

Eugene Bonsai Society Newsletter March 2018

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Monthly Meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday,
March 1, 2018 on Shohin trees.

When: 6:30pm - Help Table

7:00pm - Meeting



California Shohin Society Seminar 2018 Exhibit

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

Once again the bonsai display at the Asian Celebration was a great success. If you spent time tending the booth, I imagine that you have noticed the people who smile from one end of the display to the other. Whether they stop to talk or not, I feel that we have done our job and done it very well.

Thank you, everyone, for the display trees and the time spent at the festival. A special shout-out to Dean for the extra work recruiting new members and giving up his weekend to the cause.

2018 Asian Celebration Exhibit



Japanese Quince



Siberian Elm Forest
with Ipheion uniflorum 'Froyle Mill' accent plant

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 pay your dues at the March meeting.

IN THE GARDEN
BY DOUG PRICE

March is the big repotting month. The ideal time for most conifers and deciduous to be repotted is when a tree's buds start to swell and show color. This is when we get to interact with our trees on a level that would be impossible if they were growing in the landscape. We get to examine their roots! If a tree has not been growing robustly maybe now you can find the culprit. Look and see how the tree responded to your last root pruning. Areas with dark, mushy roots need to be picked out and replaced with fresh soil to prevent root rot. Remember, any tree you have repotted must be protected from subsequent freezes either in a greenhouse, garage, or maybe your kitchen (in a pinch during that surprise cold snap).

Now is the time you can change the type of pot your tree is in. I'm trying to do a better job of making conscience decisions of what color, shape, and size would best suit a given tree. When you try out different pots and find that magical fit your tree can really shine.

For all you Japanese Black Pine lovers out there really get on your spring fertilizing this

month. The goal is to build up as much strength as possible so we can decandle them successfully in May. This means adding new organic cakes or tea bags once per month or fertilizing with liquids regularly. For other seasonal advice go to:

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

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.**

The workshops are all full. 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.

The first workshop is on Saturday, MARCH 31st with Lee Cheate 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.

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 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!

For those who got into a workshop, payment is due at the March meeting. Checks should be made out to the Eugene Bonsai Society and given to Treasurer Dean Burkhart. They may be mailed if you cannot attend the meeting.