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# EUGENE BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Monthly Meeting

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**May 4 - Kingsville Boxwoods**

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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

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President - RaeAnne Chamberlin

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*EBS Member Tree*

## May's Program

Calling all Kingsville Boxwoods! Next meeting's program will be a bring your own Kingsville boxwood workshop. These great trees are a wonderful clip and grow starter for those wanting to take their first bonsai steps. Baltzer's nursery is a great place to find some good stock.

## Last Month's Meeting

April's meeting saw Bruce, Rae, and Tom talking about different styling techniques for various tree species. Bruce focused on elm, hornbeam and snowbell deciduous trees with a clip and grow technique. Rae spoke on Junipers and demonstrated how flexible they are to wiring and Tom covered pines demonstrating how certain characteristics (rough bark, lower downward angled branches, and good nebari) contribute to the perceived age of the tree. A wealth of knowledge was shared! We're lucky to have such skilled members to learn from.



## Pacific Bonsai Museum

### Trident Maple (*Acer buergerianum*)

**Date of Origin:** ca 1820

**Country of Origin:** Japan

**Artist:** Mr. Toichi Domoto

**Bonsai Since:** 1880

**Source:** Domoto Family Collection, Hayward, CA

Originally one of a pair of matching bonsai. This maple was imported from Japan for exhibit at the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, marking the opening of the Panama Canal. At the conclusion of the exposition, the two trees were separated, this one purchased by nurseryman Kanetaro Domoto of Hayward, CA.

Passed from father to son Toichi in the 1930's, the bonsai was regularly exhibited in Bay-area flower shows until the outbreak of hostilities between the U.S. and Japan in World War II. During the four years of the owner's relocation, the tree's roots penetrated the bottom of its wooden planter and entered the earth, causing the tree to rapidly grow beyond bonsai size. Despite its size, it remains a tree of unique beauty and historic interest.

## 2017 Workshops Completed

Once again, the EBS Workshop season has come to a close. Thank you to Tom for handling the logistics of bringing three fantastic instructors to Eugene to benefit our members. Each workshop was an invaluable experience for new and experienced members alike. If you didn't get a chance to participate this year, its time to take the plunge in 2018!!



Instructor Lee Cheatle discusses proper pruning techniques to EBS Members



Workshop attendees look on as Lee provides styling advice

## 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:** \$40 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:

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## EBS Outreach - Part 2

Last issue we talked about how Sam had spent a day at the Phoenix School's Agricultural Science class teaching students about bonsai. In this issue we'll share the follow-up trip Sam took to cover potting techniques.



Sam exposes the roots of the tree in preparation for repotting as the kids look on



Two students get hands on experience separating the soil from the tree roots. According to their teacher, they were all surprised how many roots were eventually cut off.

All in all, the Ag. Science students re-potted five bonsai trees with Sam's help. Four of those trees were the ones the students had picked out at the nursery with Sam on his previous visit. The fifth tree was a little boxwood Sam donated.

Students from Phoenix School's Building and Trades program poured the concrete and formed the pots for each of the four trees so it was a true group effort!



One of the student's final products