



the **TREE LINE**

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BONSAI SOCIETY of PORTLAND

Upcoming Events

July
2023

Monthly Meetings:

July 22 9am –12pm BSOP Swap Meet, Milwaukie Center Pavilion

September 26 6-9pm BSOP Monthly Meeting; Todd Schlafer presents Spruce Styling

October Fall Show Date to be announced

December 16 2-4 pm BSOP Holiday Party, Milwaukie Center

Greetings BSOP,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! We had an action packed set of programming for the first half of our BSOP calendar. Our board has been working hard to keep things afloat, and we appreciate the volunteer interest lately in helping keep BSOP a thriving organization. We need volunteer help, especially for recurring and regular opportunities. Coming out of our summer break, there will be several volunteer positions to fill this fall. More info on that soon!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the summer swap meet. It's a great opportunity to buy, sell and trade plants with each other as a club.

Cheers, *Andrew Robson* BSOP President

Bonsai Society of Portland July Program Report

I hope this newsletter finds you filled with the joy and beauty of bonsai. The summer season is in full swing, and our bonsai community is abuzz with exciting events and opportunities for growth. In this edition, we have some thrilling updates to share with you, so let's dive right in!

Kusamono Workshop and Lecture with Young Choe

We closed out the month of June with spectacular events led by the talented Young Choe. On Sunday before the club meeting, 20 lucky club members had the privilege of participating in an exclusive Kusamono workshop. It was a day filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and the joy of creating stunning kusamono compositions under Young Choe's expert guidance..

Continuing the week on a high note, Young Choe graced our club meeting on Tuesday with a captivating lecture and demonstration on the art of Kusamono. Three exceptional compositions from the demo were raffled off as door prizes, bringing delight to the fortunate winners. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them!

July Update: Summer Swap Meet - July 22nd

Mark your calendars for an exciting event happening on July 22nd - our highly anticipated Summer Swap Meet! This is an incredible opportunity for all club members to come together and engage in buying, selling, and trading items from their collections. The event will take place at the pavilion, beginning with setup at 8 am.

To participate as a seller, club members can set up tables free of charge. While we do have a limited number of picnic tables available, we kindly request that members initially limit themselves to one table until everyone is set up. Sellers are encouraged to bring their own tables for added convenience.

We remind sellers that clean-up begins promptly at 12 pm and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a smooth transition and timely conclusion to the event.

Surprise Guest Demonstrations

As if the Summer Swap Meet wasn't exciting enough, we have some surprises in store for you! Be sure to attend and witness some seasonal guest demonstrations that are bound to leave you inspired and captivated. You won't want to miss out on all the action, so mark your calendars and join us for this unforgettable event.

Looking Ahead to September and Beyond

While we enjoy the summer activities, it's always exciting to peek into the future. Our next regular meeting will be held in September, and we are thrilled to announce that Todd Schlafer, a familiar face to many club members,, will be joining us to give a short lecture and a demo as he styles a wonderful conifer.. Todd's extensive experience,, including studying at Mirai and managing his own garden and workshop in Denver, promises to bring us a wealth of knowledge and inspiration. We can't wait to welcome him!

Closing Thoughts

As we reflect on the programs we've had this spring and anticipate those yet to come, it fills us with great satisfaction and excitement. The passion and dedication of our members are what make our bonsai community thrive. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and contributions

Ben MacBeth, Vice President of Programs

BSOP Library

New addition for the library: *Pacific Bonsai Expo 2022 Commemorative Album*, a photographic record of the inaugural Pacific Bonsai Expo that was held in Oakland, CA in November, 2022. Inspired by Valavinis' U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, the Expo was aimed to provide a similar experience on the West Coast. The event featured 75 bonsai displays from across the United States, and attracted over one thousand visitors. The book has professional photography worthy of study. It includes descriptions of the selection process, the judging, and the venue, as well as individual tree names, tree heights, artist statements, and if available, stand and container information. Several BSOP and Portland artists are represented. It's a beautiful book! Check it out and take a look. To reserve, send an email to janhettick@comcast.net referring to BSOP1899. First come, first served on the reservations.

Jan Hettick

Lodgepole and Shore Pines

The PNW native *Pinus contorta* has the common names shore pine and lodgepole pine. The species is a common tree in western North America. There are 4 subspecies that are isolated by geography. They are *Pinus contorta* subsp *contorta* (Shore Pine endemic southern Alaska down the coast of northern California) *Pinus contorta murrayana* (Sierra Lodgepole Pine or Tamarack Pine endemic to the Cascade Range, the Sierra Nevada, the Bernardino Mountains, the Peninsular Range and the Spring Mountains), *Pinus contorta* subsp *latifolia* (Lodgepole Pine endemic to the Rocky Mountains) and *Pinus contorta* subsp *bolanderi* (Bolander's Beach Pine endemic to the northwestern California coast in Mendocino county).

We are fortunate that the first two subspecies can be found here in Oregon. It grows near the ocean shore and in dry montane forest to the subalpine, but is rare in lowland rain forests. Like all pines (member species of the genus *Pinus*), it is an evergreen conifer.

Since moving to Oregon I have added the two Oregon subspecies to our collection. One is *Pinus contorta* subspecies *contorta*, a yamadori Shore Pine collected by [Anton Nijhuis](#) on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. It was a retirement present to myself and it was styled in January 2023 by [Michael Hagedorn](#) with help from his past and current apprentices Andrew Robson, [John Eads](#) and [Carmen Leskoviansky](#). The second was also a yamadori collected by a friend of [Michael Hagedorn's](#) and was styled by him and planted on a rock by Andrew Robson and Michael's Seasonal students in March of 2018. It is a Lodgepole - *P. contorta* subspecies *murrayana*.

These are fascinating local native species to use in bonsai and worth considering if you don't have one or both on your benches. They are considered a one flush pines so they are not candle pruned. (The first picture is the styling of the Shore Pine and the second the planting of the Lodgepole Pine on its volcanic rock.)

The thing I really like about these two bonsai is that both are the result of a community effort among friends. Bonsai is much more fun when it is collaborative rather than being practiced in isolation. If you don't already, I encourage you to invite some friends over and include a new club member who may not yet be plugged in. Have a beer and work on bonsai together once a month. It will be a very rewarding experience and it is always a good thing. Wouldn't it be great if BSOP was filled with small groups working on bonsai together every month. Isn't that what this hobby is really all about?!

Jeffrey Robson



Styling a Shore pine.



Styling a Lodgepole pine.

Pinus contorta contorta,
Anacortes WA



Pinus Contorta murrayana,
Sonora Pass, CA



Avant-garden goes to Seattle Art Fair



July 27 through 30, 2023, we will be returning to [Seattle Art Fair](#) as a community partner. And we're taking a piece from our current exhibition, *Avant-garden*. In Seattle at Lumen Field Event Center for one weekend only, you can see Aarin Packard's *Frankenpine*: a nail-studded, Japanese Black Pine tree in a black faceted metal container.

The living art of bonsai can express the full range of human experience, even a sense of emotional turmoil, as seen here, but less commonly expressed in bonsai.

BSOP June Meeting



Young Choe gave the feature presentation on Kusamono. She used screen illustrations as well as living examples to explain the art and design of Kusamono.





After the break, Young Choe created Kusamono with help from a few volunteers. The finished work was raffled off and went home with a lucky ticket holder.

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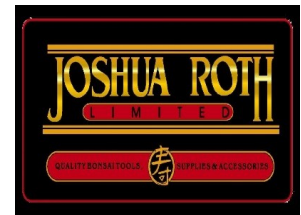
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