



- 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.
- With spring in the air make plans to attend some of the bonsai shows and conventions—see page three for a list.
- Memberships should have been renewed by now—if you wish you can check on your membership by contacting Carol Sangster (csangster@chubb.com)
- Plan to show some of your bonsai work at our spring show on May 17th at the Seattle Japanese Gardens.
- The 4th annual PSBA auction of trees—see page 2 for details



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

The past few days have felt as if we will finally have a spring! It has been so cumbersome trying to work on bonsai all bundled up! Hopefully Mother Nature will put on a sunny smile for our Spring Show on Sunday, May 17th, 10am- 5pm, at the Japanese Gardens, Seattle Arboretum. **DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR PSBA NAME TAG...OTHERWISE THERE IS A \$5.00 ENTRY FEE!!** Contact Pat Negron ASAP with your information on the Bonsai you are entering into *your* show. Also please contact Grant Rauzi to offer your help; it will be much appreciated.

All new members: have you joined one of PSBA's Study Groups? You can further your bonsai skills, get help, and have fun with other PSBA members! If you haven't yet done so, please contact Kathy Blanchard, Study Group Coordinator, and she will find you a study group that is the best fit for you. ***Belonging to a study group is still one of the best means of learning to care for your Bonsai, because it is hands-on and one has access to experienced bonsai enthusiasts...and it is part of belonging to PSBA!***

On Saturday, June 6, PSBA's Annual Auction will once again be upon us! Get your trees ready and be sure to contact Don Guilliams as to what you wish to enter into the auction. And don't forget to donate your silent auction items. This year Don is anticipating getting you more "bucks for your Bonsai" by having a professional auctioneer!

Vice President Grant Rauzi has been hard at work on getting everything in order for our June meeting. You may remember that last June, Grant had made arrangements with the Chinese Garden Society of Seattle for a visiting Penjing master from China to be our guest artist for June. Mother Nature decided otherwise; an earthquake struck China, and the master's trip had to be cancelled. Well, the Chinese Garden Society is a tough group of enthusiasts! Penjing Master Tian is rescheduled to be in Seattle in June and guess what? Our own Grant Rauzi has again taken advantage of the moment to invite Master Tian back to our club as well. A Chinese Penjing demonstration will be a nice treat as we get ready to settle into summer! **SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

With PSBA as host for the 2011 PNBICA Convention, and with Don Guilliams, assisted by Sharon Muth and Pat Negron, involved in planning, this convention will be one NOT to be missed! In the meantime, plan to attend the 2009 convention in Victoria, B.C. and the 2010 convention to be held in Bremerton, Washington.

Stay tuned to what is happening with our upcoming Suiskei Study Group.... Meanwhile enjoy spring!

My thought for the month: "Success isn't permanent, and failure isn't fatal." (Mike Ditka).

PSBA's Spring Bonsai Show—May 17th

The Spring PSBA Bonsai Show will be **May 17th** at the Seattle Japanese Gardens. We are hoping our members take this opportunity to display one or more of their trees. In any case please come enjoy other members' trees and enjoy the new entrance to the garden. **The show is open from 10 am to 5 pm.** If you have your PSBA name badge the cost is zero dollars. If you forget your badge you must pay the \$5 entry fee to the garden. Parking is free.

Please contact Pat Negron if you will be bringing a tree for the exhibit. She will need to know the name of the tree, the size of the tree, and the style of the tree. Please see the article below for tips on preparing your tree for exhibit. You can contact Pat at: pnegron@earthlink.net or call her at 206.522.4092.

We need help! Setup for the show is on Saturday, May 16th after 5pm; we also need help Sunday morning for final setup at 8am. We could also use members who would be willing to bring a tree to work on during some part of the day and who would be willing to answer questions from the public. Finally, we could use help taking the show down at 5 pm on Sunday. If you are able to help, please notify Pat Negron (see above contact information) or Grant Rauzi. Grant can be contacted at: grantr@microsoft.com.

Preparing Your Tree For Exhibit

Have you pruned your tree, removed any shoots that point straight up or down? Have you removed any weeds? Have you removed wire that is too tight? Is the wire, if any, neat and unobtrusive? Check the soil. Is there moss on it and is it neat? Have you brushed off clinging moss from the trunk? Check the pot. Have you scraped off white mineral deposits from the edge? Use a drop of oil rubbed on your unglazed pot to clean and shine. Because this show is outdoors, it is not necessary to have a plant stand unless it is a stone or slab as there is always a possibility of rain.

Check in time is between 8 am and 9 am on Sunday May 17th—the day of the show. Check out time is 5:05 pm. (The garden closes at 5 pm.)

When you check in you must wear your PSBA name tag or pin for security reasons. Have two cards with your name and a list of your tree or trees and any other items you will be bringing. This is to be given to the PSBA member who will be checking you in. Keep a duplicate for yourself. Place a plant label with your name and the tree's name in the back of each pot. Write your name on the bottom of the pot also. When you check in or out, bring your list to be sure you have everything before leaving. You must check out with the PSBA member at the checkout point.

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 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.

Upcoming Bonsai Events

Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd— Sequim, Washington

The Dungeness Bonsai Society's 33rd Annual Exhibition of Trees

The show will be held at St Luke's Episcopal Church at 525 North 5th Street in Sequim. This is a Friday and Saturday show that is open from 10 am to 5 pm with nearly 90 beautiful trees. There will be live demonstrations each day as well as video presentations, sales tables, and helpful club members. Admission is free, parking is free, and the Sequim Irrigation Festival runs at the same time, providing plenty of things to do and see.

Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th— Portland, Oregon

The Portland Bonsai Society holds its spring show at the Portland Japanese Gardens during regular Japanese Garden hours (10 am to 7 pm). There is a fee to enter the gardens. There are usually bonsai items for sale outside the entrance to the gardens.

Friday thru Sunday, June 19-21, 2009

Bonsai Clubs International (BCI) presents "Survivors of the Storm"

In the botanical garden at City Park in New Orleans, Louisiana the BCI will have its annual meeting and present several world bonsai masters from around the world and the USA. Demonstrations and workshops will feature pomegranate, bottle brush, boxwood, crape myrtle, and more. There are some great hotel rates and a beautiful venue in the famous city of New Orleans.

Thursday October 1st thru Sunday, October 4th, 2009

Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association Convention XX

The PNBCA will hold its convention at the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria, B.C., Canada. Guest artists presenting workshops and demonstrations will include Qingquan Zhao from China, David Easterbrook of Montreal and British Columbians David Rowe and Tak Yamamura. Full information and registration forms can be found at <http://www.victoriabonsai.bc.ca> or by contacting George Heffelfinger at 3140 Tarn Place, Victoria, BC V8R 3N8, Canada. There is also a link on our PSBA website under "Other Bonsai Links" and then looking under Bonsai Clubs for Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association.

Saturday, October 31st thru Monday, November 2nd, 2009

Asia Pacific Bonsai and Suiseki Convention and Exhibition

This will be held in Chung Hua, Taiwan, and features 500 bonsai and 300 suiseki. There are several featured artists. Registration is \$100US and there are tour packages for \$500 to \$1100US which include registration plus hotel and land transportation as well as side tours. Contact Mr. Min Hsuan Lo @ mail 2000.com.tw or search for the convention by typing in 10th annual convention of Asia Pacific Bonsai.

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Mark Your Calendar For These Events:

Sunday, May 17—Spring PSBA Show at the Seattle Japanese Gardens

Set-up from 8am to 10am

Show is open from 10 am to 5 pm

Saturday, June 6—Annual PSBA Auction to be held at Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim site in Federal Way — noon to 4 pm

Monday, June 22—PSBA meeting at CUH—Chinese Penjing Artist Mr Tien

Sunday, July 26—Annual PSBA potluck held at CUH

August — No Meeting

Saturday-Sunday, September 12-13—Aki Matsuri @ Bellevue College

Monday, September 28— Michael Hagedorn demonstration—watch for possible workshop details

Sunday, October 11 — New PSBA Members Workshop held at Bonsai NW—contact Greg Hill (go2ghill@aol.com) for details

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