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- Remember you can check the club out on the Web at www.psba.us. Current and past newsletters are available on that site. If you missed seeing the April [PSBA Newsclippings](#), look it up by going to the website and clicking on newsletters.
- Remember to put aside the July 26th date for our potluck to be held at CUH. Hope you come and enjoy the good food and take this opportunity to sell or buy bonsai materials. See page 3 for details.
- Plan now to attend this year's Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association Convention to be held in Victoria, B.C. Look for details on the web at <http://www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca>.
- Note—PSBA will need volunteers to help with Aki Matsuri. Contact Wayne Brewer if you are willing to help. (425.391.2772 or wayne.j.brewer@boeing.com)
- Coming in November is the chance to see suiseki displayed at the South Sound Gem, Opal and Mineral show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds from the 13th to the 15th.

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From the President's Desk by Matt Fogata...

On the road again....actually, Ruth and I just got back after being on the road since May 15th, so it's nice to be home again. Fortunately our son took care of our bonsai while we were gone; otherwise they would have cooked! Hope everyone's bonsai are surviving the heat.

By the time everyone reads this month's Newsclippings, we will have been treated to a Penjing demonstration by Robert Cho. And knowing Robert, it will have been a good show.

Get yourselves ready for our July potluck - yummy food and a chance to sell/buy. This is the time of year when each of you has an opportunity to bring in bonsai and bonsai-related items and to sell or purchase to your heart's content. This year, David DeGroot's Yama Taki study group will have a display and demonstration. As always we can use help setting up and taking down, so be sure to let either Pat Negron pnegron@earthlink.net or me mateofogata@msn.com know if you are able to assist.

Since we won't meet again until September, please be sure to mark your calendars for:

- 9/12-9/13: Aki Matsuri. Contact Wayne Brewer wayne.j.brewer@boeing.com as he will appreciate having some help.
- 9/28, 7-10 pm: PSBA meeting with Michael Hagedorn as our guest artist (demonstration).
- 10/11, 10 am: New Member Workshop at Bonsai Northwest. Contact Greg Hill go2ghill@aol.com if you are a new member to sign up.

And before I forget: after getting back from our trip and reading our June Newsclippings, I was pleased to read the thank notes to those of you who helped set up and take down at our Spring Show. I would like to add my thanks to each of you as well. It is always great when members pitch in to help!

The 2009 PNBCA Convention is hosted by Victoria, BC. Be sure you have your travel documents in order. The Victoria Club will be putting on a good show, so be sure to get yourselves registered and plan on having fun!

Thought for the month:

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." (Thomas Edison)

See you all at the potluck!

Now Is The Time For Summer Care of Bonsai

By Glenn Gardner

As a general rule apply water directly to the soil near the side the container where the majority of the root ends are. The root hairs at the end of the roots are actual mechanism that picks up water and nutrients from the soil for transfer up the trunk and into the leaves. Water applied near the trunk of the tree will not be taken up by the roots (no root ends here) and will contribute to root rot as the soil never dries out and is always wet and soggy. Never apply water if the soil is still moist. Dig a hole about one inch deep at the edge of the container and if the soil at the bottom of the hole is damp, the plant does not need water. If water is sprayed to the top of the tree, as in overhead watering, the foliage will direct the water away from the container and the plant will end up short of water. The rim of the container actually becomes the "drip line" for the plant. Broad leaf plants require more water than the narrow leaf plants because there is a larger surface for evaporation, whereas the narrow leaf plants require less water due to the small area for evaporation.

Water should be applied in the early morning to give the plants a full day to use the water. Water applied in the evening is of no, or at any rate, little benefit as the plants draw water up the stem and to the leaves only when the sun is evaporating water from the leaves creating hydrostatic pull. Nutrients are carried up the stem with the water and left in the leaves when the water evaporates. By the action of photosynthesis the nutrients are converted into starches and sugars in to feed the roots and foliage. In extremely hot weather the plants shut down during the heat of the day. That is why some trees, especially maples will have their leaves brown out and curl up even though the soil of the plant is still moist. The plant has shut down and has not continued the transfer of water up the trunk. The heat has caused the water column in the stem to break down into bubbles which stops the flow. If the weather is very hot, the tree should be placed in a shadier environment and possibly watered at noon or on demand when the soil has dried out.

If a tree has browned out do not discard the tree. Remove all of the leaves and place it in a shady place and possibly new leaves will sprout even in early fall. If the leaves start having brown edges, move the tree to a shadier place where it will receive morning sun only or place it under a shade cloth. If leaves do not sprout, lightly scrape the bark of the trunk of the tree and if it shows green cambium, again, set the tree aside and wait for the new leaves in the next spring. Azaleas should not have water applied directly to the flowers. The flowers turn brown and become soggy. The leaves of Shishigashira maples will brown out, as if the tree is too dry, if water is applied to the foliage. The leaves start to brown around the edges and gradually the brown expands until the entire leaf is brown. So the first thought is that the tree is too dry and more and more water is applied which only exacerbates the problem by drowning the tree. As a general rule, any plant which exhibits this reaction to watering, should not receive overhead watering. Indeed "Now Is the Time" to pay special attention to watering your bonsai.

Annual PSBA Potluck – Sunday July 26

On Sunday the 26th of July, PSBA will hold its annual festive potluck. Jeaninne Rakos kindly volunteered to head up arranging for something to drink and having plates and napkins and silverware available. Anyone who could lend her a hand would be appreciated. Below is a schedule of suggested dishes to bring using your last name as a guide:

A-F Salad

G-K Hot Dish or Main Dish

L-R Dessert

S-Z Appetizers

Members should contact Matt Fogata or Pat Negron (see the president's column on page 1 for contact information) in order to reserve a table if they wish to bring trees, pots, books etc to sell or trade that day? You need to sign up ahead to be sure you have a table (s) reserved. Whatever you sell goes into your pocket.

Appetizers will be at 2 pm and the main meal at 3 pm. A demonstration by the members of David DeGroot's Yama Taki study group will begin at 1 pm. They will also bring trees to display.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of good food and a chance to sell or buy to add to your collection of trees, pots or books.

Robert Cho's Penjing Demonstration

At our June 22nd meeting Robert Cho created a specimen penjing, using traditional Chinese techniques. Jan Whitner, a Seattle Chinese Garden Society board member and horticulturist, gave a short presentation on the Seattle Chinese Garden's plans and distributed some literature concerning the garden. Eventually the garden will display a collection of penjing in a dedicated courtyard and will have a nursery in which penjing are developed.



The evening's demonstration was well organized and everyone had a chance to ask questions about the material and the techniques Robert was using. Mr. Cho had prepared his plant material ahead of time and he explained the use of rock and plant material in Chinese penjing.



When he finished the planting was auctioned and one of our guests had the winning bid. We hope Robert Cho's material will have a chance to be displayed at a future PSBA show as well as at the Seattle Chinese garden as it develops. We look forward to more collaboration between the two societies.

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Mark Your Calendar For These Events:

Sunday, July 26	Annual PSBA potluck held at CUH—1-5pm
August	No Meeting
Saturday-Sunday, September 12-13	Aki Matsuri @ Bellevue College
Monday, September 28 7pm	PSBA meeting at CUH—Michael Hagedorn demonstration
Friday-Sunday October 2-4	PNBCA convention held in Victoria, B.C.
Sunday, October 11 10 am start time	New PSBA Members Workshop held at Bonsai NW. Contact Greg Hill (go2ghill@aol.com) for details.
Sunday, October 18	Maple viewing at the Seattle Japanese Gardens
Monday October 26	PSBA meeting at CUH—Demo and possible workshops with Bonsai Boon

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