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## January 22nd Meeting

Happy New Year! Our January meeting will be held at Saint Phillip Neri Parish on Tuesday the 22nd. We start at 7... but come early to socialize! Our topic will be our yearly business meeting where we discuss the past year and go over the upcoming schedule, the financials and any changes and/or amendments to the BSOP Constitution and Bylaws. After that “fun” stuff is out of the way we’ll move on to a Show and Tell. Please bring a tree or two in all their Winter glory to show off. See you then! ♻️

## Still Needed – Hospitality Chairperson

As you know, Ron and Patty Cascisa have retired as Hospitality Co-chairs. Starting with the January meeting, we do not have anyone to make coffee and punch and put out cookies. We are looking for someone who can buy (or bake?) some cookies each month and come to the meeting early enough to start the coffee so it is ready by 6:30 PM. If you can help with this very important job, please call Jan Hettick, 503-452-1129, or email at [janhettick@comcast.net](mailto:janhettick@comcast.net). ♻️



## Last call for Renewals

The BSOP Directory will be going to the printers soon. If you want your name listed in the directory and have not yet renewed bring your payment to Pat Foldi at the January 22nd meeting. ♻️



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# Calendar of Events

- JANUARY 22 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm  
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR  
Monthly **BSOP meeting**  
Annual Business Meeting & Show and Tell
- FEBRUARY 1 - Santa Nella, California  
**California Shohin Seminar**  
Contact Arlene Sigourney for more information.
- FEBRUARY 4 - Monday 6:30 pm  
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon  
**BSOP Board Meeting**  
Contact Jan Hettick for more information.
- FEBRUARY 9 - Saturday 10 am to 2 pm  
Community of Christ Church - 4837 NE Couch St.  
**Oregon Shohin Kai** - Monthly meeting  
Report from California Shohin Seminar & repotting  
Contact Arlene Sigourney for more information.
- FEBRUARY 17 - Saturday - Location and time TBA  
**Mentorship meeting** - Bonsai Soil
- FEBRUARY 26 - Tuesday 7 to 9 pm  
ST Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th. Ave. - Portland, OR  
Monthly **BSOP meeting** - Repotting by Scott Elser
- MARCH 1 - Saturday 9 am  
**Oregon Shohin Kai** - Monthly meeting  
Field trip to Wee Tree Farm  
RSVP for carpool info
- SEPTEMBER 18 to 21 - Spokane, Washington  
**PNBCA Annual Convention**
- OCTOBER 11 & 12th - Rochester, New York  
**Bonsai National Exhibit**
- DECEMBER 13 - Oaks Park - Portland, Oregon  
**Holiday Party**

# Oregon Shohin Kai

by Norm Sandberg

Our Coffee Shop Meeting for the start of 2008 was very well attended (about 17) with everyone having at least one tree being worked on along with the visiting. [Is this a Whack and Chat? :-)] Anne gave us information on Root Pruning and Repotting oriented toward Shohin, as well as answered questions. Repotting information will be extended to our next meeting when we are scheduled, Feb 9 2008, to start our Shohin Repotting for the new year. She also passed around examples of successful soil mixtures telling the "breakdown" of the different mixtures. Along with this Repotting information she conferred with those asking for her design input of their trees. Thank You Anne.

We managed a short business portion of our gathering for setting our schedule for 2008. Following is the OSK schedule for the next few months the result of the input from the group:

- **February 9**, follow-up of California Shohin Convention and work on repotting.
- **March 1**, field trip to Wee Tree Farm, pot and plant selection, Departing from Tualatin Fred Meyer garden center 9:00 am. Please RSVP to Arlene Sigourney so we know when all have arrived for the trip.
- **April 5**, work on our trees
- **May 3**, field trip to Telperian, follow-up on exposed root azaleas, quince, etc.
- **June 7**, guest artist.

The February, April and June meetings will be at the Portland Community of Christ Church, subject to confirmation.

OSK Members please check your E-mail or the BSOP Internet Calendar of Events the morning of the meetings, to make sure there are no last minute changes in location. 🌍

## Are you getting your BSOP email alerts?

If not, please let Pat Foldi know your correct address... or your NEW address. Some addresses are still bouncing back. Contact Pat (patfoldi@comcast.net) to get on the emailing list.

## Mentorship Details

### Upcoming Mentorship Events:

**February 17th** – Saturday - Bonsai soil.  
Location to be announced.

The next three monthly meeting will be:

- February - Scott Elser on Repotting
- March - Anne Spencer on Shohin
- April - Lee Cheatle on Saikai

## Membership Report

by Pat Foldi - VP of Membership

**Count of Membership  
as of January 15th.**

**204**



## President's Message

by Jan Hettick, President

I really don't believe in New Years Resolutions... Well, they're okay for other people, but not for me. I don't like to set myself up for failure. I do have some goals this year, though. As I said last month, I really need to develop a fertilizer program that will work for me. It will need to be organic, fool proof, non-smelling, unattractive to dogs, inexpensive, easy to administer... automatic would be nice. Still looking for suggestions. I'm also going to finish my greenhouse this year (quit laughing, Bill!). The walls, roof and shelves work really well. I'm anxious to see what happens when I put the windows in. That will necessitate an exhaust fan system. Then water and power. What else?

From the business end of bonsai, 2008 should be a relatively easy year. No conventions! I hope everyone will attend the Annual Meeting on January 22nd. We have a little business to attend to (see the December newsletter), then we get to show off our favorite trees. Or was it problem trees? The biggest challenge I see right now for 2008 is elections for the 2009/2010 Board of Directors. It's not too early to start thinking how you can help run your club. And it is YOUR club. It needs you to make it run.

Something else you can be thinking about is the library. The art of bonsai is a moving target. We need to keep up with the new techniques and attitudes. If you have read any good bonsai books lately, please let the Board know. Give us a little book report, in writing, please – the title, author, and a sentence or two about why it would benefit the club. The Library Committee will review the suggestions and determine which books to get. We are still trying to get the inventory under control, so be sure to return any books you've checked out. Also, we will be introducing a number of "new" donated used books this month. Stop by and look them over.

**Idea of the Month:** In the past, the auction part of the Holiday Party was simply geared toward allowing club members a venue for trading trees. It has been suggested that we turn this into a fund raiser, soliciting donations of a variety of materials from local businesses. That would require a committee to start now, in order to have some good stuff for December. Anybody want to take this on?



## A Word from the V.P.

by Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

Here we are in the middle of January and I am starting to think about all the trees I need to repot this year since I did not get any repotting done last year. I will be making "Boon Soil" this year by the cubic yard instead of just a few gallons. A short aside about my greenhouse saga, I have now discovered that when a wind storm is predicted it is best to close all roof windows. I found one several feet away from my greenhouse. I was looking for a spring repair project anyway.

Our January meeting will be a business meeting then on to a Show and Tell. Remember it does not have to be your best tree just one you like or need help on. I am hopeful that we will have many of the styles represented. Even if you do not want to talk about your tree please still bring one to display or get help with.

When I received my questionnaires back last year many of you requested to have more demonstrations by some of our extremely talented members so, over the next several months I have enlisted the aid of some of our very own members to provide demonstrations for our club.

*Here is the line up so far...*

**February: Scott Elser presenting Repotting**

**March: Anne Spencer on Shohin**

**April: Lee Cheatle building a Saikai**

Some future programs I need Chairmen and Committees for are the Summer Picnic and the Holiday Party. I am looking into reserving a park right now for the Picnic and Oaks Park has already been reserved for Saturday, December 13 for our Holiday Party. If you are interested in serving your club in some manner here is the perfect place to start.

The next workshop I currently have planned will be in conjunction with the April meeting. The following Saturday we will have a workshop where you will build your own saikai with Lee Cheatle as the instructor. All supplies will be provided. Please see the saikai at the January meeting that Lee helped Deb build. More details on the workshop to follow.

Before I go back to removing the old leaves on my azaleas please remember that if you would like to volunteer to help our club in anyway please see any of the board members.

Thank you,  
Steve

# Photos from... *January's Michael Hagedorn Workshop*



*Michael Hagedorn hosted a "Bring your own Tree" workshop on Wednesday, January 9th that focused on Wiring and Pot Selection.*



## Take a Minute

*Board Meeting highlights by Deb Wilcox, Secretary*

- The Board reviewed the Holiday Party and receive many good suggestions to improve next year.
- The Spring Show will again be at the Japanese Garden, this spring over Mothers Day weekend.
- The Board reviewed the agenda for the January meeting.
- 2008 committees need support and volunteers Mentorship, Library, Summer Picnic & Hospitality



## Adventitious Buds

*Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new members*

**Jayne & Tobey Chadsey**

## PNBCA 2008 in Spokane

It is time to start thinking about the PNBCA XIX Convention, to be held in Spokane, Washington, September 18-21, 2008. Headliners include Walter Pall, Kathy Shaner, Dennis Makishima, Jerry Meislik and David Rowe. There are 8 workshops, including collected Elm, collected Ponderosa Pine, Japanese Black Pine shohin, Japanese Larch, Tigerbark Ficus shohin, and a bring-your-own-tree. There are also classes dealing with problem trees and difficult material, advanced wiring techniques, pine development, ficus, and techniques for bending large branches and trunks.

You can go to the convention website at: **[www.inlandbonsai.com/convention](http://www.inlandbonsai.com/convention)**. Once at the website you can open and print out a registration form. In the near future they will have a secure server set up so people can register on line, but until that is finalized people will need to print and mail the registration form.

Email any questions to **[convention@inlandbonsai.com](mailto:convention@inlandbonsai.com)**. Registrations will be numbered as they are received for priority in workshop, class, and critique space; so please register early for the best chance of getting your first choice of classes and workshops. 🌱



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

### *St. Phillip Neri Parish*

2408 SE 16th. Ave. • Portland, OR  
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*Visitors are always welcome!*

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Come early and socialize!

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