

the TREE LINE

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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're going to miss you, Jean, and not just for your treats.

So now we need a new Hospitality Coordinator and a number of able assistants. Before Jean took over we had been working on a system to share the load, and we'll go back to that plan. Watch for sign up sheets at the meetings. We'll need people to bring goodies, someone at each meeting to make coffee and punch, and someone at each meeting to clean up and put things away. And we need a Coordinator to manage the sign up sheets and make calls each month to remind folks what they signed up for. If you think 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!

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

January 10 Saturday 10am - 2pm
O S K Meeting--Wilsonville, Oregon
Wiring Shohin

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

February 24 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
St. Phillip Neri Parrish - 2408 S.E. 16th Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **B S O P** Meeting - Six presenters Round Robin

March 24 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm
St. Phillip Neri Parrish - 2408 S.E. 16th Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **B S O P** Meeting - Scott Elser on prepping bonsai for shows/Shohin Show

April 21 Tuesday 7 to 9 pm **THIRD** Tuesday this month
St. Phillip Neri Parrish - 2408 S.E. 16th Ave. - Portland, OR
Monthly **B S O P** Meeting

SPECIAL DATES
October 1-3, 2009 Victoria, B.C.
20th ANNUAL PNB CONVENTION-

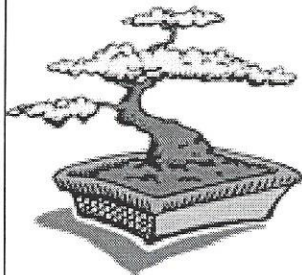
JUNE 12-13, 2010---- Rochester, NY
2nd US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION

Membership Report

By Pat Foldi - VP of Membership
Local membership count was **183** as of Dec 8, 2008. Please introduce yourselves to our new member: Karen Brandenburger.

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By Jan Hettick, President

We had our first ever joint Board meeting last night, the outgoing and the incoming all together in one room. It was a very interesting meeting, and I'm happy to report that your new Board is going to be great. Don Howse, your new President, already has a list of things they're going to work on next year, so be prepared! The new First VP, Rory Zabel, is putting together a list of program ideas, so if you have any suggestions, let him know. Second VP Margie Kinoshita is already figuring out ways to streamline the membership process; be sure your postal and email addresses are up to date. Brian Daniels, your new Treasurer, is working on learning the Quickbooks software, and Patricia Daniels, Secretary, is getting familiar with the stack of papers that she has to keep track of. I hope everyone can attend the January meeting to help get these folks installed in their new offices. They are going to hit the ground running!

On to my favorite topic (weather), it's been nice and crisp lately. But wasn't the fall color great this year? Even the Big Leaf Maples along the highways were brilliant! On the bench, my hornbeams put on a spectacular display this fall, and the tridents, the euonymus, the Acer griseum, etc. Oddly enough the liquidambar was ho-hum, when it has been a luminous burgundy in prior years.

My plan was that this year would bring several trees to the Holiday Party/Auction - reduce my stock and put a little away for my new Gary Wood pot. So the other day when they were predicting below freezing, I went out to put my babies on the ground under the benches, fully intending to pick out a few for new homes. My word, that's hard to do! It's like giving away your grandkids. They are all so cute, and have so much potential. (They're just trees, Jan. Get a grip!) That first day I picked out one to go... my goal today is to find a couple more. After all, the new owner is going to take good care of them, right? I'd better go get at it.



By Steve Wilcox, VP Programs

It is hard to believe that I have been writing a monthly article for the newsletter for two years and this is my next to last one. When I wrote the first one two years ago it seemed like this article was a long way off. Now it seems like yesterday. Bonsai is very similar to this experience. This past summer I was sitting on my deck and noticed a tree I did not recognize. After a closer look, I realized it was the second tree I had purchased eight years ago. It has tripled its trunk size and is developing old bark and ramification. It seems like only yesterday when I bought that

skinny little tree. Back then I had no idea what it would look like today.

This month's program is the Holiday party on the 13th and I am praying for the weather to be good on Saturday afternoon. As the newsletter will come out after the party, I will move on to the next two programs.

January will be our annual Business Meeting, with installation of New Officers and a Whack and Chat to follow. Bring trees to work on and /or just to show.

February will be a Round Robin with different positions manned by six of our members. In the past this has been a lot of fun and very informative. The members and subjects are; Anne Spencer - Top Pruning, Alan Taft - Grafting, Lyle Feilmeier - Diseases and Pests, Barry Baertlein - Soil Basics, Lee Cheatle - Yamadori Styling and Greg Brendon - Cuttings and Collected Manzanita.

The March program will be announced by our new Vice-President in the January newsletter.

In closing I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and advice to help me do my job. I hope you all found things that you liked in our meetings. I am looking forward to the new board members whom I believe will do a great job.

Last but not least please remember that this is your Society and it is only as good as you members are willing to make it. Please volunteer to help. Your contribution is appreciated no matter how large or small.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your vice president.

Steve

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Oregon Shohin Kai

OSK had a good turnout this month in a New Venue. This location was a well lighted and roomy with a vote by those attending to try for a return . Thank you Barbara.

We discussed scheduling for the year before we went into "Whack and Chat". (See list below)

The first Saturday of the month was agreed upon as our meeting date unless otherwise scheduled for convenience.

Working on our trees was assisted by Steve W. and Anne S. with good seasonal answers to the questions asked. Everyone made progress toward well designed Shohin.

We encourage any BSOP member to join us in the upcoming year, to make "little trees".

January 10: Wiring Shohin with Lee Cheattle's guidance

February: We will carpool on a field trip to Telperion. There is a great inside work area. Some of us will be creating Bottle Trees (exposed nebari).

March: All about Persimmons, led by Dennis Vojtilla, at his home.

April: TBD

May: Meet at Apex Bonsai to make fertilizer

June: Early summer pruning

July, August: No meetings

September: 2nd Saturday Swap and Potluck

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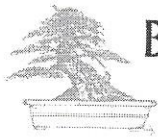
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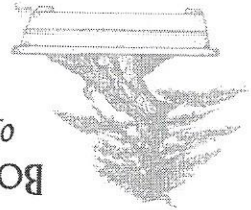
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