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

By now, most of us have been soaked by the autumn rains! And winter is on its way... November is the month when winter care for our bonsai begins. If you're not sure what to do, just ask another club member or check with your study group, as I'm sure they will be happy to help.

Ruth and I just returned from a long road trip and of course missed our September meeting with Michael Hagedorn. I hope everyone enjoyed the program. The maple viewing at the Japanese Gardens on October 18th brought a tremendous crowd to see the colors in the garden and the bonsai on display in their beautiful fall colors and fall fruiting. Thank you to all who attended and especially to those who helped.

Everyone is looking forward to our October meeting with "Bonsai Boon." Our November meeting will feature our own bonsai artist, John Muth (see pg. 2). I'm sure John will treat us to another worthwhile program. Prior to John's presentation, we will hold our annual general meeting, during which we will elect a new slate of officers and two new board members. I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Please be reminded that it is soon time to pay your *membership dues* for another year. You may either pay at the November meeting, or use the envelope which will be enclosed with your mailed copy of this newsletter to send in your payment. You may also simply mail payment to: P.O. Box 15437, Seattle, WA., 98115-0437.

PS: In September's News Clippings Glenn Gardner wrote an article urging members of our club to get more involved by becoming a board member, club officer, and/or actively participating on a committee. Member involvement is very important if PSBA is to continue as a venue for education in the art of bonsai. Without each of us the club will not survive.

My thought for the month, based on a quote by JFK: Do not ask what your club will do for you, but rather what you will do for your club!

- Remember you can check the club out on the Web at www.psba.us. Current and past newsletters are available on that site.
- Congratulations to the bonsai clubs in and around Victoria. The convention was well worth the time and effort and it was nice to see many PSBA members in attendance. Next year's convention is in Bremerton—watch for details.
- See page 2 for information on the November 23rd demo artist, John Muth. Workshop information can be obtained from Don Guilliams (guillie@comcast.net).
- 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.
- Our November meeting is an official business meeting at which time we will elect officers for the next two years. Please do your part and attend so that we meet our quorum quota.
- Remember—Dues for 2010 are due and may be paid at any meeting or by mailing them to the PSBA's post office box. See the enclosed materials!

John Muth

This month we will be fortunate to have as our guest artist longtime PSBA club member John Muth. Most of you have known John for many years, but for our newer members, a brief introduction is in order. John has been an active member of PSBA since he was twenty years old, and has been owner of Bonsai Northwest in Tukwila since 1996. The majority of the trees for sale at Bonsai Northwest – which is well-known throughout the entire western part of the U.S. – were styled by John. He is a respected importer, collector, grower, trainer, and teacher of all things bonsai. Over the years, John has traveled extensively in Japan, China, Taiwan, and Korea. He owes much of his expertise to having started in the family business when he was just a boy. John credits his mother, Sharon, for awakening his interest and mentoring him over the years.



John has many fond memories of the club, spanning over a couple of decades. What appeals to him most is the opportunity to interact socially with other club members.

John will be offering a slab planting demonstration at our meeting on Monday evening, November 23. This will be a great opportunity to see a pro in action. Thank you, John!

Elections To Be Held at November 23rd Meeting

Each year PSBA holds its annual official business meeting at our regular November meeting. This year we will meet at CUH on November 23rd starting at 7 pm. Wayne Brewer, chairman of the nominating committee, will be presenting the following slate of officers for election:

President: Grant Rauzi

Vice President: Pat Negron

Secretary: Joel Schwarz

Treasurer: Kathy Blanchard

Each of the above offices is for 2 years. The PSBA Board members nominated below will serve 3 year terms:

Elsa Durham

Don Guilliams

PSBA Participates in Suiseki Shows

The 4th Annual South Sound Gem, Opal and Mineral show takes place November 13-15, 2009, (hours are Friday and Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday 10-4) at the Expo Hall on the Puyallup Fairgrounds. General admission is \$4 (free if you are a docent). Please visit their website at www.bemsonline.com. PSBA will have a display and we welcome help. Contact Wayne Brewer (wayne.j.brewer@boeing.com) if you are interested in displaying suiseki or in becoming a docent for the show. In any case please visit our PSBA display. Parking is free.

The second rock and mineral show takes place November 21-22nd (hours are 10-5 both days). This is the Fall Festival of Gems sponsored by the Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society. The location is the President's Hall at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds which are at 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton, WA 98311. This year Evergreen Bonsai Society will present a bonsai exhibit along with PSBA's suiseki and stone exhibition. Admission and parking are both free.

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Mark Your Calendar For These Events:

Monday, October 26 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	PSBA meeting at CUH – Bonsai Boon
Friday—Sunday November 13-15	South Sound Gem, Opal, and Mineral Show Puyallup Fairgrounds
Monday, November 23 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Business meeting with election of new officers. PSBA meeting at CUH – Demo and possible workshops with John Muth.
November meeting	Membership dues can be paid at meeting or sent by mail.
December/January	No meetings in December or January. We will resume in February.

