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Upcoming Events

October
2020

Virtual BSOP Meeting:

October 27, 2020 Scott Elser will continue a seasonal focus on intermediate development work on conifers.” The Zoom meeting will open at 6:00pm for technical troubleshooting and an unstructured social hour, followed by Scott’s presentation from 7-9pm.

November 24, 2020 (Tentative)

October Words From the President

Happy Fall everyone!

BSOP is in the works continuing to bring everyone a better monthly presentation via live streaming. Please be patient as we refine our videography.

BSOP Board of Director nomination/volunteer opportunity is still open before we vote for our new President, Treasurer and Secretary. As of this article we have only one person volunteered for each position, thank you to those that have volunteered so far. Voting for the new Board of Directors of BSOP will take place during our November online club meeting, be sure to be included and vote.

BSOP Board of director has agreed to start a members only Facebook auction page, this will allow BSOP members to auction off bonsai and related items. This would be to take place of our silent auction we normally had during our group meetings. This will keep club material available to members! A great idea from Vice President in charge of membership Patrice Morrow and a collaborative effort with our social media members to assemble the rules of the page. We will send out more information once the BSOP Auction page is ready.

Soak in the fall color of your trees,

Joe Johansen



Kamogawa Stone,
Lindsay Bebb

Stone is uncut basalt.
Stone, base and stand
are from Japan

From BCI

Programming Report

Thank you all for a successful return to meetings at our virtual event on September 22nd! We learned a lot about running the programming in this format and your feedback is always welcomed. For the betterment of BSOP we need more people involved (as many as possible) in running these events. Programming is where and how BSOP can fulfill our goals to be an education-focused group that welcomes everybody with intentionality and strives to make our events accessible and accommodating to all in our community.

Presenter Scott Elser was full of his usual skill and tact to methodically work through his seasonal review of work to be done by species. An edit of the video recorded that night will be available on the BSOP website and our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRS_dB1Q6VXbIS8X7KiY3cA.

Across the entire lifecycle of our events we are needing your assistance in production, organization, and communication. I worry about centralizing too much responsibility with myself and would truly love to see a self-organizing crew able to work to their mutual strengths. BSOP is ready to support these efforts with funding and endorsement from the board. Please email reid.parham@gmail.com to get involved.

Coming up in October, Scott Elser and I will continue our socially cautious and distanced programming on intermediate development of conifer trees. A link to the event will be provided through email, our website, and Facebook no later than October 26th.

For optimal experience you will need a reliable internet connection capable of sustaining around 20 megabits of download bandwidth. Note that a physical connection will be more reliable than wireless and the reliability of a wireless connection becomes worse as you move further away from the hardware providing you service.

All my best,

Reid Parham, VP, Programming

October 2020 Mentorship

At the PNBCA Board meeting this week, we finalized arrangements to establish a series of educational Zoom programs to be available to members of the region's bonsai clubs, including BSOP. For the first year, there will be no charge, but registration is required.

The first session will be November 19, 2020 and will be presented by Bjorn Bjornholm. It will be available to the first 100 to register, but if necessary, may be repeated to handle a larger audience.

Discussion is now underway with Zoom to try to expand the maximum number of registrants to 500. This will be live, allowing for questions and answers.

Naturally, I'm happy to try to answer any questions.

Cheers, *Howard*

To all Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs and Associations,

Pacific Northwest Bonsai Association (PNBCA) has been in existence for 31 years. Our mission is to further the art of bonsai by providing education to bonsai enthusiasts and to support bonsai events held by member clubs.

With recent extenuating circumstances, the PNBCA executive board has decided to host four PNBCA sponsored online classes to all members of the association **free of charge**. PNBCA includes bonsai clubs and societies in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

New four part series

The four online classes will take place beginning November, 2020. Each of the four sessions will feature an internationally renowned bonsai professional and the topic will coincide with the season. The first class is scheduled for November 19, 2020.

We invite all members of bonsai clubs within the Northwest region to join us for our first online class.

Please visit www.PNBCA.com for details and to register for the first online class sponsored by PNBCA.

Sincerely,
The PNBCA Board of Directors

An email from the BSOP Board of Directors:

Along with everything else happening in 2020, this is the year we elect new BSOP board members for a 2-year term. Two current board members (VP of Programs Reid Parham and VP of Membership Patrice Morrow) are willing to serve another term. However, we need to find members to fill the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and President.

The BSOP Bylaws describe the duties of these positions. Use the following link and click on BSOP Constitution. The Bylaws start on Page 3.

<https://portlandbonsai.org/s/2019-01-22-constitution-and-bylaws.pdf>

The people currently serving in these positions would be happy to answer any questions that you have about what is entailed in the jobs. We would also be willing to work with incoming officers for a few months until they learn the ropes. You can reach them via email at:

Laura Hudson, secretary - llh2747@yahoo.com

Patty Myrick, treasurer - verdillia@comcast.net

Joe Johanesen, president - frjj1@msn.com

If you are interested in helping the club as we navigate into the future, please contact us.

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BSOP Private Online Auction hosted by Facebook

I miss our monthly meetings! The great programs, beautiful displays, friendly faces and general buzz of activity that is part of every monthly gathering are all, temporarily, in the past. But we're working hard to keep that spirit going.

Now that Reid Parham has taken up the challenge of creating an online program that allows us to keep up with important seasonal tasks and provide creative inspiration (Thanks Reid! And thanks to Scott Elser for so generously sharing his expertise.) We're on to the next challenge; bringing back our monthly Auction. Keep an eye out for more information, but the short version is;

WHAT An online auction for members to buy and sell bonsai and related items

WHEN This will be once a month. Dates to follow

WHO Open to all BSOP members in good standing

WHY Any member can post their items, and any member can bid

WHERE Facebook private BSOP member page- Auction Only

HOW Local members can arrange safe "porch pick-up". Shipping option at seller's discretion

We'll be moving fairly quickly on this and hope to have an auction scheduled later this month, so start thinking about what you'd like to sell!

Patrice Morrow – VP Membership

Reid Parham – VP Programs



Bantigue Tree,

Pemphis Acidula

Susan Lee, Philippines

Designed by Nabe Millares

Style: Informal Upright

Height: 73 cm

Zisha pot made by Master
Gong Linmin

From BCI

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Editor



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October Haiku

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

Ron Yasenchak



Supplementary haiku

Leaf spins in the breeze
Suspended by spider thread
Natural magic

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Bonsai Development Series #21: The effect of removing a sacrifice branch

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 by JONAS DUPUICH

Earlier this summer, I pruned and defoliated two field grown trident maples. I reduced all of the branches on one of the trees, and left a sacrifice branch on the other.

Both trees have grown vigorously since they were pruned, but they produced growth in different areas.

The tree with the sacrifice branch produced a small amount of low growth, but invested most of its resources to extend the sacrifice branch which is now over eight feet long.



Trident maple after cutback and defoliation – July, 2020



New shoots on the lower branches eight weeks later

I reduced all of the branches on the second tree, and as a result, it produced more vigorous growth along the trunk.



After cutback and defoliation in July



New shoots on
the trunk eight
weeks later

Knowing how trees respond in these two cases helps us determine whether or not we're better off keeping or removing sacrifice branches.

If the goal is to thicken or extend the trunk, heal large wounds, or strengthen the roots, I'll leave sacrifice branches alone. If the goal is to encourage as much new growth as possible on the branches that will form the future silhouette, I'll reduce sacrifice branches.

In the case of the trident maples above, I'll let the trees grow freely until the leaves start to turn color at which point I'll prune and wire the branches in preparation for next year's growth.

This article is taken from the excellent Bonsai Tonight website/blog with permission from its author, Jonas Dupuich.

Pottery Studio Holiday Yard Sale

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Contact information is on the BSOP website www.portlandbonsai.org under Resources/Member Services/Membership Directory