



the **TREE LINE**

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

September 8 - 6:30 PM **BSOP Board Meeting**
Don Howses Condo, 503 668-5834 **Tuesday**

September 12 - 10 to 2PM **OSK Meeting**
JC Kitchen Cabinets, Wilsonville, OR

September 22 - 7 to 9PM **Monthly BSOP Meeting**
St Phillip Neri Parrish, 2408 SE 16th Ave, Portland

September 27 - 6:45AM **Pacific Rim Work Party**
Elmer's Restaurant, Delta Park **Sunday**

October 1-3, 20th **Annual PNB Convention**
Victoria, B.C.

New Scheduled Time for Oregon Shohin Kai

The Oregon Shohin Kai has, in the past, always tried to meet on the first Saturday of each month. It's amazing how many times this gets tangled up in a holiday or other event. So...we're going to try changing the date to the **SECOND** Saturday of each month. That makes the next meeting of the Oregon Shohin Kai on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

The location is the same, at the JC Kitchen Cabinets shop (northwest quadrant of the North Wilsonville/I-5 interchange. Time is 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There's no special program, just working on our trees, doing light pruning, wiring and general clean up of the trees. Bring trees, tools and lunch.

If you have questions, contact Arlene Sigourney, 503-504-7207 or asigourney@aol.com.

Jan

FALL PACIFIC RIM WORK PARTY

As you know, the staff at the Weyerhaeuser Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection has been reduced to two people. That's not enough to keep up the trees and the grounds, and that's where we can help!

Sunday, September 27, 2009 we will have another Pacific Rim Work Party to help get things cleaned up for the fall and winter. As with the Spring Work Party, we do anything that needs doing – trimming hedges, chopping nettles, pulling weeds, cleaning pots, and in some cases actually working on the trees. We try to arrive by 9:30 and work for three or four hours. In return, at the end of the day, Dave gives each member a critique on one of their own trees.

Bring your favorite yard work tools, including bucket, gloves, secateurs, loppers, rakes, bucket, knee pads, hat, gloves, sun screen, bucket... etc. Bring a tree for the critique, and bring your lunch. For those who want to car pool, we will meet in the north parking lot at the Elmer's Restaurant by Delta Park, departing no later than 6:45 am.

It would help the planning process to know who will be there as soon as possible, so please phone or email me if you can come. Jan Hettick, 503-452-1129 or janhettick@comcast.net. Dave DeGroot and his crew (of 1) REALLY appreciate our help.

Jan

Mentorship Meeting for August Cancelled

Because of the imminent arrival of a baby, there will be no August Mentorship Meeting.

Watering Problems During Hot Periods

“An additional problem associated with rapid water loss and temperature increases in leaves is the delay in water uptake by the root system. Leaves can lose water/transpire much faster than roots can absorb water. This time difference can greatly amplify the effects of heat.” Harry Harrington

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Wired for Success - Vice-Presidents Report

Hi group, short article this month. I hope summers are going well and all of your trees are surviving our Oregon heat wave.

For September our meeting program is a survey of native bonsai plants and accent plants. We will be talking about Oregon trees suited for bonsai some of which are specific to the Northwest and can be collected locally. Our species focus will be fruiting trees. Please bring a fruiting tree if you have one to share with the club.

There will also be a silent auction of 20 trees at the September meeting. Similar to the last meeting before summer, these trees are from members who are no longer able to care for them.

Thanks,

Rotuy

Out on a Limb - Presidents Report

This past Saturday, August 8th. was the club's annual picnic, and Brian and Patricia Daniels did a great job organizing it. Of course they had assistance from several of the club's faithful members. It was good to see all the folks who attended, and brought such delicious potluck food. The array of gourmet items was amazing. I know I gained weight when I was trying to lose some.

Dave and Donna Burnett organized a Bonsai game and many of the people participated, having fun trying to identify the various items on the table. Thanks to all who helped put the event together, and for those who missed the Annual Club Picnic, it was your loss. We missed you. It was fun, and you would have enjoyed the day too.

The main topic of conversation at the picnic was the recent heat wave, and how each of our plant collections, specifically the bonsai, fared. Of course we all had some horror story about the experience. We all had to be creative to keep our plants watered. I heard some members who worried that they may have over-watered their plants during the hot spell. I suppose that could be a concern but surely it is better than under-watering.

I hope all of you reading this message had success keeping your bonsai collections watered and alive. Part of the challenge of growing and training bonsai, as well as other types of plants, is keeping them healthy and alive. They are a dynamic art form, as opposed to other art media that is static and less affected by factors like weather. We have beautiful pieces of art that change as they age, and are apt to die if not properly cared for.

We gather in a society of mutual interest to encourage each other in our passion, and to admire one another's creations. Also it is a place where we can gather socially, like at the picnic and enjoy each other's company. BSOP has always been a very social group. Plan on attending next year's picnic. Our next social event is the annual Holiday Party at Oaks Park. More on that in a future newsletter, but plan on coming.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer,

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

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