

EUGENE BONSAI SOCIETY

Society website: www.eugenebonsai.org

Next Monthly Meeting

**February 2nd - Re-Potting
(Deciduous, Conifers, and Soil)**

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 - RaeAnne Chamberlin

Vice President - Tom Fincel

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Treasurer - Dean Burkhart

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Brian Paterson, Sam Rogers

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Newsletter - Adam Fleischer



EBS Member Tree

President's Message

Welcome to another year of working with our bonsai. We have lots of fabulous programs in store for you. Starting February 2nd with information on re-potting. The Asian Celebration is quickly coming up on February 18th and 19th. Pick a favorite tree in a display pot, get it cleaned up and mossed so it will be ready to show. Contact Bruce with any questions and volunteers of help. We need help with: Set up, Take down, and Tree sitting during the event.

Helping out doesn't require any experience, just time. Help us make this a successful event! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the 2nd!

-Rae

February's Program

Does your tree look a little too big for its pot? Perhaps the soil is a bit stale or maybe this is your first tree and it is still in its nursery pot? Come to February's meeting to learn the ins and outs of repotting! Topics will include soil selection, methodology, and tips for deciduous and conifer trees. Don't miss this talk on a crucial fundamental aspect of bonsai.



Pacific Bonsai Museum

Creeping Hydrangea (Hydrangea petiolaris)

Date of Origin: 1964

Country of Origin: USA

Artist: Mr. David De Groot

Bonsai Since: 1989

Source: Thomas Berger Collection, Seattle, WA

Bonsai are intended to suggest images of large, old trees in nature; therefore, bonsai growers refer to any plant material used for bonsai as "trees", even though many of the plants are shrubs, woody vines, woody herbs, or even succulents.

Creeping hydrangea is a woody vine that is little used for bonsai, although it makes an excellent bonsai subject. Its winter is striking: thick, shaggy bark on mature stems gives any plant the look of a hoary old woodland denizen, while pale yellow buds glow against the deep rust red of the twigs.

This bonsai was for 35 years a stock plant at an area nursery, providing cuttings for propagation. It was purchased and donated to the PRBC by the Collection's landscape architect, Thomas Berger.

Increasing our Social Presence

With an ancient art such as Bonsai, it is easy to forget that people of all ages, young and old find this hobby fascinating. But in this Age of Technology, it's easy to get lost in the shuffle when trying to promote our Society and act as ambassadors to bonsai even if we know the interest is out there. For that reason, The Board decided in December that we would launch a Facebook Group Page for the Eugene Bonsai Society.

This page will serve several functions. It will bring a social media presence to EBS that will allow members to gather on the web to share pictures, tell stories, have discussions, read articles, watch videos, or do whatever else comes to mind! It will also modernize our look and serve as outreach to capture the interest of those who frequent Facebook.

Sam has outdone himself bringing this page to life and if you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to check it out [here](#). Anyone can access the front page, but in order to participate (i.e. post comments or engage in topics) you will need to be granted access by Sam. Just follow the instructions on the page...it's completely painless, I promise! You can also get to the Facebook site by following the link at the bottom of any page on our website. Just look for the .



Screenshot of EBS Facebook Page

Asian Celebration

When: February 18th & 19th
Where: Lane County Events Center
Hours: 10am to 7pm (Saturday)
10am to 6pm (Sunday)
Set up: Friday 17th 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 contact Bruce at: mcriverrat@msn.com.

Dues

Dues for the 2017 calendar year are due at the February meeting.

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.

Asian Celebration

Looking for a way to get involved with the club all the while learning more about bonsai?

Assisting during the Celebration will provide a behind the scenes look at what it takes to create a great bonsai display. You'll also enjoy watching the general public "ooh" and "ahhh" over our trees!

Each year is a big hit, but it takes help from everyone to pull it off. Contact Bruce (see sidebar) for more



Marjorie Meader Award

This year the Board has chosen to award the Marjorie Meader Service Award to Adam Fleischer. Adam took over the position of Webmaster and Newsletter Editor several years ago. Adam has done a fantastic job of making our website beautiful, informative and user friendly. Many people searching for local information have found us through the website. Adam also publishes and distributes our newsletter each month and makes it available to all who visit our website. Congratulations to Adam! A huge thank you for all you do.

2017 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.

Saturday, March 18th

Instructor: Michael Hagedorn

Cost: \$110 full day

Student Limit : 7

Notes: Advanced Class

Saturday, April 1st

Instructor: Alan Taft

Cost: \$65 full day

Student Limit: 8

Notes: BYOT. Beginners and intermediates welcome!!

Saturday, April 15th

Instructor: Lee Cheatle

Cost: \$65 for full day

Student Limit: 8

Notes: BYOT, Beginners and intermediates welcome!!

Questions? Contact:

Tom - FincelsNW@aol.com

Workshop Reminder!

Sign-ups for all 3 workshops has been open via **e-mail** since **January 1st**. If there are more people signed up for a workshop than the number of spots available, a raffle will be held at the regular club meeting on February 2nd to see who gets in. For those who get into a workshop, payment should be made at that meeting. Any remaining open slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis after the Feb. meeting. If anyone prefers to do a half day workshop, that is fine as long as you find someone to take the other half day.

Payment for the workshops is due by the end of the monthly club meeting prior to the workshop. You must be a current club member to participate in a workshop. Checks should be made out to the Eugene Bonsai Society, and mailed or given to Treasurer Dean Burkhart.

- Tom (Workshop Coordinator)

