



- 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.
- Memberships should have been renewed by now—if you wish you can check on your membership by contacting Carol Sangster (csangster@chubb.com)
- The 4th annual PSBA auction of trees—see page 3 for details.
- Remember to put aside the July 26th date for our potluck to be held at CUH starting about 1 pm. Look for details in a July newsletter.
- Plan now to attend this year's Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association Convention to be held in Victoria, B.C. Look for details on page 3.
- Note—PSBA will need volunteers to help with Aki Matsuri. See page 3 for details
- 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...](#)

No message this month...

[Robert Cho to Demonstrate at PSBA's June Meeting](#)

At our regular meeting to be held June 22nd at CUH, PSBA welcomes one of our Pacific Northwest's fine Penjing practitioners—Robert Cho. Robert is the owner and manager of Asia Pacific Gardening, Inc. in Kent, Washington. He was an engineer in Hong Kong and his Kent business takes him all over the country as well as back to China frequently. Robert designs products and imports bonsai and bonsai related items for the mass market. He has been a long time supporter of Pacific Northwest bonsai and we welcome him as the demonstrator for our June meeting. PSBA meets on the fourth Mondays of many months.

This is a special occasion because PSBA also welcomes as our guests that evening members of the Seattle Chinese Garden Society. Plan to come at 7 pm and the festivities will begin shortly thereafter. Coffee, tea, and cookies are provided by PSBA and we welcome this chance to meet with and get to know members of the Seattle Chinese Garden Society. Robert Cho's demonstration will be in keeping with the Chinese theme that evening. Plan to come and learn more about the art of Penjing.

[The Northwest Weather Confounds Our Bonsai!](#)

This past week it seems that our bonsai has had to jump suddenly from a cold, wet spring right into summer time heat and dryness. Hopefully, you got your plants repotted into a soil mixture that matches your watering schedule and method. Another Northwest bonsai publication pointed out that this year our bonsai have had no real chance to become accustomed to hot, dry weather. It seems we went from soggy to bone dry with no chance to gradually adjust. Pay extra attention to the demands of your trees and remember that mother nature has a mind of her own.

PSBA'S Spring Show 2009

This year PSBA once again had the pleasure of presenting its spring show at the Seattle Japanese Gardens. Our thanks go especially to Kathy Blanchard for arranging to have the show at the gardens. May 17th was warm and sunny and many visitors made their way to the gardens to enjoy the bonsai in a lovely and appropriate setting. Grant Rauzi was assisted by several people:

Kathy Blanchard and her husband Mark helped both with the set-up and the take down of the show. Pat Negron saw to it that the mame and shohin were displayed to good effect, and as always Pat was responsible for getting labels on trees and making sure all the myriad details were seen to. Our thanks also go to Edd Kuehn, Ken Wassum, Tom Knoblauch, Howard Miller, Carlos Marentes and Mary Elizabeth Davis for help in setting-up and taking down the show on Sunday. Others who helped answer questions and care for the plants on display as well as help out were Dave George, Edd Kuehn, Jack Fleming, Paula Rodriguez, Brian Ramstead, Sharon Murphy, Morgia Belcher, Joel and Jan Schwarz, Annette Clark, Pat Negron, Wayne Brewer, Kathy Blanchard and Carlos Marentes. As you can see from the picture below, the show was very nice; we appreciate all the members who took the time and effort to bring in plants, stands, and companion plants and rocks. There are more wonderful pictures of the spring show on our website; go to psba.us and then click on photo gallery, then click on Spring Show 2009.



12th Annual Aki Matsuri Festival – September 12th and 13th

The 12th annual Aki Matsuri event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th on the campus of Bellevue College (formerly Bellevue Community College) in Bellevue. This Japanese Fall Festival is a celebration of Japan's rich cultural heritage and is presented each year by the Eastside Nihon Matsuri Association (ENMA). The program, which runs from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday, features such attractions as craft exhibits, martial arts demonstrations, a show held by the Washington Koi & Water Garden Society, dance, theater, anime, a large flea market, and much more. Additional information is available at www.enma.org or by calling ENMA at (425) 861-7865.

As in the past, representatives from PSBA will exhibit trees and be on hand to answer questions about bonsai and our club. We will also have trees for sale in the exhibit room. If you are able to help with this fun event, please contact Wayne Brewer at (425) 391-2772 or at wayne.j.brewer@boeing.com.

The address on the Bellevue College main campus is: Gym, C-Building, and R-Building, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue, Washington. Admission and parking are free.

Coming Next Weekend—PSBA's Fourth Annual Auction

The fourth annual PSBA auction will be held Saturday, June 6th, in the courtyard of Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection from noon to 4 pm. This popular event is open to the public as well as PSBA members.

From noon to 1 pm Charlie Anderson will present a bonsai demonstration using a black pine. Concurrently, Wayne Brewer will present a critique of the 70 auction trees. Free food will be served and the trees will be auctioned from 1pm to 4 pm by Dan Robinson and professional auctioneer, Steve Hardy.

2009 PNBCA Convention

The planning for the 2009 Convention "Bonsai Without Borders" is being finalized. Spaces in several workshops is still available. Details on available workshops and their content are provided on the convention web site: <http://www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca>. Registration may be made via email at luisand-sue@shaw.ca or by using the forms on the web site. Because the convention in Boise was cancelled, the northwest clubs hope every club will be well represented come convention time in Victoria. The dates for the convention are October 2-4th. Remember that the Canadians make arrangements for inspections of plant material so that bringing plants back into the United States is painless. Every member who attends the Victoria convention also should mention that they belong to PSBA. All clubs share in any profit made at the convention. The size of PSBA's share of the profits depends upon how many of our members attend the convention in Victoria. Last year our members who attended the convention in Spokane brought a nice chunk of change back to PSBA. Let's hope we do as well in 2009.

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Saturday, June 6	Annual PSBA Auction to be held at Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim site in F ederal Way
Monday, June 22 7pm	PSBA meeting at CUH—Chinese Penjing artist Robert Cho
Sunday, July 26	Annual PSBA potluck held at CUH—1-5pm
August	No Meeting
Saturday-Sunday,	Aki Matsuri @ Bellevue College
Monday, September 28	PSBA meeting at CUH—Michael Hagedorn demonstration
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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