

# Bonsai Resources for Portland Area

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## Nurseries - Bonsai Stock and Supplies

### **Daybreak Gardens (Updated 10/3/16)**

Pre-Bonsai Plants, Bonsai Tools, Wire, Pottery, Mica and Plastic Training Pots, Mazama Pumice, Red Cinder Rock, Diatomite Rock, Black Compost, Organic Fertilizers.

Contact: Donna Burnett 360-687-5641 By appointment only.  
Battle Ground, WA 98604

### **Garland Nursery (Updated 10/3/16)**

Bonsai trees, starters and fully styled, tools, soils and general bonsai supplies. Contact: Erica Powell Kaminskas, 541-753-6601 [EMAIL](mailto:ericapowell@garlandnursery.com)

5470 NE Hwy 20, Corvallis, OR 97330  
[www.garlandnursery.com](http://www.garlandnursery.com)

### **Hackenbruck, Tony (Updated 1/12/17)**

Tony Hackenbruck has been a gardener and potter in Portland for 40 years. His garden in the Sunnyside neighborhood of southeast Portland is full of pots, tile installations and ornaments. The garden is listed with the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon and is open in May, June and July. Having found friends in the Bonsai Society, Tony has enjoyed making larger pots to specifications and has begun exploring the transitional forms. Firing eight to ten kilns a year, there is often new work to see.

Contact: Tony Hackenbruck, [EMAIL](mailto:tonyhackenbruck@apottersgarden.com)  
[www.apottersgarden.com](http://www.apottersgarden.com)

### **Oregon Bonsai (Updated 10/3/16)**

Yamadori (collected) and field grown bonsai stock  
Contact: Randy Knight 503-396-6323 [EMAIL](mailto:randyknight@oregonbonsai.com)  
St Helens, Oregon

### **Portland Bonsai Supply (Updated 3/4/17)**

Wire, tools, akadama, soils, pots, general bonsai supplies. View catalog of items and reserve online order through web store or email. No shipping charges and payment at delivery or pickup on local orders. Cash, check and credit cards, accepted.

Contact: Steve Leaming, 503-750-4552 [EMAIL](mailto:steveleaming@portlandbonsaisupply.com)  
[www.portlandbonsaisupply.com](http://www.portlandbonsaisupply.com)

### **Portland Nursery (Updated 5/3/16)**

General nursery selection, Pots, Tools and Supplies  
SE Stark St., Portland, OR (503) 231-5050  
SE Division St., Portland, OR (503) 788-9000  
[www.portlandnursery.com](http://www.portlandnursery.com)

### **River Rock Nursery (Updated 11/15/16)**

The nursery grows a lot of unique and interesting plants that are good for bonsai. Generally has a vendor table at the monthly meetings. Nursery open by appointment; call for hours.

Contact: Gretchen O'Brien (503) 658-4047 [EMAIL](mailto:gretchen@riverrocknursery.com)  
2 miles east of Carver on HWY 224  
[www.riverrocknursery.com](http://www.riverrocknursery.com)

### **Telperion Farms (Updated 10/3/16)**

Dedicated to creating world-class bonsai material, the farm lies in the foothills of the Cascade Mts, east of Salem. Acres of field-grown pre-bonsai stock, shohin trees and specimen quality satsuki azaleas. The farm offers a full range of pots, tools, soils, books, etc.

Contact: Lisa and Chris Kirk (503) 881-1147 Call for appointment. [EMAIL](mailto:lisa@telfarms.com)  
[www.telfarms.com](http://www.telfarms.com)

### **Tsugawa Nursery (Updated 5/3/16)**

General Nursery, Pre-bonsai, Bonsai, Pots, Tools & Supplies.  
Contact: Brian Tsugawa (360) 225-8750  
410 Scott Ave, Woodland, WA 98674 (Exit 21 off I-5)  
[www.tsugawanursery.com](http://www.tsugawanursery.com)

### **Vojtilla Grapes (Updated 5/3/16)**

Bonsai grapes and princess persimmon  
Contact: Dennis Vojtilla (503) 550-2848 [EMAIL](mailto:EMAIL)  
Newberg, OR

### **Wee Tree LLC (Updated 11/14/16)**

Wee Tree Farm is an online retailer of Bonsai, Pre-Bonsai, Wee Tree Farm Brand Soil and Premium Blends for Deciduous and Acid-Loving Trees, "Boon's" Professional Blend, Red Cinders, Pumice, Akadama, and Bonsai tools and supplies. If you would like to pre-order bonsai tools and/or bonsai soil to pick up at the monthly BSOP meeting please call Dan at least 2 days in advance. We also offer pallets of Wee Tree Farm Brand Soil, Red Cinders, and Pumice in 1 cubic foot, 3 gallon, and 8 quart (Wee Tree Brand Soil only) bags at wholesale prices. See our website to view our entire selection.  
Contact Dan at (541) 452-3156 or [EMAIL](mailto:EMAIL) for retail sales.  
Contact Rose at (541) 971-8979 or [EMAIL](mailto:EMAIL) for pallet shipping quotes to your location.  
[www.weetree.com](http://www.weetree.com)

## **Bonsai Material Suppliers**

### **Pro-Gro Mixes & Materials (Updated 5/3/16)**

Horticultural pumice by the gallon  
Contact: (503) 682-3500  
26045 Southwest Grahams Ferry Road, Sherwood, OR 97140

### **5-4-4 Organic Fertilizer with mycorrhizae, 20 lb bags (Updated 10/3/16)**

Offered through the Portland Rose Society  
Contact: Bill Hettick (503) 936-5629 [EMAIL](mailto:EMAIL)  
Tigard, Oregon

### **Garden Path Nursery (Updated 5/3/16)**

Specializing in hostas, which are great companion plants for bonsai.  
Contact: Barry Baertline 503-318-1841, [EMAIL](mailto:EMAIL)  
Canby, Oregon

## **Woodworkers (Bonsai Stands)**

### **Austin Heitzman, Austin Heitzman Furniture (Updated 10/3/16)**

Austin specializes in custom bonsai stands and wooden display options using a wide array of eclectic, locally sourced and imported lumber options. He will consult to determine the best choice for your needs. You will benefit from his knowledge of keeping bonsai and collaborating with professionals like Ryan Neil and Michael Hagedorn, combined with an extensive knowledge of furniture history. He is happy to design stands for specific trees or for more general applications, whether it is for formal show display or home.  
Contact: Austin Heitzman (267) 262-1177 [EMAIL](mailto:EMAIL)  
Portland, Oregon  
[www.AustinHeitzmanFurniture.com](http://www.AustinHeitzmanFurniture.com)

## **Ceramic Artists (Bonsai Potters)**

### **Vickie Chamberlain (Updated 10/3/16)**

Based in southern Oregon, Vicki offers thrown and hand built bonsai and kusamono containers. Fired a variety of ways in both oxidation and reduction kilns depending on desired glaze results. Distribution centers continue to grow so best to check her website for the latest sales locations. Vicki also attends some club meetings and special events, and always brings a few pots with her. Shipping is also

available.

Contact: Vicki Chamberlain (541) 531-8515 [EMAIL](mailto:Vicki@earthwares.org)  
[www.earthwares.org](http://www.earthwares.org)

### **Jan Rentenaar (Updated 10/3/16)**

Jan has thirty years working with clay. All forms are hand built. She has extensive knowledge of local clays and work closely with Ryan Neil of Bonsai Mirai. She makes hand built bonsai pots using wood and gas-fired techniques. Her work is displayed and for sale at Shogun's gallery, The Portland Japanese Garden, and White bird Gallery.

Contact: Jan Rentenaar (503) 397-7873 [EMAIL](mailto:Jan@legendaryart.net)  
St. Helens, OR  
[www.legendaryart.net](http://www.legendaryart.net)

## **Bonsai Artists – Instructors**

### **Bonsai Mirai, Ryan Neil (Updated 10/3/16)**

A full service bonsai nursery that offers numerous ways to enhance your bonsai knowledge and skills, ranging from foundational courses to private study, workshops and public demonstrations. Mirai's Defining Concepts Courses offer an in-depth and holistic educational experience for people who are willing to make a commitment to excellence. Explore species-specific behaviors, techniques and artistic principles through a combination of classroom learning and hands-on experience. Defining Concepts courses are structured for people in any stage of their bonsai journey, from the total beginner to the avid hobbyist. Both raw and developing bonsai stock are available for purchase.

Contact: Ryan Neil (503) 396-6219  
St. Helens, OR  
[www.bonsaimirai.com](http://www.bonsaimirai.com)

### **Brenden Studio, Greg Brenden (Updated 10/3/16)**

As an artist, Greg specializes in collected native trees and accent plants. For bonsai that are 'Outside the Box' see him!

Contact: Greg Brenden (503) 501-0456 [EMAIL](mailto:greg@brendenstudio.com)  
Milwaukie, OR  
[brendenstudio.wordpress.com](http://brendenstudio.wordpress.com)

### **Crataegus Bonsai, Michael Hagedorn (Updated 10/3/16)**

Crataegus Bonsai garden's offerings include teaching, client services, and inspiration. A diverse teaching collection from deciduous and conifer bonsai to accent plants frames an intimate studio setting where art is as hallowed as horticulture. The in-depth Seasonal program has students of several nationalities, while services that include styling and maintaining bonsai serve those seeking a professional's skills. Michael blogs about bonsai weekly on [crataegus.com](http://crataegus.com), and wrote a book called Post-Dated: The Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk about his bonsai apprenticeship in Japan. Feel free to schedule a garden tour to visit with Michael and 'talk tree.'

Contact: Michael Hagedorn (503) 277-8072 [EMAIL](mailto:michael@crataegus.com)  
Milwaukie, OR  
[www.crataegus.com](http://www.crataegus.com)

### **Scott Elser (Updated 10/3/16)**

Scott started down the bonsai path by observing the trees of his grandfather while still a teenager. With a passion for native Northwest species, Scott took his bonsai enthusiasm and skills to a higher level by studying with Boon Manakativipart, graduating from his three year Intensive course in 2005. Armed with this instruction, Scott began entering trees in the US National Bonsai Show, winning Best Conifer in 2008 and 2010, and Best of Show, the National Award, in 2012. His pursuit of bonsai as an artistic endeavor continues with Ryan Neil at Bonsai Mirai. Scott draws on his profession as a graphic designer to create northwest inspired bonsai. He teaches and demonstrates regularly at BSOP and travels throughout the Northwest doing the same.

Contact: Scott Elser (503) 803-5343 [EMAIL](#)  
Portland, OR

**Joe Harris III (Updated 5/3/16)**

A native of Memphis, Joe started working part-time for Brussel Martin. Through the next decade, Joe helped Brussel's Bonsai Nursery grow into the largest importer and grower of bonsai in North America. Joe took a four-year apprenticeship in Japan at the Kanuma Nature Bonsai Park under the watchful eye of bonsai master Makoto Hashimoto. There he learned bonsai design, wiring, horticulture and trade practices. Today, Joe is an internationally recognized authority on the art of bonsai, traveling throughout the United States and abroad conducting demonstrations and workshops on bonsai design and cultural care practices. Joe now works with Iseli Nursery, a wholesale grower of rare and beautiful dwarf conifers, Japanese maples and other select ornamental trees and shrubs.

Contact: Joe Harris (503) 663-3822 ext. 297  
Boring, OR

**Matt Reel (Updated 5/3/16)**

Matt recently returned from eight years of study with Master Shinji Suzuki in Japan. He teaches students of all skill levels and conducts workshops and lectures. Matt has extensive experience in working with all species of trees in all stages of development.

Contact: Matt Reel (503) 989-3294 [EMAIL](#)  
Portland, OR  
[reelbonsai.wordpress.com](http://reelbonsai.wordpress.com)

**Alan Taft (Updated 10/3/16)**

Alan has done some form of bonsai since 1970. Serious learning began with Masahiro Furukawa in 1983, and Alan became a teacher in 1995 at Wee Tree Farm in Corvallis, OR. In 2003 Alan began taking Intensives (30 days of training over a four year period) with Boon Manakitivipart. His favorite trees are juniper, black pine, and maple. Cascade and Bunjin are his favorite forms of bonsai. Alan is available for one-on-one consultations. His philosophy is "to help students create their bonsai art, not do it for them".

Contact: Alan Taft (503) 245-1927 [EMAIL](#)  
Portland, OR