



the **TREE LINE**

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Summer 2011

BSOP Summer Picnic

Please save the date for this years Bonsai Society of Portland summer picnic.

Saturday, August **13th**, from Noon until 3:00 p.m.

Same location as last year, **Creston Park**, on SE 44th south of Powell Blvd.

The club provides hot dogs, hamburgers, garden burgers, buns and condiments.

Please bring a potluck side dish according to the first letter of your last name.

Last names beginning with:

A-H - Desserts

I-Q - Salads

R-Z - Main Dishes

We will have a "For Sale" Table this year so bring some plants to sell, If you have plants ready for new homes, but prefer not to sell, we will also have a raffle and a free table. Dave & Donna Burnett will provide a bonsai related game to play again this year.

Please join us for some fun social time with your fellow Bonsai Society members in a lovely park. It's a chance for relaxed conversation under big shade trees.



Library Highlights

Finding specific information in the BSOP library can be quite challenging! Every month, the library is hauled in crates to and from the basement and spread out on the tables as rapidly as possible. This means items can end up jumbled and out of order.

A major reorganization project is underway to help members get more use from the library: Librarian Barbara Devitt is making sure that magazines are being filed in order by title and date in crates, so they will stay in order and not have to be unpacked and re-packed at every meeting. Librarian Jan Hettick keeps the book inventory up to date.

A periodical index being developed by Karen VunKannon will enable members to search for articles about specific artists, authors, tree varieties, styles, methods of display, tools, pots, design concepts, horticultural information, pest control, seasonal care, historic bonsai specimens, shohin techniques, wiring, trunk manipulation, nebari development, suiseki, collecting wild trees, and more!

Thanks to member donations, the library now has access to some indexes provided by individual magazine publishers. Indexes will be available in hard copy at the library table. The book and periodical indexes compiled by BSOP librarians will be available on the BSOP website, thanks to the efforts of the BSOP Webmaster, Chas Martin.

A new system of checkout codes will help the librarians be more accurate and the check-out process go faster. BSOP President Eileen Knox has recruited a regular team of helpers to physically move the library at the monthly meetings. With these improvements, members should find it much easier to search for and locate specific information.

Librarians will now be able to take requests. (E mail or phone at least 48 hours ahead of the meeting date for your requested items to be pulled and ready for you at the meeting.) A lot of people are putting a lot of time and energy into helping the library better serve our BSOP members. This reorganization should be completed sometime this fall.

Karen VunKannon

September 3-5 - **PNBCA Convention**
Seattle, WA

December 17 - **Holiday Party**
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland

Oregon Shohin Kai News

OSK took another Field Trip Saturday 16 July. We visited *Stanley and Sons*, a large wholesale nursery in Boring. We were joined by a few members of Sunset Bonsai making a good sized group. Larry Stanley owner led us through his 10 acre nursery. He guided us through several greenhouses identifying the nursery stock we were viewing. His plants were predominately in one gallon pots so we easily made selections. One greenhouse was full of maples due to be picked up in a couple days. We were able to shop this maple greenhouse prior to pickup at \$5.00 per gallon container. Folks came away with plants of different species to take home for bonsai.

After walking the 10 acres, we ate lunch at Heidi's restaurant and discussed the need for a new meeting venue for next Fall. Our present space will not be available, so we are actively looking for a new meeting place. We need tables, chairs, access to water, and room for a dozen people to make a mess. If you have a suggestion for a new location, please contact Jan Hettick, Arlene Sigourney, or Karen VunKannon at kvunkannon@gmail.com Watch your E-mail for updates about a new location.

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