
EUGENE BONSAI SOCIETY

Society website: www.eugenebonsai.org

Monthly Meeting

February 4th - *Re-Potting*

Details

When: 6:30pm - Help Table
7:00pm - Meeting

Where: Eugene Garden Club
1645 High St.

Parking: Limited space is available across the street. Please don't park in the spaces beside the Garden Club building.

Officers

President - RaeAnn Chamberlin

Vice President - Tom Fincel

Secretary - Kelly Edmondson

Treasurer - Dean Burkhart

Directors - Richard Johnston,
Brian Paterson, Sam Rogers

Webmaster - Adam Fleischer

Exhibit Co-Chairs - Bruce Pratt, Bill Elliot

Newsletter - Adam Fleischer



President's Message

Welcome to 2016 everyone! I am looking forward to a new year with all of you. The board had our meeting and we have a fun and informative year of programs and workshops planned for you.

My first thanks goes out to everyone that volunteered and got volunteered for service on the board. The club needs you in order to survive and prosper. We will include a list of the monthly programs with this newsletter. A huge thank you to the volunteers giving the programs as well. They are why our meetings are so successful.

The workshops are filling up. If you are interested in participating, contact Tom to get on the roster. Remember, you need to be a current member to participate and payment for the workshops is due the meeting **before** the workshop happens. In other words, to attend Allan's workshop on February 28th **both** your club dues and workshop fees need to be paid at the February meeting. Members can always be silent observers at any of the workshops. Repotting season is quickly approaching; don't be like me, keeping my larch in a 4" container for 3 years because I keep missing the transplant window! I vow to get it done in time this year...like this weekend.



Pacific Bonsai Museum

Eastern White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*)

Date of Origin: ca 1770

Country of Origin: Canada

Artist: Mr. Reiner Goebel

Bonsai Since: 1992

Source: Goebel Collection,
Willowdale, Ontario, Canada

Age in a tree is often revealed by the appearance of its bark. The deeply fissured, multi-layered bark of this bonsai, along with spurs of dead wood and a sharply bent trunk, speak of many years of survival in a harsh environment. White cedar's physical attributes enhance more than its own longevity; tea made from the vitamin C - rich foliage saved early European explorers from scurvy, and earned the tree the alternate name "Eastern arborvitae" or "Tree of Life"

The designer of this bonsai is Mr. Reiner Goebel, a well-known Toronto bonsai artist, author and teacher. Another of Mr. Goebel's white cedar bonsai is displayed at the U.S. National Bonsai Collection in Washington D.C.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on February 4th. We will be preparing (volunteering) for the Asian Celebration. Please participate in any way that you can; we are going to have a great time! If it wasn't suggested strongly enough, I'll be blunt, the more we put into the club through participating and volunteering, the more we will get out of it. Everybody brings something to the table!

-RaeAnne

Monthly Programs

The start of monthly meetings also brings the return of monthly programs. We've got a great list of learning opportunities this year; all you need to do is show up to the meeting and learn! Take a look at the schedule below and start getting excited!

Month	Program
January	No Meeting
February	Re-potting
March	Forest Plantings
April	3 Ring Circus
May	BYOT - mini workshop
June	Kingsville Boxwood
July	Picnic Potluck
August	No Meeting
September	Wiring
October	Moss and Accent Plants
November	Third Annual Society Show
December	No Meeting

Asian Celebration

When: February 20th & 21st
 Where: Lane County Events Center
 Hours: 10am to 7pm (Saturday)
 10am to 6pm (Sunday)
 Set up: Friday 19th at 5pm



The Asian Celebration is our primary resource for growing our Society with new members. This year we will be raffling off a fully potted bonsai tree to a lucky new member who signs up during the Celebration.

In order to do so, we are looking for anyone who is willing to donate a tree for this purpose. If you would like to help the Society in this effort, please bring your tree to the February Meeting.

Dues

Dues for the 2016 calendar year are due at the February meeting.

New prices are:

Individual - \$30.00
 Family - \$40.00

Please print and fill out the EBS Membership Form (click [here](#)) and mail with payment to:

Eugene Bonsai Society
 Box 29
 Eugene, OR 97440

-OR-

Bring the completed form and payment to the February meeting and give to Dean.



This February marks the 31st Annual celebration of this great event. Over the years our Society's presence has grown, with last year being the largest presence yet. We added extra tables and extra trees and strove for a more formal presentation. This year we're at it again!

The following is a message from Bruce Pratt who is coordinating our efforts with the Celebration.

The annual Asian Celebration is coming up on February 20th and 21st. This is a great opportunity for us to show the public what we are all about. It is time to bring out your favorite trees you've worked on over the years and join the fun.

Set up for the show is the evening of Friday the 19th and we need some **volunteers** to help. This is also the time to bring your trees for display. We will convene at 5:00pm at the Lane Events Center at the Lane County Fairgrounds for set up.

The hours of the show are Saturday from 10:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 6:00pm. We will have a signup sheet for volunteers to help man the booth and answer questions from the show's attendees at the February meeting. It seems to work well to divide the days into 2 hour shifts, with two people working each shift. If you are unable to make the meeting and would like to be a part of the fun, you may call me at 541-554-3121 to volunteer for a shift.

Tear down and tree removal will start about 5:30pm on Sunday the 21st.

-Bruce

2016 Workshops

Please bring your own tools, supplies, and anything else you may need for these workshops. Club wire can be purchased onsite for an additional \$15.

All workshops will be from 9am - 4pm at the EPUD building (33733 Seavey Loop Road, Eugene 97405).

Casual observers are welcome to attend at no charge.

Sunday, February 28th

Instructor: Alan Taft

Cost: \$60 full day

Student Limit : 8

Notes: BYOT. Class tailored for beginners and intermediates. First bonsai? No problem!!!

Sunday, March 13th

Instructor: Lee Cheatle

Cost: \$60 full day

Student Limit: 8

Notes: BYOT or purchase a Shimpaku onsite. Beginners and intermediates welcome!

Saturday, April 9th

Instructor: Michael Hagedorn

Cost: \$110 for full day

Student Limit: 7

Notes: BYOT

Questions? Contact:

Tom - FincelNW@aol.com



Changes!

With a new year, comes...change. Let me first say that the Board thought long and hard about each of the changes I'm about to relay, and understand that they might not be universally loved and adored. But, for the continued growth and longevity of the Society, they were deemed necessary.

• **First:** Dues have been raised for the first time in over 10 years and will now be \$30.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for families. As is the case in every day life, the cost of doing business for EBS has increased over the last decade. In order to continue providing the top notch resources we do, dues needed to be increased. **Dues are due at the February meeting.** There is now a Membership Form that can be printed out from the EBS website. Simply navigate to the "Become a Member" page and click on the form. **Or [click here.](#)**

• **Second:** Starting with MARCH'S issue, the newsletter will no longer be distributed by mail. Those Members receiving printed copies will need to provide me with an email address in order to continue receiving the publication, or access it through the website.

• **Third:** "For Sale" tables will be set up at all monthly Society meetings at the Garden Club. Any Member may sell any bonsai related items for whatever price they choose. EBS will receive a 25% commission on all sales.