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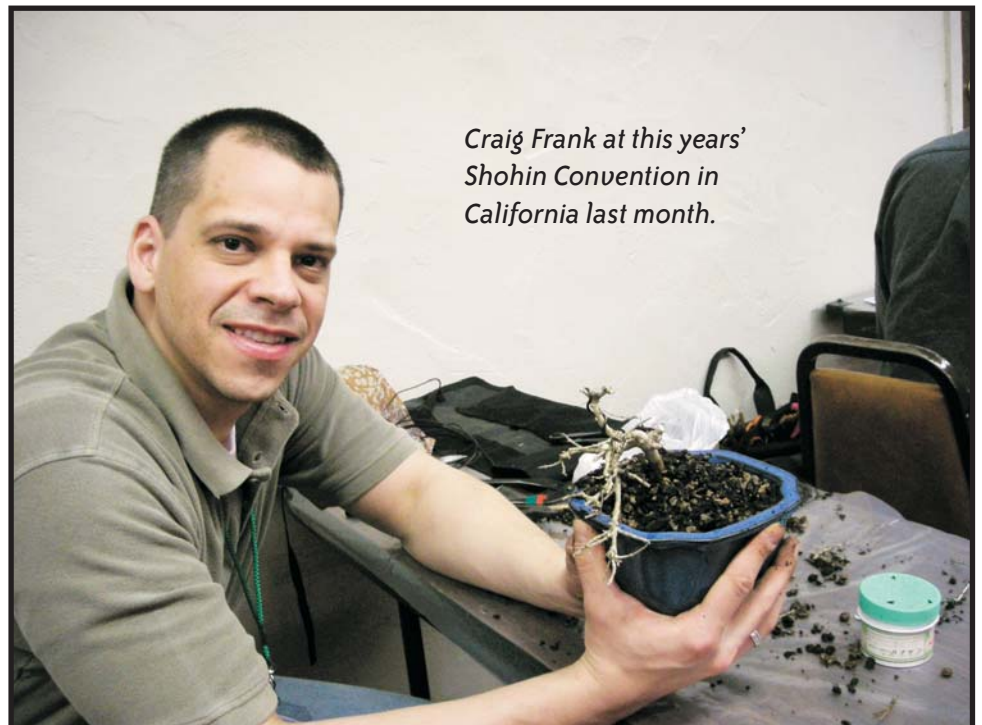
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February 26th Meeting

Our February meeting will be held at Saint Phillip Neri Parish on Tuesday the 26th. Spring is almost here and our topic will be repotting. Scott Elser will give a lecture about repotting technique including pot selection, soil mixes and how to properly secure your tree into the pot. *Please bring some of your unwanted pots, used and new, and put them up for sale or raffle.* Make sure the pots are clean and clearly labeled with your name and price. We start at 7... but come early to socialize! See you then! ♻️



Craig Frank at this years' Shohin Convention in California last month.

Calendar of Events

- FEBRUARY 26 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **BSOP meeting** - Repotting by Scott Elser
- MARCH 1 - Saturday 9 am
Oregon Shohin Kai - Monthly meeting
Field trip to Wee Tree Farm
RSVP for carpool info
- MARCH 3 - Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- MARCH 15 - Saturday 2 to 5 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR
Mentorship meeting - Repotting
- 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
Oregon Shohin Kai - Monthly meeting
Community of Christ Church - 4837 NE Couch St.
- APRIL 5 - Saturday 10 to 1 pm
The Wilcox Home - 2860 SW 175th Ave.
Mentorship meeting - Organic Fertilizer Balls
- APRIL 22 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **BSOP meeting** - Saikei by Lee Cheatle
- APRIL 26 - Saturday
Workshop on Saikei with Lee Cheatle
- May 3 - Saturday
Oregon Shohin Kai - Monthly meeting
Field trip to Telperion Farms - RSVP to Arlene Sigourney
- MAY 10 & 11 - Saturday & Sunday - All day
Spring **Japanese Garden Show**
- SEPTEMBER 18 to 21 - Spokane, Washington
PNBCA Annual Convention
- OCTOBER 11 & 12th - Rochester, New York
Bonsai National Exhibit
- DECEMBER 13 - Oaks Park - Portland, Oregon
Holiday Party

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

Library News

by Barb Devitt

To all the readers in our Bonsai Society, please take notice. We have a number of library books that are out for more than three months or have wandered off over the years. We will be calling members soon to see if we can get back the overdue books and find the missing ones. For now we ask that you check all your special hiding places and your regular bookshelves for any library books. If you find books you would like to donate, that would be great as well.

Also we are looking for suggestions from members as to what to buy for improving our library. All recommendations would be appreciated. We will need as much information as possible. Title, author and publisher, please, and why you think it would be good for the club to buy. Thank you now for searching your shelves and helping out our library committee. Tell us how we can help serve you, the BSOP membership. 🌱

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.

Take a Minute

Board Meeting highlights by Deb Wilcox, Secretary

- Spring Show committee getting underway
- Summer Picnic needs additional volunteers
- Library committee is meeting
- Mentorship program needs support



Adventitious Buds

Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new members

Jesse Auger

Tobey & Jayne Chadsey

Rich List



President's Message

by Jan Hettick, President

Back in my old life, Before Bonsai, February was the most boring month of the year. A short month, but it seemed long. A dark and dreary month with nothing to perk it up except Valentine's Day. I remember, a hundred years ago, having to decorate a shoebox and making all those dumb little "Be Mine" cards. Even though the teacher required everybody to give cards to everybody else, I was always terrified that my shoebox would be empty. It never was, but I didn't have anything better to worry about in those days. I must say that Valentine's Day has improved with age, though.

My life After Bonsai is a totally different matter. February is now a very busy month, beginning this year with the California Shohin convention. Attended by 15 BSOP members, it was, as usual, great fun. Eleven of us flew down to San Jose and drove over the mountains. You should have seen the stares we got at the airport when posing for our group photo. Four intrepid members (Chris, Lisa, John and Sue) drove down with their trailer of goodies for the famous shohin marketplace. I hear that drive was a 21-hour ordeal, including a long stop on I-5 (literally) waiting for the pass to be opened. Several of us came home with workshop trees, and some of us tried, single handedly, to make sure the marketplace was a success. In brief, it was a good time, and you should consider attending the next one in February 2010.

Now it's on to repotting. I was checking out my babies Saturday, and it is absolutely amazing how many are pushing buds! Now that the weather is warming up, it will happen more and more rapidly. I've got my repotting bench uncovered (it tends to collect junk all winter), my tools cleaned and sharpened, and my soils lined up... time to quit talking and get busy!

Idea of the Month: I don't know what made me think I could come up with 24 new ideas. I'm fresh out. But I still think having new ideas is a good idea – I just need some help from YOU! If you have an idea that BSOP should consider, please let me know. The best way to keep moving forward is to keep trying new ideas.



A Word from the V.P.

by Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

Well, here we are in February and the last two days have been nice and warm a real tease for springtime. As usual my Amur Maple has pulled a surprise on me and its leaf buds are starting to open. Guess what got repotted yesterday? After a search of my poly tunnel, green house and other trees in protected areas I only found two more trees that needed to be repotted today. I am determined that this year I will get all my trees repotted after two years of not getting them done. Of course making that decision led me to a whole series of additional things to consider. Which soil do I use on each tree; my regular growing soil, Boon soil or my premium Boon soil? Does my tree need a new pot, do I bare root, a partial bare root or just trim the top, sides and bottom and put it back? Add the fact that my Azaleas are a whole different cat and my brain begins to spin. Please understand that I over analyze many things in my life and if any of you ask me a question and I have that far away look in my eye try to be understanding.

Our February Meeting is going to be a presentation by Scott Elser on Repotting. Scott is an excellent instructor and always gives great presentations.

The March meeting is going to be a presentation by Anne Spencer on Shohin Bonsai. I was at the Shohin Kai Meeting yesterday with many of people who went to the Shohin Convention in California. There were great stories to be heard and many new trees to be seen.

Looking forward to the April meeting Lee Cheatle will be doing a demonstration on how to build a Saikei (tray landscape). I have seen several Saikei Lee has built in the last few months and he does a great job. We will also be holding a Saikei workshop the following weekend with Lee as the instructor. If you like Saikei this is one workshop you must attend.

We are getting the Mentorship program back up and running. February's meeting is the "Scoop on Soil", March is "Repotting" and April is going to be the famous and malodorous "Poo Poo Balls" also known as organic fertilizer, May will be volunteering for our annual show. Please remember that the Mentorship program is designed to help new members increase their bonsai skills and integrate into our club. It also provides a platform for more experienced members to practice what they have learned by sharing their knowledge.

Hope all of you enjoy the next few months getting up close and personal with your trees roots. As usual if anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you, Steve

Workshop Opportunities

Spring workshops at Telperion Farms with Gary Wood

Sunday March 2nd & Saturday March 15th - 9am to 5pm

Bring your own trees for whatever they need.
We'll be repotting, root pruning, styling, ground-layering, etc.
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Cost: \$40 per day, plus soil, etc if you don't bring your own.
Please register by email at tfarms@wvi.com, or call (503) 881-1147. Also let us know if you need directions.

Peter Adams Design Program

Bonsai artist Peter Adams will be returning to Portland for 2008, and will again be presenting his advanced design program for interested individuals. Peter's classes are designed to assist students who are new to bonsai or advanced students who would like to advance their trees to the next level.

The first meeting for the 2008 season will be on March 8th and 9th, 2008 at the home of Keith Wingfield. Each session runs from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The course will continue over several months with future dates for classes being decided upon at the first class.

Student's trees will be addressed in open session, a work plan for the future development of the tree will be established, a black and white working sketch will be provided for the future design and the tree will be photographed. Peter will then generate a full color drawing for the future design of the tree and along with care and development instructions provide a complete program to the student.

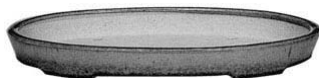
At future meetings, the progress of tree will be discussed and design aspects will continue to develop within the comfortable framework for the tree. Students are welcome to bring additional trees for work or for another design program as the course progresses as part of the costs of the course.

The cost for the program is \$85.00 per day for the complete design program and \$75.00 for those who do not wish to have a full design program.

The number of participants has already increased over last year and Peter has extended his visit to accommodate additional participants. Spaces are still available for both March 8th and March 9th, but are filling quickly. The classes are limited to 7 students per session.

Interested individuals may contact Keith at (503) 538-6118 or at keithwingfield@mindspring.com or they may contact Peter Adams at akadams2740@aol.com.

Photos from... the California Shohin Convention





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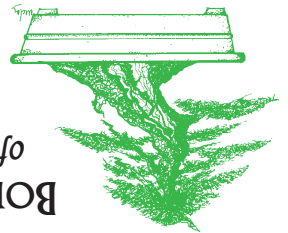
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The Bonsai Society of Portland meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except during the summer, when other group outings are arranged.

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Visitors are always welcome!

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