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Upcoming Events

November
2019

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

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

January 5, 2020, 10am-1pm, **Mentorship 102**, Oregon Grape Room, Milwaukie Center

January 12, 2020, 10am-1pm, **Mentorship 101**, Oregon Grape Room, Milwaukie Cntr

January 28, 2020, 6pm-9pm, **BSOP Annual Meeting**, Milwaukie Center

BSOP November Words From the President

I have not compiled information for a spring show as I said I would. If you are interested in being on the spring show committee, please email me frjj1@msn.com. We need some quick action for a location in May. The board can relay to this committee, the details of what needs to be planned for.

Our latest membership count is 401! Be on the lookout for new faces and introduce yourself. Our Holiday party is just around the corner and tickets are available on the club website!

I hope all of you are experiencing good Fall changes in your trees and are buckling down for some winter weather that would be around the corner.

Happy bonsai everyone, *Joe Johansen*

BSOP Library Policies

BSOP maintains a large lending library of over 1,250 items that are available to all members. The library subscribes to the Bonsai magazines including Bonsai Focus, Bonsai & Stone Appreciation (BCI), International Bonsai and the Journal of the American Bonsai Society.

- Materials may be checked out at regular Tuesday night meetings to be returned at the next regular Tuesday night meeting.
- Materials may be renewed by the borrower for one additional month.
- All overdue materials must be returned before checking out new ones.
- Lost items must be replaced by the borrower or a fine paid equivalent to replacement cost.

Programming Report

First, a heads up — **No silent auction at the November meeting on the 26th!**

Now, if you're receiving and reading our all-BSOP email communications, which I hope you are, then you've surely seen the news for our November program. To mix things up a bit, we have a new-to-BSOP presenter visiting all the way from the Czech Republic — Jan Culek!

Be ready for three action packed days with Mr. Culek from Sunday, November 24th through Tuesday the 26th. This is an exciting opportunity for you to receive special attention and instruction from an outsider who rarely makes it to our region.

A lifelong outdoorsman and practitioner of bonsai, Mr. Culek has decades of experience in this art and craft. He aims to interject an exciting and uninhibited contemporary styling on top of rigorous and foundational horticultural techniques.

I can only try to stress these details in so many ways, so I might as well encourage you to visit his website at janculekbonsai.com to see examples of his stunning work. You may notice he fits in with other contemporary artists, which is no accident — David Benavente has been a reliable mentor and instructor to Jan.

With the introduction and background out of the way, I direct your attention to the schedule:

1. Workshop — November 24, running from 9 am to 6 pm, and limited to 8 participants; see the club website for more details on the bring-your-own-tree workshop. You will need to log in to Resources/Member Services and click on the product page for full description.
2. Private garden consultation — November 25, at any (convenient) location where Jan can visit you, provided the schedule and fees can be arranged; contact reid.parham@gmail.com to make arrangements.
3. Demonstration — November 26, from 7 to 9 pm on a fun pine tree; come to enjoy the show and plan to bid on the trees at our Holiday Party oral auction.

I know we are butting up against some big holidays, so please get ready to have your fill of bonsai fun, if you can fit it in before you have your fill with friends and family.

Please let me know if I can provide any information, facilitation, or support to get you involved with any of these three events.

See you soon! *Reid Parham*, VP, Programming

BSOP 2019 HOLIDAY PARTY!

The BSOP Holiday Party is an exciting annual event celebrating a successful year of bonsai and friendship. The party this year is on Sunday, December 15th 4:30-8:00pm at the Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie.

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.

Tickets are \$10 per person until Dec 10th or \$15 after December 10th and at the door. They can be purchased online at the BSOP website <http://www.portlandbonsai.org/>, Member Services. Tickets may be purchased at the Cashier desk at the BSOP meeting on November 26th.

HERE'S THE SCHEDULE

1:30 – 4:00 - Setup

4:00 – 5:30 – Auction Registration (bring your trees, etc.)

4:30 – 5:30 – Social Hour & Appetizers

5:30 – 6:30 – Dinner

6:30 – 8:00 – Auction, Raffle & Contests

8:00 – 9:30 – Clean Up

DINNER

The event is a combination catered/potluck dinner. BSOP will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread stuffing, hot vegetable, vegetable salad, fruit and rolls.

Coffee, tea, water and non-alcoholic soft drinks will be provided. Alcohol is allowed but you must bring your own.

BSOP members will provide delicious and creative potluck appetizers and desserts. Bring which-ever you prefer. Those with food restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, gluten free) please feel free to bring a labeled contribution to the main meal.

TWO CONTESTS

The winner of each of our Holiday contests will receive a \$75 BSOP Gift Certificate good for a purchase from any Vendor at our monthly meetings.

Decorated Tree Contest: Bring a small decorated bonsai tree as a centerpiece for your table. Attendees will vote by ballot for their favorite decorated tree.

Best Sweater Contest: Wear your ugliest, prettiest, or most interesting Holiday sweater. Attendees will vote for their favorite.

SUPER RAFFLE - Holiday Edition!

We have a nice Chinese Elm to give away in a Holiday Edition of our \$5 Super Raffle. This tree is in the development stage and has gotten a good start on its way from our member Reid Parham. Preview the tree at the November meeting.



Best Sweater Contestants at 2018 Holiday Party



Decorated Tree Finalists at 2018 Holiday Party

HOLIDAY PARTY AUCTIONS & RAFFLE

The Holiday Party will feature both silent and oral auctions. We are looking for good quality trees, including those with significant styling or those with excellent potential. The better trees will be selected for the oral auction. The Holiday Party auction differs somewhat from the monthly meeting silent auctions.

- The focus here is on quality. The Holiday Auction is a great way for new members to obtain good quality trees with some degree of styling and for more experienced members to move on to better quality stock.

- As with previous auctions, sellers receive 80% of the sale proceeds. BSOP will retain 20%. This is an excellent way to thin your collection while earning some extra holiday cash. You can set a minimum bid on your tree. If it doesn't reach the minimum, you take it home.

- We also welcome outright donations to the club, with 100% of the proceeds going to the BSOP general fund. If you choose this option, we can provide you with a tax receipt so you can write off your donation.

- The raffle donations may be anything bonsai-related, including but not limited to seedlings, raw tree material, excess tools, training pots, etc. All attendees will receive one free raffle ticket.

- Please bring your auction items between 4:00pm and 5:30pm so we can get them registered. As always, make sure your trees and pots are clean and free of disease. (watch out for slugs and ants) If you anticipate bringing more than five items to auction, please notify Jan in advance, janhettick@comcast.net.

HELP WANTED

As with any event we need your help to make this successful. We need BSOP members to help with the following:

Set up Tables, Raffle Ticket Sales, Auction Runners & Bid Spotters, and Clean Up

Use the SignUpGenius button at Resources/Member Services on the BSOP website. <http://www.portlandbonsai.org/> or respond to the invitation email you will receive from SignUpGenius.

We look forward to seeing you at the party, ESPECIALLY NEW MEMBERS!

Your BSOP Executive Board: *Joe, Reid, Jan, Patty & Laura*

Super Raffle!

Congratulations to Dane Burrell, winner of the Engelmann Spruce at the October meeting.

We will not have a Super Raffle at the November meeting, but stop by and check out the Chinese Elm that will be given away in a Special Edition Super Raffle at the Holiday Party on December 15th.

Coming in 2020! Our first Super Raffle prize of the year will be a One-Year Mirai Live Standard Gift Certificate! Tickets on sale at the January and February meetings, with the winner drawn at the program break in February.

Patty Myrick

Mentorship 102

Mentorship 102 met on Sunday, November 3, for another Whack and Chat. Lee gave a short synopsis of winter care. People have various ways of approaching their winter care depending on their local weather, species, and mind set. Also it is not too early to start preparing for potting season, deciding which trees need to be repotted into which pots, and cleaning pots,

Portland Bonsai (Steve Leaming) was there with a limited portion of his store; it's great to be able to buy things when you need them rather than waiting for the next monthly meeting.

Many thanks to our talented and knowledgeable teaching assistants; Steve Wilcox, Roger Case and Dave Kidd.

Mentorship 102 will meet next in the new decade; January 5. The time will change from 4 hours to 3 hours; 10:00 – 1:00 on the first Sundays of the month until summer.

Enjoy your trees!

Elisabeth Hardy (Liz)

October BSOP Monthly Meeting



Andrew Robson and Dennis Vojtilla presented the program on deciduous bonsai assisted by John Eads



A large variety of trees, pots, tools and other bonsai necessities were available.



Members enjoyed viewing beautiful examples of deciduous bonsai



Bonsai Jamboree September 2019



Various vendors of pots and trees





Participants ranged from newest beginners to seasoned artists





Bonsai creativity on all sides

Trees for sale from raw material to high end trees like these





The Exhibit was large and impressive with a variety of styles and aesthetics.





Geranium pyrenaicum,
Kusamono by Young Choe,
pot by Charles Smith

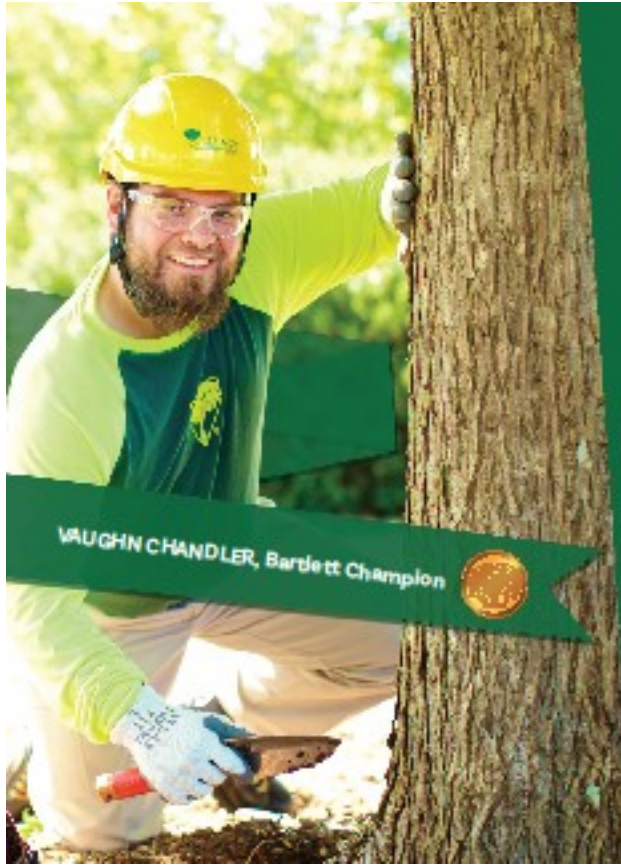
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November Haiku

Sun's goodnight is long
Stars peering through the dark clouds
Join white water's song.

Ron Yasenchak





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