

Eugene Bonsai Society Newsletter

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Monthly Meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday,
February 1, 2018.

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.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone,
I hope that this winter has been easy on your
trees. With spring just around the corner
thoughts are going to be zooming in on
repotting. I'm hoping to take care of my backlog
of tangled roots without the usual
procrastination that leaves me exhausted
because of my last-minute endeavors.
We have a great schedule set up for the year
ahead and I hope to see you all at our February
1st meeting. Sam

PROGRAMS FOR 2017-18

February – Rescue Trees - Kathleen Daly
March – Shohin - Will Cordova
April – Selecting Bonsai Material -Tom Fincel
May – 3 Ring Circus – Sam, Tom, Doug
June – Maples - Doug Price
July – Picnic, Island Park, Springfield
August – Pots at Sam & Kristy's home
September – Fertilizing -Tom & Doug
October – Photography – Candace Kramer
November – Club Show – Tom Fincel
December – Tool Care – Dean Burkhart

Dues are due!! Eugene Bonsai Society
**dues have been reduced to \$20 for an
individual and \$30 for a family.** This
reduction is possible because of the
healthy balance in our treasury. Please
come prepared to pay your dues at the
February meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Asian Celebration will be February
17 and 18, with set up on Friday the 16th.
Be prepared to sign up for trees and tree
sitters at the February 1st meeting if you
haven't already!



EUGENE BONSAI SOCIETY 2018 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The club has scheduled 3 workshops with 3 different bonsai teachers this spring for your benefit and bonsai education. **This year all three workshops are on Saturdays, and they will all take place at the EPUD Meeting Room, located at 33733 Seavey Loop Road, Eugene, OR 97405.**

These 3 workshops are great opportunities to work on your trees with the help of bonsai professionals at a very reasonable cost.

The first workshop is on Saturday, MARCH 31st with Lee Cheatle of Portland. Lee is president of the Portland Bonsai Society, and is a true Ambassador of Bonsai! This is a BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) event, any species. **NOTE DATE CHANGE. Cost is \$65.00 per person.**

For our second class we will be welcoming **Bobby Curttright to Eugene to hold his first workshop with our club on Saturday, April 14th.** This is a BYOT event, all species are welcome. The cost for this workshop is \$90.00 per person.

The third workshop features **Michael Hagedorn for Saturday, April 21st.** This workshop is for intermediate and advanced level students, and beginners are strongly encouraged to attend as observers and receive valuable bonsai education for free. Don't miss this one! The cost is \$110 per person.

Observers are welcome and encouraged to attend all of these workshops at no charge. They are a great opportunity to see and learn how bonsai are grown and styled. If you have any questions, or **to sign up for any of these workshops, please contact Tom Fincel at FincelsNW@aol.com**

Sign-ups for all 3 workshops can be done at the February meeting. 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 1st to

see who gets in. **For those who get into a workshop, payment is due at the February 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.**

IN THE GARDEN BY DOUG PRICE

Another year starts and I say to myself, "This year is going to be different. I will have all my soils sifted before repotting season is upon me." This is what I say each and every year and yet... With that in mind now is a great time of year to be getting all your soil components gathered and sifted to get rid of fines and dust. Start thinking about what pots you might want to use that might better compliment your trees as they grow and age.

So far, we have had a mild winter in the southern Willamette Valley with some overall warmer temperatures which can mean some trees start to break dormancy early. When buds start to swell and stretch this is the best time for pruning and repotting most deciduous trees but they must be protected from any subsequent frosts for the rest of the season. Once they leaf out the work begins. The best bet is to keep your deciduous trees out of the sun and in a cool spot in your yard so they will stay dormant longer.

Despite our current mildness rest assured we will still have some strong cold spells ahead. Keep your eyes on forecasts and be prepared to deal with deep freezes or prolonged rainy spells. Spend a rainy Saturday getting your soils ready-you will be thankful in March! For other seasonal tips visit:

<http://www.eugenebonsai.org/Monthly%20Care%20Q1/>