



- Remember you can check the club out on the Web at [www.psba.us](http://www.psba.us). There is information there about speakers and club doings as well as directions to the Center for Urban Horticulture. You can also print out a map to CUH from that same site.
- If you did not attend the PNBCA convention held in Spokane you can still enjoy the trees that were on display by going to this link: [www.pnbca.com/conv2008/](http://www.pnbca.com/conv2008/)
- Look for a **PSBA News Clippings** in your email box come the beginning of November!! Remember that November is our official business meeting and we need a significant number of members present in order to conduct business.

## PSBA News Clippings



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

First I would like to welcome back our Newsclippings Editor, Morgia Belcher, who has been recovering from neck and spine surgery; she tells me she is up to editing and publishing our newsletter, **Newsclippings** once again! (Thanks to our secretary Joel Schwartz for providing us with our September news brief).

Morgia's unfortunate surgery has made us realize that she should have an assistant, who can step up and continue the tradition of the **Newsclippings**.

With that said, I am sending out a call to the membership; we need someone who would enjoy working with Morgia and learning the "tricks of the trade" in publishing our newsletter. You would become PSBA's assistant editor and be able to step in and publish our newsletter in the event Morgia needs a rest! I recommend that if interested, please call (253.851.9636) and talk to Morgia or email her (Morgia@centurytel.net). She will be pleased to provide more insight into what is involved.

With the important business out of the way, I hope everyone has been enjoying our short summer/early fall! As we all know, it will soon be time to start preparing our bonsai for the coming winter. Our October 27th meeting will be a good time for all of us to bring in a tree for the October Roundtable!, especially our newest members! There is no better way to prepare our bonsai and get excellent help from our long time members!

In addition to our guest artist Francoise Jeker, at our November 24th meeting, we will be having an election of two (2) new Board members. Jeanine Rakos's and Peter Chapman's terms expire December 31, 2008. Our nominating committee (Pat Negrón, Kathy Blanchard and chair Grant Rauzi) has nominated Mary Elizabeth Davis and Wayne Brewer. Nominations are also open to any member who would like to nominate another member by submitting that person's name to any one of the nominating committee members. **PLEASE NOTE:** due to Mr. Jeker's flight schedule which has him arriving Monday November 24, there will be no workshops on Sunday/Monday. However Grant Rauzi will be working with Mr. Jeker and workshop chair Don Guilliams to see if there might be a possibility for a Tuesday workshop...if so an announcement will be made accordingly.

New members don't forget to contact Greg Hill ([go2ghill@aol.com](mailto:go2ghill@aol.com)), our new-member workshop chair, for the October New Member Workshop. I hope to see all of you at our October 27th meeting with a tree!

A thought for the month,

"Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them"...Ann Landers

## **PSBA Loses Two Former Presidents**

Over the summer months two of our long-time members, who were also former PSBA presidents, died. Louise Czerniski died and was remembered at a memorial gathering on Sunday, September 14th. In her honor Helen Russell wrote the following haiku:

**Louise**

**Ascending now**

**Among your beautiful clouds**

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Also in September Jane Nelson died. Your editor is expecting to publish some notes on Jane in the November *Newsclippings* edition. Both of these devoted bonsai enthusiasts will be missed!

## **Wanted: a Newsclippings Assistant**

I have been doing the PSBA newsletter since September of 1993. I have learned much but there is more to learn — the computers make life much easier for an editor but the learning curve is still somewhat steep for me. I hope someone reading this will decide they can devote three or four hours to help me out and learn the ropes in case I have to step aside (even temporarily). Some one of you may even have a better grasp of computer publishing and make me obsolete! In any case I would welcome some assistance. Contact me at a meeting or see page 1 for phone and email information.

## **Now Is The Time**

**By Charlie Anderson**

**(Editor's note: Charlie wrote this for the September newsletter which did not happen)**

I assume you are reading this in September (**see note above**) and I hope you have finished your full fertilizing schedule and are now feeding your trees a zero-ten-ten (0-10-10) fertilizer in order to set your trees up for wintering. This should continue into December when you give them a rest until next February. Your deciduous trees will soon begin to change color and then the leaves will fall. As your trees come into good color be sure to take some photos of the trees since you will regret it later on if you don't have the pictures.

I hope your pruning is done for the year because on your flowering trees, if you prune now you will be cutting off next year's flower buds that have set in the last two months. Conifers can of course continue to be trimmed.

We are often asked about repotting in the fall. I have found that I have good luck repotting conifers of all types, elms and some other evergreen type plants. I have not had good luck with flowering trees and deciduous trees. I definitely do not recommend repotting azaleas at this time. When repotting in the fall I do not remove as many roots from the tree and in many cases just enough to give the plant more growing room. As always when repotting do not set the tree back in sunlight for at least two weeks and don't fertilizer for a month. Be sure to wire the tree into the pot so that winter and fall winds don't shake up the new roots.

This is also the time when you should remove wire that has finished its work and do your final grooming of the tree before the fall rains and winter. I think this is the perfect time to decide what you are going to do with your trees during the winter months. If you decide to put some in a cold frame now is the time to build the cold frame. Good winter planning will save many trees. You should also begin by late September to move those trees that don't like wet feet into an area where you and not nature control the watering schedule. I have found that Ponderosa Pine and oaks especially do not like the wet feet that our fall rains usually bring to our trees and I move them to a covered area by early October.

Finally, sometime in the next three years we will again have an infestation of tent caterpillars and this is a good time to check your trees for their egg cases. Removing the egg cases removes the problem from that tree. By doing this check you also check for all types of insects and disease on your trees and can catch a problem before the trees are close together for winter and likely to spread any problem to other trees.

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## Calendar of Events:

<b>October 27</b>	<b>7-10 pm—roundtable—bring a tree</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Annual business meeting</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Demonstration by Mr. Jeker</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>No meeting</b>

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