



the **TREE LINE**

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Fireworks at the Japanese Gardens!

This year's Fall Show proved to be the largest explosion of color we have ever enjoyed. After a year's hiatus due to last September's PNBCA convention, we were back at the Japanese Gardens for our our best fall show ever. This was the first exhibit that we have ever held with deciduous trees in a true winter silhouette. They were quite lovely and revealed the artistry to which our members have attained. Did you catch the exquisite Trident Maple of Dennis Vojtilla, or Anne Spencer's Red Maple? Along with the naked trees, we also managed to have a few trees still holding onto their clothes for a little while longer. There were lots of red and orange gowns with traces of green. But no one could resist Lee Cheatles stunning yellow Ginkgo as it slowly shed it leaves over the course of two days. There were conifers too, with a nice Sierra Juniper and a first ever Pinyon Pine from Mike Hagedorn. And even though he was traveling in Australia, Bob Laws managed to get us a Pyracantha with ripe clusters of orange berries. It was quite a colorful weekend.

I wanted to thank all of the many members who brought and exhibited trees, as well as those who just came to set up, tear down, tree sit, and demo during the wet weekend. Thanks to Pat Foldi for organizing all those volunteers! I hope that you each caught the two hand-carved sculptures by Mike Hagedorn and Greg Brenden that were exhibited with their respective trees. Here's looking forward to spring.

Scott Elser

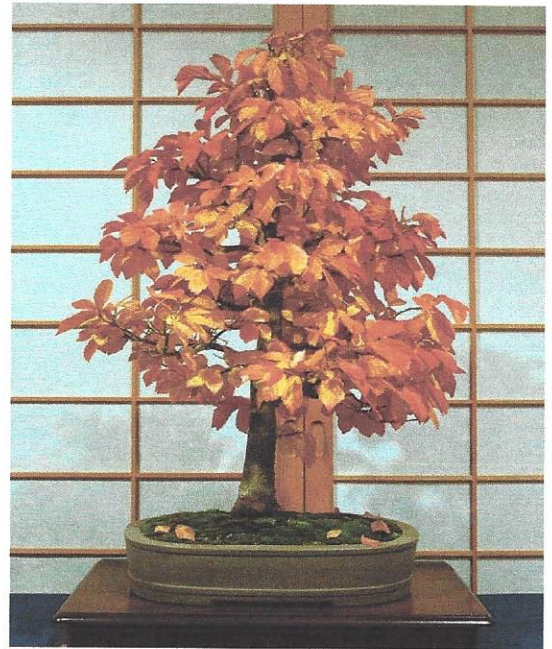
Membership Report

By Pat Foldi - VP of Membership

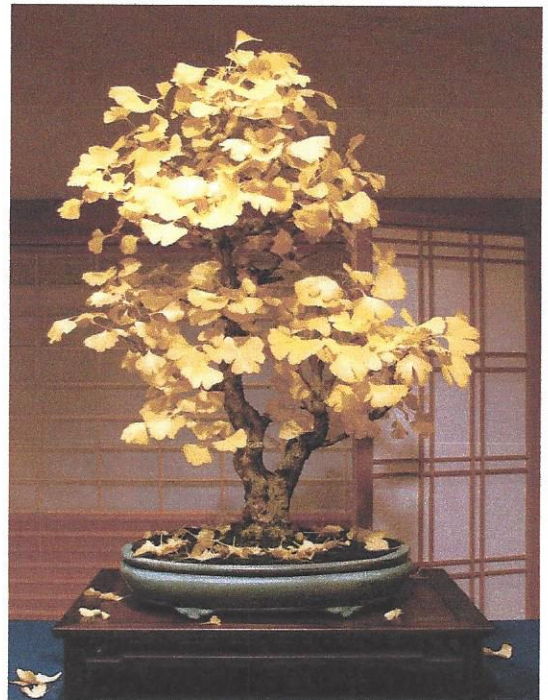
Local membership count was **182** as of Nov 12, 2008

Please introduce yourselves to our new members:

Judith Lancefield	Robert Nesbitt
Robert Wafford	Charles Burden
Daniel Brown	Stuart Garrett
Ann & William Martin	

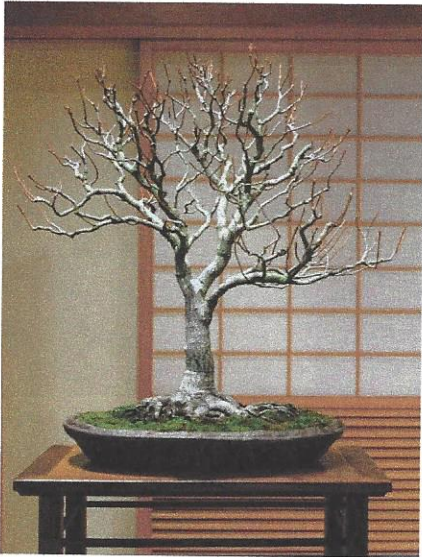


Dennis Vojtilla's Ironwood



Lee Cheatles Ginkgo

Pictures from the Fall Show at the Japanese Garden



Anne Spencers Red Maple



Scott Elasers Japanese Beech



Mame Quince



Schedule of Upcoming Events

November 25 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
St. Phillip Neri Parish - 2408 SE 16th Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **BSOP Meeting - Report on CHINA trip ---
ELECTIONS FOR BSOP BOARD**

December 6 Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm
OSK Meeting
See Norm Sandberg's article for Place

December 8 Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence - Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting

December 13 Saturday
Oaks Park --Portland, OR.
BSOP Annual Holiday Party

January 5 Monday 6:30 pm
Hettick Residence-- Tigard, Oregon
BSOP Board Meeting

January 27 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
St. Phillip Neri Parrish - 2408 S.E. 16th Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **B S O P Meeting - Annual Business Meeting**
New Board Installed - Whack & Chat

SPECIAL DATES

JUNE---NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION
SEPTEMBER---PNBCA CONVENTION

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By Jan Hettick, President

Weather again – it's been strange, hasn't it? A nice, long Indian Summer, brilliant fall color and mild temperatures, then bam! Winter! At least it seemed like it in early November this year. I had to drive to Brookings the first week of November, and the weather was so bad I couldn't even see the property I went to inspect because of fog and rain! Now it's back to being nice – I hope the plants don't get confused.

I have been able to attend a few bonsai chores these past few days. Cleaned old needles out of my pines, wired a couple and have a few more to go. I learned something interesting from Michael Hagedorn last weekend. One of the little black pines is pretty yellow, which I didn't understand because it's had the same fertilizer as all the rest. Mike says it's too much water! So, today I got all my conifers tucked in out of the rain. This unfinished greenhouse (no side windows) is turning out to be pretty handy!

Deciduous trees are gradually being prepared for winter – pulling weeds and moss, clearing out the old leaves, cutting back the long whips, etc. Most deciduous trees are being tucked into bark under the benches, with the tender ones under the greenhouse bench. Haven't found too much forgotten wire this year, although the little hawthorn on the back bench got pretty bad. Each fall I take inventory, making a list of trees stored here and trees stored there. This helps me know who needs what work done and when, and helps me find the trees when repotting time comes around. And that's only couple of months away!

As far as BSOP business goes, the November meeting is very important. This is the month you elect your new Board of Directors. Steve Wilcox and his Nominating Committee have done a great job putting together a slate of officers, as reported in the October newsletter, and I urge everyone to come and participate in the vote. This year, for the first time, the incoming Board and the outgoing Board will have a couple of months to meet together before installation at the Annual Meeting in January 2009. This will ease the transition a bit. So please come to the November meeting and meet your new Board. If you're a new member, introduce yourself and get acquainted. If you're an old member, let us know what you think, and give us your suggestions for improvements. After all, this is YOUR club!

Also, we're looking forward to a great Holiday Party/Auction in December. This is a great time to trade in some trees you may be tired of and a fantastic way to get new material. Look for information elsewhere in this newsletter.

See you in November!



By Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

Here we are in November and we have all weathered the election and my trees came through just fine. I now find myself looking back the last couple of years with pleasant memories of my time as your vice president. I hope you all have enjoyed our past programs as I have tried to have something for everyone. With that said and trying to be brief for a change I will move on.

The November program will be the election of new officers followed by a presentation by Paula Bently-Matthews, Pat Frey, Pat Foldi, Wayne King and Mark Vosbrink on the trip they took to China a few years back. I am particularly looking forward to the part on Zhao.

December is our Holiday Party on a special night, Saturday the 13th from 5pm to 8:30pm at the Oaks Park Pavilion. We have a great price for dinner this year at \$15 per person. Please RSVP Deb or myself no later than Nov 28th or sign up at the November meeting. Please remember to save your money as we are hoping for some great auction items. The main auction tree will be the collected Ponderosa Pine that Randy Knight donated in Scott Ginther's name and Michael Hagedorn styled with all proceeds going to the Mentorship Program.

Speaking of the Mentorship Program Scott Tice has agreed to be the Chairman. Remember that the Mentorship program is free to all Members whether you are a new or existing member.

In January we have planned the Annual Business Meeting with Installation of New Officers and a Whack and Chat to follow.

February's meeting will be a Round Robin event with some of our more experienced member sharing different subjects that they know well. A few of the subjects will be Grafting, Insects and Disease, and Soil. More subjects to follow.

Oregon Shohin Kai

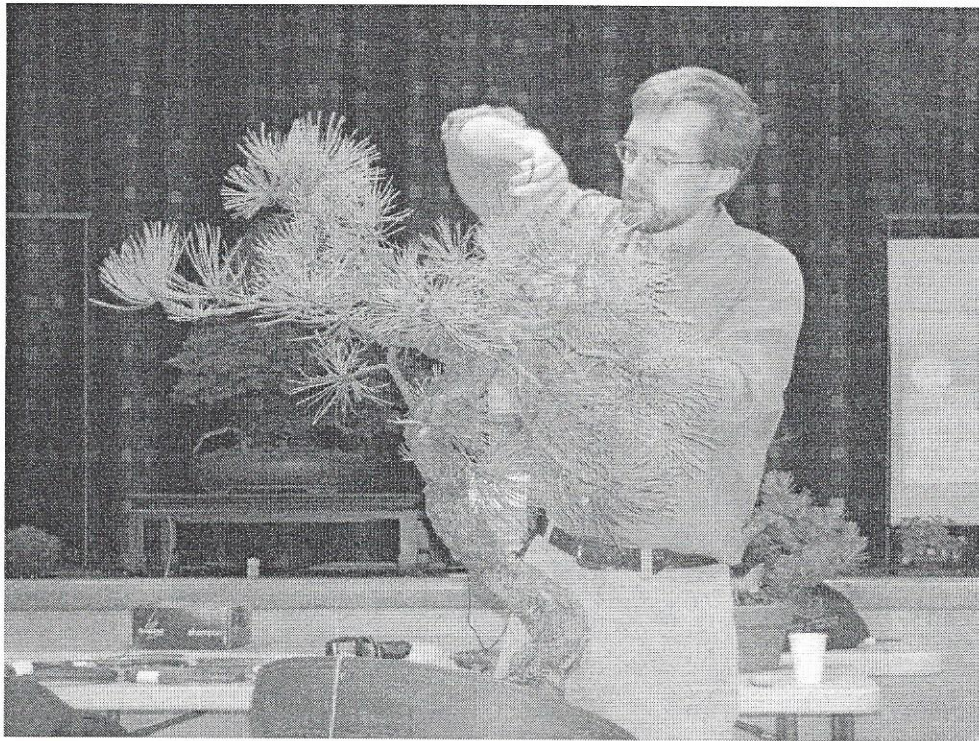
OSK met this month at a new venue, Cedar Hills Community Church in Beaverton. The group brought trees to work on that will be available for future exhibits. There was good back and forth conversation and assistance on tree design.

The conversation led to one of our members offering a free venue in Wilsonville. It is located just off I-5 in Wilsonville at Exit 286. Looking forward to December we decided to meet at the new location on December 6, 2008. Arlene Sigourney will be sending out detailed directions. Make sure you're on her e-mail list if you plan to come.

Norm Sandberg

Auction Tree

Here is a photograph of a collected Ponderosa Pine being styled by Michael Hagedorn. Randy Knight donated this tree in Scott Ginther's name and all proceeds go to the Mentorship Program. This magnificent Ponderosa will be the main auction tree at the Holiday Party on Saturday December 13.



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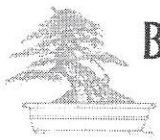
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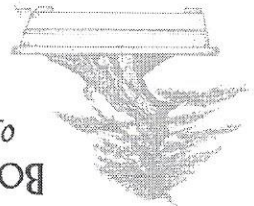
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