



the **TREE LINE**

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Upcoming Events

October
2019

October 22 6-9pm **BSOP monthly meeting**, Milwaukie Center

Please note: This is the 4th Tuesday, not the last Tuesday of this month.

November 3 10-2 **Mentorship 102**, Oregon Grape Room, Milwaukie Center

November 26 6-9pm **BSOP monthly meeting**, Milwaukie Center

December 15 4:30—9pm **Holiday Party and Auction**, Milwaukie Center

Programming Report

Wow! That exclamation was how I felt after our September Whack ‘n Chat. Some of our long term members told me that was the best meeting they had attended in that format and I heard from new members they had a great time. I was pleased to see it turned out as intended — a social gathering where strangers could make acquaintances and in which members could learn about each other.

I want to repeat my preface that this round of Whack ‘n Chat was in response to member feedback. Additional feedback has made it clear BSOP could be doing more to ensure our monthly meetings are a comfortable and welcoming space for people who are not of more dominant cultural backgrounds. Addressing this feedback remains one of my higher priorities. Would you help me, though?

I would love to see anybody new to BSOP, new to bonsai, or who has not recently displayed one of their favorite trees to bring something in for the show and tell table this month. The only requirement is that you bring in a tree free of disease and a pot free of muck and pests (e.g. ants and slugs).

Speaking of this month’s program, our friends Andrew Robson and Dennis Vojtilla are back for our final installment of a 2019 series on deciduous tree development. Be ready to feast your eyes on a showing of trees representing their meticulous and appealing work. We will learn more about the phases and transitions in which a deciduous tree is built literally from the roots up (and next, in order, the trunk, primary, secondary, and tertiary branching).

For November’s programming, I leave you with this teaser — the headliner lives in Europe. See y’all soon!

Reid Parham, VP, Programming

HOLIDAY PARTY

No, it's not quite here yet. But please save the date!

December 15, 2019

The BSOP Holiday Party is an exciting annual event celebrating a successful year of bonsai and friendship. The party this year is on December 15th, 4:30 - 8:00pm at the Milwaukie Center. The Holiday Party is open to all BSOP members and their guests. We especially encourage our newer members to attend. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with other BSOP members and "talk bonsai"! Not to mention, a good way to get your hands on some good quality bonsai material. Watch for more information in your November newsletter.

Mentorship 102

We have already had 2 Mentorship 102 sessions this season. My how time flies! The first session was on September 1 and the second one was on October 6. These days we bring our trees and whack away at them, chatting all the while; your basic whack and chat. We get to know each other, help each other, exchange ideas, and even get some pruning and wiring done.

Lee would like you to let him know if you want to change that. Do you want to start out each class with a lesson or demonstration pertinent to the season, then move on to working on our trees? Do you just want to do that occasionally? Would you like a guest speaker occasionally? If you have ideas about 102, please let Lee know.

This is the time of year for styling Junipers, Pines, and elongating species such as Spruce, Fir, Hemlock, Redwood, Cypress, Cedar, and Cryptomeria, and also any deciduous that have shed their leaves.

Mentorship 102 is for BSOP members who have some idea of how to work on their trees but want to hone their skills. This is a less structured environment than the 101 classes, and registration is not required. Members bring in their own trees, tools and supplies, and the instructors guide them through styling decisions.

We are so fortunate to have so many experienced members as instructors for those of us who are less experienced. Many thanks to Lee Cheatle, Steve Wilcox, Roger Case, Joanne Raiton, Howard Greisler, and Dave Kidd! And a special thanks to Jan for the cake!!

Mentorship 102 meets next on November 3. See you at the monthly meeting, October 22!

Elisabeth Hardy (Liz)

SUPER RAFFLE

Our current Super Raffle prize is a beautiful Engelmann Spruce collected by Greg Brenden. We began selling the \$5 tickets at the September meeting and will continue during the first part of the October meeting. The drawing will be held at the end of the program break on October 22nd. You need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at the Super Raffle Display Table in the raffle area.

From Greg:
Picea engelmannii
Engelmann Spruce

I collected this Engelmann spruce, *Picea engelmannii*, late in the fall of 2017 from the Oregon Cascades. I first noticed it along the route I had been taking to collect much larger trees...a towering 18" tall, it had better movement than some of the bigger trees I collected earlier in the season. I was able to get it into the mica pot it's in right away, which was a real plus.



And the soil surface has a wonderful Mochikomi that I left undisturbed. Something the lucky winner of this tree will surely want to consider when repotting this tree. I styled it in the winter of 2019 and respected the fact it has two apexes and several possible fronts.

Again, my hope is this tree falls into the right hands that will respect what this little tree has to offer. I would be willing to work with the person winning this tree, if that would be necessary. Good luck!



Mossball with Spiral Orchids

Painting by Ron Yasenchak

October Haiku

Rustling through brown leaves
Sounds of autumn everywhere
Listen for the breeze

Ron Yasenchak



Conifer Series Workshops

with *Scott Elser*

This fall we are launching a new set of classes designed to get the beginning bonsai student off to a strong start and intermediate student increased skills. Classes are tailored to specific groups of conifers to maximize learning. Each workshop will include species overview, care, and detailed technique as well as aesthetic considerations and design principles.

Sign up by emailing Scott at bonsaielser@gmail.com. Payment will reserve your spot. Bring a sack lunch along with your trees, tools and wire, and a desire to advance your skills.



Japanese Red Pines \$85+Tree

Saturday, September 28th, 9am-3pm

Perfect for the beginning student, we will be designing this classic species with trees raised from seed by Scott. Price includes individually priced trees plus workshop fee of \$85. Trees available for selection and purchase at BSOP Jamboree. Limited to 6 students. (Trees range \$100-150)

Elongating Species \$95

Saturday, October 5th, 9am-4pm

Bring your own trees to style in this workshop. We will cover how to grow and style our own native Spruce, Fir, Hemlock, and Douglas Fir. Limited to 5 students.

Pines & Pines \$95

Saturday, October 12th, 9am-4pm

Bring your own trees to style in this workshop. We will cover how to grow and style multi and single flush pines, including Japanese Black and White, as well as our own native pines. Limited to 5 students.



Pinus sylvestris/ Scots Pine bonsai. Wirral Bonsai Society Show in Northwest England. From Bonsai4me.com.




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