



the **TREE LINE**

the official monthly publication of the **BONSAI SOCIETY of PORTLAND** | **September 2009**

Schedule of Upcoming Events

September 19 - Noon **Mentorship Meeting**
Cheatle residence 15760 SW Glaze Ct, Tigard

September 22 - 7 to 9pm **Monthly BSOP Meeting**
St Phillip Neri Parrish, 2408 SE 16th Ave, Portland
NOTE: This is not the last Tuesday

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

October 5 - 6:30pm **BSOP Board Meeting**
Don Howse's condo, 503 668-5834

October 10 - 10 to 2pm, **OSK Meeting**
J.C. Kitchen & Bath Cabinets, Wilsonville

October 17 - **Mentorship Meeting**

October 27 - 7 to 9pm **Monthly BSOP Meeting**
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CANCELLATION OF FALL PACIFIC RIM WORK PARTY

I'm sorry to report it has been necessary to **cancel** the September 27th Pacific Rim Work Party. A couple of days after the newsletter came out, Dave DeGroot found out he has to go out of town that weekend.

We were unable to find a later date that would work for both BSOP and the Pacific Rim. So we'll skip this Fall, and try for a work party next Spring. I'm sure Dave will be able to find something for us to do by that time.

Jan

Mentorship Meeting for September

Saikei Trays (aka Muck Pots)

On Saturday the 19th at noon, Lee Cheatle will lead the group in the construction of muck pots. He has a recipe that is tried and true and will share it with our group in a hands-on workshop. If you have ever thought of making a forest planting this program is just for you. The next week think what type of design you'd like to try.

The club is subsidizing the ingredients this year, but there are some items you need to bring:

- **Rubber or Latex gloves** - to protect your hands while mixing and forming
- **Plywood** - One or Two pieces slightly larger than the pot you plan to make
- **Trash can liners** - to line the plywood with and cover pots for proper curing
- **Vehicle** - with ample room for your creation

The basic ingredients are Portland cement, peat moss and vermiculite.

Lee's house is just off SW Barrows Road at 15760 SW Glaze Ct., Tigard 97223. If you get lost call Lee at (503) 312-4921. Please come around the back entrance adjacent to the garage.

Hope to see you all Saturday!

Scott



Bonsai studio under construction in Oak Grove as of 9/3

Wired for Success - Vice-Presidents Report

How quickly the summer has gone!

Some fall advice from Boon — Make sure your trees are well watered. Strong trees will consume a lot of water this time of year. Weak trees, on the other hand, will have more difficulty taking up water, even when well watered. If you have a weak tree, keep it under shade-cloth and mist it several times a day on hot days.

All Bonsai should be fertilized until the beginning of winter.

For September our meeting will be a survey of native bonsai plants and accent plants. We will be talking about Oregon trees and plants suited for bonsai which can be collected and grown locally. If you have native bonsai or accent plants please bring an example to share with the group.

We will be auctioning the remainder of the trees members have been caring for in a silent auction similar to what we have done before. There will be approximately fifty trees.

Contrary to last months newsletter and based on input from the club membership we will not have a species focus different from what we will be talking about in the meeting.

Thanks,

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Out on a Limb - Presidents Report

I noticed this morning that the grass lawn is turning green once again. Those recent rains have refreshed the landscape. The mornings are significantly cooler, and then the nice warm afternoons prevail. There has even been some morning fog. So, even though it is still officially summer, it does feel like fall is here. I enjoy the nice early fall days. Notice that I said early, as later in the fall the rains will be here to stay, and the nights will then be longer than the days. It will not be long before we are bemoaning the fact that summer was so short and gone.

I did lose some plants, and had severe burning of others in my gardens, during the extreme heat of July. At the recent board meeting some of the BSOP members were bemoaning the fact that even some of their bonsai had died, or were severely damaged. When we grow living art, I guess we can expect to lose some. Often, and usually, it ends up being our failure to attend to the plant's needs that has caused the loss. If we did not lose some, our art would not have such value to us.

At the Board meeting we discussed the upcoming bid we plan to make for the 2012 PNBCA Convention. We have two capable and enthusiastic people who have volunteered to be co-chairs. We also have a core group assembled who will be the Convention Committee. They are all meeting on Sept. 15 to formulate the bid to be put forward at the meeting in Victoria, BC in early October.

However, before we move further with this bid, we need the approval from you the club membership. So, at the upcoming general membership meeting on Sept. 22, we will be discussing this item, and asking you the members for your approval. Your approval comes with obligations.

If we decide to bid for this convention, then we the members of BSOP have a lot of work ahead of us, preparing and carrying off the event. So, be ready to participate, and know that you will be asked to do so, as we host the convention in 2012. I look forward to a lively discussion around our hosting of this upcoming convention.

Meanwhile, enjoy the warm waning days of summer, with the brisk cool mornings. Take time to enjoy the beauty of your gardens and bonsai collections. I will see you all soon.

Don

PETER ADAMS DESIGN PROGRAM

Internationally acclaimed Bonsai artist Peter Adams will be returning to Portland for 2010, and will again be presenting his 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 dates for classes and instruction with Peter are February 20th and 21st; June 5th and 6th and August 7th and 8th.

The February 20th, June 5th and August 7th classes will be offered at Wee Tee Farms, in Philomath, Oregon, and will be hosted by Diane Lund. The February 21st, June 6th and August 8th classes will be at the home of BSOP member Keith Wingfield in Newberg, Oregon. Each session runs from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m..

Student's trees will be addressed in open session, a work plan for the future development of the tree will be established, and a black and white working sketch will be provided for the future design of the tree. Peter will discuss the horticultural needs of the tree and recommend care and development instructions for the student to follow.

At future meetings, the progress of tree will be discussed and design aspects will continue to develop within the comfortable framework for the tree. Also at future meetings, students are welcome to bring additional trees for work or for another design program.

The cost for the program is \$95.00 per day.

The number of participants has already increased over previous years and Peter has extended his visit to accommodate additional participants. Space is still available for all sessions but is filling quickly. The classes are limited to 7 students per session.

Interested individuals may contact Keith at 503-538-6118 or at keithwingfield@aol.com or they may contact Diane Lund at 1-800-638-1098 or at diane@weetree.com or contact Peter Adams at Akadams2740@aol.com.

Beginning of Fall

With the cooler nights we have seen in late August, we can begin to taper off our 'hamisu,' the misting of the leaves in the summer evenings. Now the dew is doing that.

We might also begin thinking about fall fertilizing. I think fall fertilizing is more important for bonsai, particularly developed ones, than spring fertilizing. In Japan more fertilizer is sold for bonsai in the fall than in the spring. If you live in the Pacific Northwest or other areas with a long, mild fall, re-fertilizing the trees is very wise as it is as long and nearly as productive a growing season as spring.

Don't discount at least some nitrogen in the fall... there is a lot of talk out there about cutting out nitrogen in the fall, but if you've been fertilizing with nitrogen fertilizers throughout the year the trees will shut down naturally due to shorter day length and cooler temperatures by themselves, regardless of nitrogen. Nitrogen is used in all cell processes; don't cut it out of your fall fertilizer.

Posted by Michael Hagedorn on September 2, 2009 on his website, crataegus.com

October Shohin Group – Maples & Junipers

The October meeting of the Oregon Shohin Kai will feature a guest speaker – our own Alan Taft. His topic will be Japanese maples from seed (for good nebari) and dramatic junipers from cuttings.

We'll actually do some maple seed planting for a group project, so bring seeds from a tree you think will make a good donor (small leaves). Pick the seeds from the tree at the last minute – maple seeds don't do well if they are tried out.

The next meeting will be on the second Saturday, October 10th, at JC Kitchen Cabinets in north-Wilsonville. We meet from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. As always, bring a lunch and trees to work on. Might be good to bring a chair if you can.

We'll be focusing on maples and junipers, but bring anything you want to work on or get advice about. Talk to Arlene Sigourney for details or directions Asigourney@aol.com or 503-504-7207.

Jan

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TreeLine deadline: 10th of the month

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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