



February Program

As we do each year, we expect to show pictures from our excellent exhibition at The Huntington. We need to plan our Spring Collecting Trip so be sure to come to the meeting. We always want your input.

Refreshments

Thank you holiday party goes for the amazing delights for our potluck! It was a gourmet spread. And speaking of spreading, we know our waistlines will when we take our break at the February meeting thanks to **Wanda Matjas, Naomi Yoshida, Uyen Truong and Jack Levy.**

Stone of the Month

Do you have a favorite? Bring it in and tell us why. Please present it in *suiban* or *daiza*. I am partial to this



colorful *doha* because it makes think of spring and new beginnings. Although I am typically more moved by quieter stones, this Thomes Creek specimen just cheers me.

Dues are now Past Due

Unless your dues are paid this month, this will be your last newsletter (such as it is...) We expect to get back on track in time for the March newsletter.

If you do not intend to renew, please tell me. That makes it easier for me. Also, once I delete you from our roster, it is time consuming to re-enter that information so please renew this month! We truly appreciate your support so we hope you will stick with us.

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Odds and Ends

As some of you know, **Larry** came down with a wicked case of cellulitis (look it up) and was hospitalized on January 8th and on the 12th he was transferred to a skilled nursing facility. He has improved tremendously and I expect that he will be returning home very soon.

My days have been spent first at the hospital and then at the nursing facility making sure that he was getting the care he needed to come home and be safe.

I expected that I would be able to put our newsletter together in spite of being preoccupied with **Larry** and his care but it turns out, I could not. I fully anticipate returning to life as usual very soon and will have a proper newsletter next month. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Nippon Suiseki Association Catalog purchasers: If you have not already done so, please send payment now. Make your \$35 check payable to Aiseki Kai and send it to me (address below, left column). Thank you.

Next month I will include pictures from our successful holiday party. We are always seeking out articles of interest from our members. Have something to share? Please email me!

We are also looking for new programs for our monthly meetings so please consider participating.

Don't forget the Bonsai-a-thon at the end of the month. Details were in the January newsletter.

NEWS FLASH:

Larry will be home tomorrow, February 8th. What more can I say? All will be right with my world.

See you at the meeting on February 22nd