

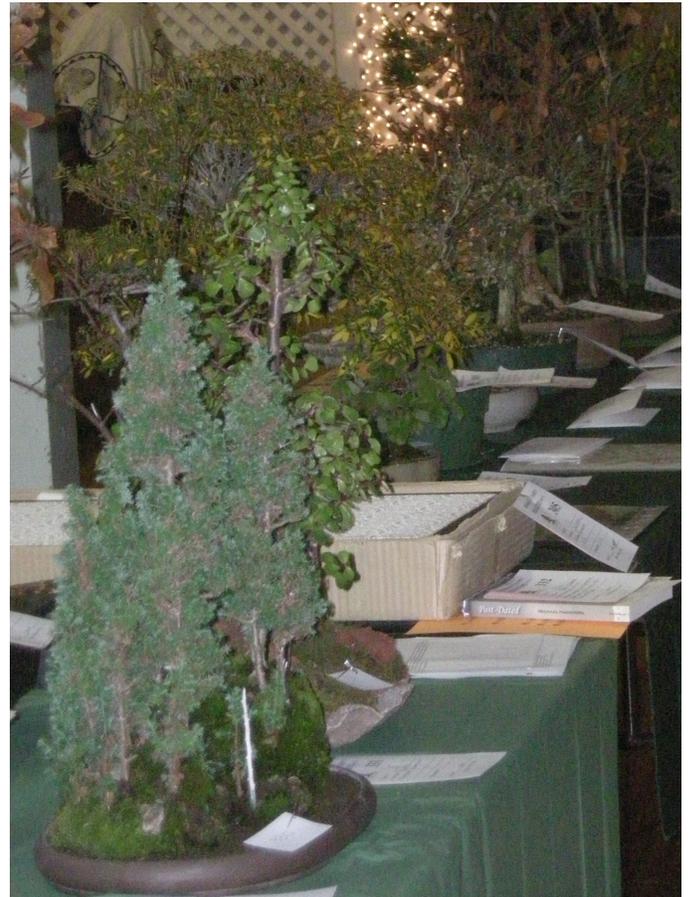
More Holiday Party highlights



Bidders get a closer look at one of the fine bonsai trees available for the highest bid.



Here is a satisfied successful bidder with his prize winning purchase posing with the creator.



Trees awaiting their turn on the auction block.

Shrink Wrap Bonsai

Since I built my pavilion out back last year, I have never quite solved the problem of what to do if I got some really cold weather. The pavilion doesn't have any sides and it's main function is to keep NW rain off in the winter and blistering sun in the summer.

I didn't want to spend a lot of money on some clear panels that would take hours to put up and take down. Nor did I want to store them the rest of the year. And I really wanted to be able to have it open to the weather 360 days of the year. So about a month ago the idea hit and I prepared myself with a trip to Office Depot. I always try to have my strategy in place by Thanksgiving. When the forecast this week suddenly slid down ten degrees and put us into the low teens, the first time in quite awhile, I sprang into action. I moved all the bonsai that were not already there, except for the two monsters, in under the pavilion. That took over an hour trudging through the snow, across slippery rocks and decks. Then I pulled out my new roll of pallet wrap, about 18 inches wide. It took me about 20 minutes to go around the whole building twice and it easily withstood all of the strong wind that we had that night. The top is still open and there is no heat, but it keeps everything out of the wind.

I thought you might find it rather humorous, and maybe inspirational. I will probably just cut it off after this week, and reapply it if we get cold again in January or February. It's sort of a one-time use deal. I hope that all your bonsai have been safely tucked away and weather the cold snap well.

Scott

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January 27 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm St. Phillip Neri Parrish, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland OR Monthly **BSOP Meeting - Annual Business Meeting** New Board Installed and Whack & Chat

February 2 Monday 6:30 pm Don Howse's Condo (503) 668-5834 **BSOP Board Meeting**

February 7 Saturday **OSK** at Telperion Farms, carpool from Tualatin

February 24 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm St. Phillip Neri Parrish, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland OR Monthly **BSOP Meeting - 6 Presenters Round Robin**

March 2 Monday 6:30 pm Don Howse's Condo (503) 668-5834 **BSOP Board Meeting**

March 7 Saturday 10 to 2 pm **OSK Meeting** Info to follow

March 24 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm St. Phillip Neri Parrish, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland OR Monthly **BSOP Meeting** 1. Scott Elser on prepping bonsai for shows, 2. Shohin Show

April 4 10 to 2 pm **OSK Meeting** *Info to follow*

April 6 6:30 pm Don Howse's Condo (503) 668-5834 **BSOP Board Meeting**

April 21 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm **THIRD** Tuesday this month St. Phillip Neri Parrish, 2408 SE 16th Ave. Portland OR Monthly **BSOP Meeting**

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Bring Some Soil To The February Meeting

Do you remember when...?

Do you remember when I gave a presentation on soils before? Was that the first meeting we had when we were meeting at the Forestry Center? I have been asked to do it again, this time as part of the Round Robin. I have a new, improved upcoming presentation.

Do you remember when Dave DeGroot gave a presentation? How many years ago was that? He talked about measuring porosity by filling up containers and adding water, draining the water. We are going to actually do those steps to measure porosity.

I am asking that you bring your mix and we can test it. Do you have a special ingredient or a special mix? Do you have several mixes and not sure which is better? Of course we will test the "Boon mix" and some other commonly used mixes. I would particularly be interested in unique and uncommon mixes. Bring whatever you would like.

Barry Baertlein

Presidents Report On January 5th we had our second and last joint Board meeting. I have to tell you I am VERY pleased with the way the new Board is taking hold. Our January 5th meeting was, well, rousing. Imagine 12 people (we had a couple of guests) in a small room, all full of ideas and energy, all trying to talk at once. Great fun. And we covered a lot of ground, too!

So, back to my typical theme – weather. Hasn't it been an impressive winter so far? I hope all your little trees survived the cold. Nature tucked mine in nicely; they were already on the ground so the snow worked as a great insulator. I hope. I do enjoy the snow greatly. With my 4WD Toyota and lack of good sense, I managed to get around nicely.

I am hoping everyone plans to attend the January meeting. It is our Annual Meeting, followed by Whack & Chat, so be sure to bring some trees you want to a) show off or b) get advice on. Feel free to bring tools so you can actually do some of the work you are advised to do. But back to the Annual Meeting, the agenda will consist of Board Reports, which is where the outgoing Board will take a couple of minutes to give you state-of-the-club information. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered and find out, for example, how we are spending our funds. We have a little installation ceremony planned for the new Board. Operative word here is “little” – it won't take long.

One feature of this Annual Meeting is Volunteer Recognition. The club is run by volunteers, and these volunteers are being very effective! So we are going to attempt the impossible – to personally thank all the people who volunteered over the past couple of years. I call it impossible because there is no way we will be able to remember everyone, so I need your help. My job will be to recognize those people who took “major” responsibility, like people who agreed to chair committees or events (as reported in the newsletters). It will be those people's job to thank all the people who helped them. And here is where you come in – if you or someone you know does not get mentioned, would you step forward and make it known? Please? Sometimes shy people get missed, and we don't want to miss anyone.

Now, as outgoing President, I want to go on record as saying I probably had the best Board ever, and I don't say that lightly. Everyone always did their job – and more – and kept things running smoothly. Deb Wilcox is a Secretary extraordinaire, never missing an important fact or decision, or for that matter, any opportunity to be of assistance. Devon Bolt kept the Treasury in line, doing battle with the bank and service providers whenever needed, even mastering the VISA machine! Pat Foldi is a rock (imagine a beautiful viewing stone), always quietly seeing to our membership – bringing new members into the fold and keeping the older members in line. And Steve Wilcox... what would I ever have done without Steve Wilcox? He gives the term “reliable” a fine new meaning.

Thank you, Steve, Pat, Devon and Deb, for all your hard work over the past two years.

Last but not least (a corny phrase but apt), I want to use this last paragraph of my last article to thank all members of BSOP for their support over the past two years. The time went by quickly, and now we can all look forward to a great future!



Vice-Presidents Report Since I thought my final article was in December, I will not be long winded, but get right to the point.

I set up the next three meetings to help Rory get a good start as your new Vice-President. He is anxious to get started and has some great ideas. I look forward to his upcoming programs. Here are the next three months.

January- Annual Business Meeting / Whack and Chat

February- Round Robin includes: Yamadori Styling, Pests and Disease, Scoop on Soil, Grafting, Top Styling and Collected Manzanita/Cuttings.

March- Show Preparation and a Shohin Display by our very own Shohin Kai.

I have enjoyed my term as your Vice-President and appreciate all the assistance I have received from Society members. Please remember that Rory will also need help setting up and putting away at our monthly meetings.

Thank you, **Steve**

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HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Our wonderful hostess, Jean Gratteri, is retiring from the kitchen. What a spread she has been putting out! And donating all the goodies, too. We will miss you, Jean, and not just for your treats.

We need a new Hospitality Coordinator and a number of able assistants. Watch for sign up sheets at the meetings. We'll need people to bring goodies, someone to make coffee and punch, and someone to clean up and put things away. We need a Coordinator to manage the sign up sheets and make calls each month to remind folks. If you would be willing to take on the Coordinator responsibilities, please contact Jan Hettick or Deb Wilcox (contact info on the back of the newsletter). And watch for those sign up sheets!

Oregon Shohin Kai

Thanks, Lee, for your wiring workshop. Your name was a draw for attendance. We welcomed new participants at the Shohin meeting/workshop as well as the regulars. Lee gave individual attention to the trees of each attendee which we very much appreciated. Also attendees helped each other with advice and conversation throughout the workshop.

For our February meeting, 2-7-09, we will carpool to Telperion Farms for a workshop on Bottle Trees (exposed nebari) for our collections. Also, shopping is always available. There are always new things to see at Telperion. Assess your trees for entry in the Informal Shohin Exhibit at the March BSOP meeting. This exhibit will show what we are working on in our monthly Shohin meetings. The trees can be in bonsai pots, training pots, or even growing on in nursery pots. We welcome other BSOP members to join us. Thanks again, Barbara, for letting us use your space for our meetings....plenty of elbow room!

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