite like an aluminum bonsai tree with and little foliage sticking out here and there.

If you would like to Exhibit a tree, need help in evaluating trees for the exhibit, have a special circumstance, or have any questions regarding tree preparation, don't hesitate to contact a member of the selection committee - Lee Cheatle (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.

We would also encourage you to design a whole composition for your tree. Each space is six feet wide, divided by bamboo slats, and includes the tree, and usually either a second small tree or accent plant. Also included would be stands for each element and could also include scrolls, figures, or any other elements that can come together to create a story. All elements should harmonize with color, texture, size and directional flow. If you wish to present a composition like this, please let us know when you arrive so that we can set it up properly for you.

We will need volunteers as usual for tree sitting, informal demos, the Saturday night reception, and set up and take down. If you would like to volunteer for one of these activities, please contact Pat Foldi (503-635-7137). We will have more specific information about volunteering and the marketplace in the next newsletter.

I am very pleased to announce the Michael Hagedorn will be on hand at our Saturday night reception to give a critique and 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! We also plan to have a little bit more food on hand for those that have been slaving away at the garden all day. This is a really great time to take in the exhibit and catch up with our bonsai friends.

So now's the time to prepare. What have you just put in the right pot or now has finally developed into a fine bonsai to exhibit? Let us know and we'll have the finest, most inspiring show yet. 🌱



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Calendar of Events

- MARCH 25 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly BSOP meeting - Shohin by Anne Spencer
- APRIL 5 - Saturday 10 to 2 pm
Community of Christ Church - 4837 NE Couch St.
Oregon Shohin Kai - Potting & Trimming
- APRIL 5 - Saturday 10 to 1 pm
The Wilcox Home - 2860 SW 175th Ave.
Mentorship meeting - Organic Fertilizer Balls
- APRIL 7 - Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- 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 Guilliam 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
- JUNE 21 - Saturday 2 to 5 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR
Mentorship meeting - Tools and Summer Care
- SEPTEMBER 18 to 21 - Spokane, Washington
PNBCA Annual Convention
- OCTOBER 11 & 12th - Rochester, New York
Bonsai National Exhibit

Mentorship Details

Upcoming Mentorship Events:

March 15th – Saturday - 2 to 5pm -

Hecker Hall at St. Philip Neri
Repotting your Bonsai, hands on

Additionally, Please bring your own trees new or existing to repot. Do not forget to bring soil, pots, wire, screen and your tools.

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

The next monthly meetings will be:

- April 5th - Organic Fertilizer Balls
- 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

- 2008 Budget in process
- Digital Projector purchase in review
- 2008 magazines to be purchased for the Library
- Picnic location being decided

Oregon Shohin Kai

by Norm Sandberg

The Weather cooperated with OSK's Spring field trip. Those traveling to Wee Tree Farm, Corvallis, car pooled from Tualatin for an easy drive. During the drive and visit to we experienced sunshine, rain and hail. We were fortunate as the shopping area for trees and pots was under cover. If you have never been to Wee Tree, Diane has a very large species selection all the way from 2 inch pots to field planted trees. We met some of our OSK group from Salem and Lyons so had a good sized group walking through the "forest" and making their selection of the many species to add to their own collection. This selecting was very difficult due to the many species and size of trees for growing into Bonsai. We managed lunch on one of the "sunshine showings" and enjoyed a show and tell as we loaded for our return trip to Tualatin to claim our cars. As those of you familiar with Diane's operation she has trees, pots, and completed Bonsai available at Garland Nursery also, located halfway between Corvallis and Albany on Hwy 20. We stopped there for a quick walk through and a few more additions to our Bonsai collections. Thank you OSK for leading us to this bright spot in the local Bonsai Community.

OSK's next meeting will be April 5 at the Portland Community Church of Christ at 4837 NE Couch St., 10:00 am, bring trees to work on and lunch. 🌱



President's Message

by Jan Hettick, President

It must be Spring — my body hurts. Using all those muscles I haven't used since the rains started last fall. Today we got that huge calla lily moved (well, okay, Bill did it). Not an easy task! It used to be small, but got to the point it was shading my bonsai bench next to the patio. An amazing plant with banana tree-sized leaves; a bit too exuberant for that spot. I hope it's happy in its new home. The Escalonia (an ex-bonsai) got moved into the position of honor. I'm looking forward to pretty little pink well behaved blooms in the Summer.

Speaking of new home, the Porcelain Berry experiment hasn't been very successful. I bought one in 1996 from Bonsai Northwest. Kept it in a pot until summer of 2005, but the trunk stayed pencil thin. So I tried planting it in the ground, in hopes the trunk would thicken. I planted it in my back yard, by a lattice trellis. My notes say that Summer of 2006 it took over the trellis. Nice. Then I cut it back to about 6', and in 2007 it took over again. This time it took over the apple tree and the cedar tree behind it. Wah! So this year it's back in a pot. Three pots, actually. The roots are kind of brittle. The trunk is now about an inch in diameter, but zero taper! My considered opinion is that Porcelain Berry makes a better vine than bonsai. But I'll give these guys another year. Can't ever throw away a plant that is trying to grow!

The repotting goes on — I try to do two or three plants per evening, three or four evenings a week. But those big ones take sooo long! So far I think I'm staying ahead of the game, though. Working through the deciduous trees. Time now to start looking at the evergreens, I guess.

Idea of the Month: Anne Spencer came up with a suggestion — don't know if this is her original idea or if she borrowed it, but I think it's a good one. She suggested that everyone bring their copper wire fragments to the meetings, and dump them in a bucket. When it gets full, we can sell it! So all you folks putting fresh copper wire on your trees — bring us your scraps!

Actually, I heard another idea when the Oregon Shohin Kai was at Wee Tree Farm the other day. Someone (I'll keep this name confidential) suggested we start a new club — the Dead Plant Society! We could get tee shirts and have shows and everything. Can't you see an exhibit of those ultimate "finished" bonsai? We all have them — tucked away on a back shelf collecting cobwebs. After all those years of effort, we can't bear to throw them away just because they're dead, for goodness sake!



A Word from the V.P.

by Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

Here we are in the heart of Repotting season. I hope you all are having a good time repotting and keeping most of the dirt out from under your fingernails. I have had some very interesting finds as I repot. Trees I put in "Boon" soil two or three years ago have developed the most wonderful root pads. In the past I would have expected to find roots circling my pots but, not anymore. Every time I repot another tree in "Boon" soil I become a bigger proponent of that planting medium. As I need to get back to repotting I will move on to our upcoming programs.

March - We will have a presentation by our member and my mentor Anne Spencer on Shohin Bonsai. Shohin Bonsai are trees that are 8 inches and under. In my opinion Anne is an expert in this field and will have a tremendous program.

April - This month will be a demonstration by Lee Cheatle. He will be building a Saikei from the pot up. Lee learned the art of Saikei from Masa Furukawa and does some of the nicest work I have seen.

In conjunction with his demonstration Lee will be teaching a BSOP sponsored workshop on Saikei. The workshop will be held April 26th from 9 am to 4 pm. Location to be announced later. The initial cost for the instruction will be \$40 if you choose to use your own pot, rock and trees. If you wish to have the supplies provided for you please contact Lee directly (503) 312-4921 for costs. Please hurry to get signed up as the class is starting to fill. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the March meeting.

May - We are going to kick back a little and have a Whack and Chat. I hope that everyone will bring a tree or two to get help on, work on or just show off. It is nice to have a couple of hours once in awhile to just hang out with Bonsai people to share ideas with.

June - Were you the person that always lugged home the rocks from your family vacations? Well, if you are you're going to love this program. We will be having Cindy Read an expert in the art of Suiseki visit. I do not fully understand Suiseki very well and am looking forward to learning more.

July and August - We will be having our annual picnic sometime in these two months. Scott Tice is currently working on a location and as soon as we have a date I will announce it. Scott needs a few people to help him get the picnic off the ground. Please contact him directly or sign up on the sheet we pass around at the March meeting.

September - Have you signed up for the PNBCA Convention in Spokane?

Mentorship Program - Our April meeting will be the annual making of the Organic Fertilizer Balls to be held at the Wilcox residence on April 5th from 10 am to 1 pm rain or shine. Please RSVP so I know how much ingredients I will need to purchase. For those of you who will be going to the Shohin meeting that same day you can put your order in with me for a later pick-up date.

Please remember if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at (503) 848-2638 or email me.

Newsletter Advertising

1. Member Rate: \$10 per ad, per year

Members are allowed up to a quarter page per month to advertise their business or service. There is a one time set-up charge at inception (\$5, proceeds go to club) and for changes.

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Business Card (1/8th page) - 2" tall x 3 3/4" wide	\$5.00
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Typesetting is NOT included in Non-Member rates. All ads must be either camera-ready or a 300dpi .tif or .jpg file. Please email Scott Tice with questions scotttice@teleport.com.

All proceeds go to the Bonsai Society of Portland.



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Membership Report

by Pat Foldi - VP of Membership

Count of Membership
as of March 11th.

163

Are you getting your BSOP email alerts?

If not, please let Pat Foldi know your correct address... or your NEW address. Some addresses are still bouncing back. Contact Pat (patfoldi@comcast.net) to get on the emailing list.

Adventitious Buds

Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new members

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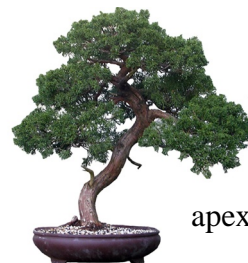
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BONSAI SOCIETY of PORTLAND

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.



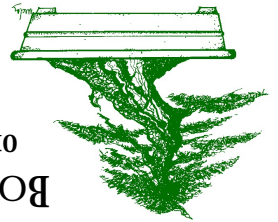
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The Bonsai Society of Portland meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except during the summer, when other group outings are arranged.

St. Phillip Neri Parish
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Visitors are always welcome!

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