



the **TREE LINE**

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Upcoming Events

January
2022

Monthly Meeting:

- January 25, 7-9pm, BSOP Monthly meeting, **Online Only**,
Andrew Robson discusses Nursery Stock Transformations & Repotting. Yearly business report.
- February 22, 7-9pm BSOP Monthly meeting, Lee Cheatle presents: In Depth Repotting & Soil Mix
- February 26, 9-12am Milwaukie Center Outdoor Pavilion, Mentorship Repotting Workshop

Greetings BSOP,

Happy New Year! 2022 is shaping up to be an exciting year for bonsai both in our club and on the west coast. Our executive board recently had our planning meeting for 2022 and lined up an exciting year of programs and events. This year, we'll have 10 monthly meetings plus our additional holiday party and summer picnic with no break as we've done in the past.

We're continuing to mostly utilize our tremendous local talent for the first half of the year, due to many bonsai professionals dramatically limiting their travel due to the pandemic, or settling down to teach exclusively at home.

In addition to our exciting lineup of monthly meetings, we have two big events planned for 2022. The first is in the spring on the weekend of World Bonsai Day (May 14th). We'll be hosting a Pre-Bonsai Seminar and series of workshops to highlight younger plants and how we can transition them to bonsai. Guest artists will include Gary Wood (who was a regular grower and artist at Telperion Farms) and Jonas Dupuich from Bonsai Tonight in addition to others. If you have field grown stock, or nursery stock plants, this will be a weekend not to miss! Additionally we'll have a fall show and festival on October 1st & 2nd that will be a fun leadup to the Pacific Bonsai Expo on November 12th & 13th in Oakland, California.

In addition to our big spring and fall event weekends, we will be hosting mentorship-style workshops for the major seasons of bonsai work. The first ones will be repotting focused on February 26th and March 12th at the Milwaukie center.

More details on that and everything will be sent out via the club email and announced at club meetings. You can find dates for everything mentioned on the club calendar on our website. I hope you're excited for 2022, it's going to be a great year for bonsai in Portland!

Cheers, *Andrew Robson* BSOP President

BSOP Holiday Party

On December 11, members gathered for our annual holiday party. A variety of treats and beverages were provided. The ugly sweater and decorated bonsai contests continued.





A variety of decorated trees competed in the contest. This persimmon arrived after the judging, but surely would have been a contender.

Finalists in the Ugly Sweater contest. Allen won. He had an abundance of props. Reid presided over judging by applause.



Pacific Bonsai Expo

An Exhibition of Extraordinary Bonsai

The Bridge Yard, Oakland, California

November 12-13, 2022

The Event

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors.

Jurors Bjorn BJORHOLM, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis will select the trees. The exhibitors are the judges. Your trees are the stars.

It's an event not to be missed.

www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com



VISION

The goal of the Pacific Bonsai Expo is to showcase beautiful and inspiring bonsai displays. Traditional two- and three-point displays are welcome, as are novel, non-traditional displays.

We have selected a fall date for the exhibit in order to highlight mature conifer foliage, and either fall color or winter silhouettes for deciduous trees.

Anyone is eligible to submit, and all entries will be reviewed by the panel of jurors, Bjorn BJORHOLM, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission Period: February 1 - April 30, 2022.

1. Take a photo of your tree or trees that includes all display elements, and that will give the jurors a clear idea of the impact of the display.
2. Provide species and height for each tree in your display.
3. For deciduous trees please provide a photo of the tree in winter silhouette.
4. Send submissions to: pacificbonsaiexpo@gmail.com between February 1st and April 30th, 2022.

EXHIBITOR'S FAQ

Is it free to submit a tree to the jury?

- Yes, it is free to submit a tree for consideration.

Is there a fee to display my tree at the exhibit?

- Yes, exhibitors will pay an \$85 fee for each display.

Can I get a waiver for the exhibitor's fee?

- Exhibitor's fees are required for all accepted entries. If you are affiliated with a bonsai club, your club may sponsor an entry on your behalf. Contact the organizers for additional information.

Who are the exhibition jurors?

- ◆ Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis are the jurors responsible for determining which trees are accepted for display. To learn more about the jurying process, see [Exhibit Tree Selection and Judging](#).

Who are the exhibition judges?

- ◆ Exhibitors will be the sole members of the judging panel. To learn more about the judging process, see [Exhibit Tree Selection and Judging](#)

I have a tree for the exhibit, but I need a pot/stand/accent/etc. Can I rent or borrow one for the exhibit?

- ◆ The organizers are not able to provide display elements for exhibitors. We recommend you contact your local bonsai nursery, bonsai professional, or bonsai club for help locating items for your display. See a list of [Northern California bonsai professionals and organizations](#).

Do I get free passes if my tree or trees are accepted for the exhibit?

- Yes. Exhibitors will receive one weekend pass ahead of the event.

What are the dimensions of the display space?

- Display table dimensions are 72" L x 29.5" W x 29" H. Contact the organizers if you feel that your tree will not fit in this space.

Will I have help setting up my display at the event?

- Exhibitors are responsible for setting up their own displays. If you need a cart to move your tree, we suggest you bring one. Although volunteers will be onsite to help with setup, we cannot guarantee they will be available to help with specific displays.

When do I need to bring my tree?

- Exhibitors are required to bring all items for their display to The Bridge Yard between (9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022).

When can I take down my display?

- Exhibitors can pack up their displays after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13th.

Are there size limits for the trees I can submit?

- We expect most submissions to be between 4" and 40" tall measured from the top of the pot to the top of the tree. If you have a tree that is outside this range you can contact the organizers to see if we can accommodate your tree.

Can I submit more than one tree for consideration?

- Yes, there is no limit on the number of submissions an individual can submit.

Are bonsai professionals eligible to submit trees for the exhibition?

- Yes. We strongly encourage bonsai professionals and hobbyists to submit trees for consideration.

Can a single tree win more than one prize?

- Yes. Although submissions are not eligible to win more than one of the four exhibit prizes (Best in show, Best conifer, Best deciduous, and Best broadleaf evergreen), any tree is eligible to win one or more sponsored prizes, including the winners of the four exhibit prizes.

Will my tree be photographed?

- Yes. Photography will be allowed during the exhibit, and the organizers will photograph exhibited trees for use on the event website or in a commemorative album.

Will there be security at the event?

- Yes. The event will have professional security guards onsite continuously Friday morning through Sunday evening. Volunteer security staff will be on duty when the event is open to visitors.

BSOP Member Maggie Drake

Inspired in the late 1950s by growing cultural ties between Oregon and Japan, Mayor Terry Schrunk and members of the Portland community conceived the idea of building a Japanese garden on the site of the old zoo in Washington Park.

This initiative sparked the interest of Margueritte (Maggie) Drake, who showed up at the first Japanese Garden committee meeting held by the city of Portland in 1963.

From then on, Drake became an integral part of Portland Japanese Garden – from serving on the Board of Directors for nearly five decades, becoming the first female Board President (1993-1995), and being unanimously nominated as Board Member Emeritus in honor of her unparalleled years of service in 2010.

In the summer of 2021, at age 94, Drake generously participated in an interview with KGW (local NBC affiliate), where she shares her story and recounts on the growth of the Portland community and of course, the Garden.

Drake says, “The Garden is never static,” and that it has been one of her life’s pleasures to watch Portland Japanese Garden mature from what it was – merely a pile of rubble and dirt with a few leftover buildings from the old zoo site – to the world-class garden and organization it is today. Portland Japanese Garden is the manifestation of a continuous effort by a dedicated community.

Video link: https://youtu.be/hR1OIOBKQ_Y

Maggie Drake has been a BSOP member since 1985 and served as the first President of the Bonsai Society of Portland.



BSOP Library News

New to the library this month: The 6th US National Bonsai Exhibition 2018 book! Check out the Deciduous Bonsai Award, Finest Deciduous Bonsai by our own Dennis Vojtilla. This Japanese Maple is reported to have been in training for 70 years, started from a seed collected from one of the imperial gardens in Japan.

Dennis acquired the maple about 25 years ago. Since then the trunk has doubled in diameter and Dennis has added the upper branching and twig ramification. Check out this book to see some really impressive bonsai. We've ordered the 7th US National Bonsai Exhibition book for 2021, which should arrive some time this summer.

For those who took advantage of the BSOP library at the November meeting, books due on January 25th will be automatically renewed in hopes we can have an in-person meeting February 22. For questions, contact Jan Hettick, janhettick@comcast.net.



Chuhin Black Pine Restyle

To see how this black pine got to this level, go to crataegus.com to view its history in words and photos.



Gracing a Buddhist temple.



No watering today.

Trees For Sale

Evergreens include native, Shimpaku, Itoigawa junipers, various pines, mtn hemlock, spruces, moderately priced. Sizes vary from shohin to all one person wants to carry. Also varieties of maples and elms and accent plants. Call 503 704 3891 *Editor*



January Haiku

Kept my raincoat close
 Avoided muddy puddles
 Water up my nose.

Ron Yasenchak

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Visitors are always welcome!

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