



Consider a tree for a moment. As beautiful as trees are to look at, we don't see what goes on underground - as they grow roots. Trees must develop deep roots in order to grow strong and produce their beauty. But we don't see the roots. We just see and enjoy the beauty. In much the same way, what goes on inside of us is like the roots of a tree.

Joyce Meyer

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## May President's Message

by Tom Anglewicz

Lee Cheatle is the dynamic president of the very successful Bonsai Society of Portland. BSOP has over 300 members and it is not unusual for 100 or more to attend a given meeting. As part of some communication that I had with Lee recently, he sent me an article that he has written for the ABS Journal, addressing his thoughts on what makes a successful bonsai club. The following is a quote from that article:

***"At this time I need to emphasize, and all of you know, a club's entire success comes down to four absolutes. The first three are: active volunteers, ongoing good communication with quality information, and getting along. Getting along is bolstered by understanding that egos are left at the door and that the good of the whole is first and foremost."***

***"And now for the fourth absolute. This is key and I believe you may possess it if you are still reading this article: Passion! Not everyone in your club will have it, but if you have a few that do, put them out in front and let them run; passion can be highly infectious."***

I was especially taken with Lee's fourth absolute because it resonates with my own belief about the practice of bonsai. When we have leaders in our organization who are truly fired up about the art form and can convey that level of enthusiasm and commitment, we create an atmosphere within our membership that is contagious.

We experience that passion when we listen to former president Paul Gilbert talk about viewing stones, when we listen to experienced collectors in our club talk about

the excitement of discovering fantastic yamadori in our native mountains, or when we are privileged to be part of a presentation or workshop with talented guest bonsai artists. The passion we absorb in these situations inspires us to look anew at our own collections and to aspire to a higher level of practice.

As is true in virtually all organizations, there is a core group of members who have this level of commitment and passion for the art form, and there are many others whose interest may be more casual. My hope is that, even for those who treat bonsai as a

casual hobby, the enthusiasm and passion exuded by our leaders will permeate all of the programs and activities of RMBS, making bonsai a really exciting part of our lives.

By the way, one of Lee Cheatele's least favorite phrases is, "We've always done it that way."

Happy Spring!!

Tom Anglewicz

## 2016 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist – Matt Reel</u></b>  <b><u>Registered Members Workshop</u></b>                      Sun, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am – 4:00pm                      DBG Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion</p>	<p><b><u>Visiting Artist Workshop</u></b>                      8 Participants @ \$65                      Unlimited Silent Observers @ \$10</p>
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist – Matt Reel</u></b>  <b><u>Individual lessons for Registered RMBS Members</u></b>                      Mon, May 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p><b><u>Individual Artist Lessons</u></b>                      Matt is available all day on Wednesday for individual lessons</p>
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist – Matt Reel</u></b>  <b><u>Individual lessons for Registered RMBS Members</u></b>                      Tue, AM, May 3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p><b><u>Individual Artist Lessons</u></b>                      Matt is available on Wednesday</p>
<p><b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b>                      May  <b><u>Visiting Artist</u></b>                      Tue, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00pm                      DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><b><u>Visiting Artist</u></b> – Mr. Matt Reel   <b><u>The Art of Bonsai</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist – Matt Reel</u></b>  <b><u>Individual lessons for Registered RMBS Members</u></b>                      Wed, AM, May 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b><u>Individual Artist Lessons</u></b>                      Matt is available on Wednesday</p>
<p><b><u>Community Outreach</u></b>              May  <b><u>Saturday Study Group</u></b>                      Sat, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am – 12:00                      Location: 3875 Cherry Creek N Drive</p>	<p><b><u>TAKAYAMA PARK CLEAN-UP</u></b>  <b><u>SATURDAY STUDY GROUP</u></b>                       Event Lead: Darell Havener</p>
<p><b><u>Education Program</u></b>                  May  <b><u>Bonsai Basics Course</u></b>                      Sat, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am – 3:00pm                      Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion</p>	<p><b><u>EDUCATION PROGRAM</u></b>                      INSTRUCTORS: BOB RANDALL AND LARRY JACKEL</p>
<p><b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b>                      June                      Tue, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 pm                      DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><b><u>SHORT PROGRAM</u></b>                      BOUGAINVILLEA AS BONSAI – DARELL HAVENER  <b><u>LONG PROGRAM</u></b>                      AMERICAN BONSAI MOVEMENT                      MODERATED PANEL OF MEMBERS</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday Study Group</u></b>              June                      Sat, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 4:00pm                      Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion</p>	<p><b><u>AIR LAYERING DECIDUOUS AND TROPICAL</u></b>                      DAVID MCPETERS</p>
<p><b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b>                      July                      Tue, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00pm                      DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><b><u>PRESIDENT’S PROGRAM</u></b>                      TOM ANGLEWICZ</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday Study Group</u></b>              July                      Sat, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am – 4:00pm                      Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion</p>	<p><b><u>REPOTTING TROPICAL BONSAI</u></b>                      DAVID MCPETERS</p>

## May Program

### Visiting Artist – Mr. Matt Reel



Mr. Matt Reel  
American Bonsai Artist and Instructor  
**ReelBonsai**  
Portland, Oregon

RMBS is pleased to host Matt Reel as a one of our society's Visiting American Bonsai Artist and Instructor. Matt spent 8 years in Japan as an apprentice to Mr. Shinji Suzuki and in April 2014 he returned to the Portland Oregon and is a member of the

Portland Bonsai Village. Matt is considered to be one of America's most promising bonsai artist and instructor. We were privileged to have had Matt join us in 2015 and were very impressed with his instruction and presentation.

He starts his work with RMBS as a workshop instructor on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. All 8 of the registrants' openings have already been booked, however there are still several silent observer positions available. You must be a RMBS member to be a silent observer at the workshop and the cost is \$10.00. The workshop starts at 9:00am and will go until 4:00pm. If you are interested with being a silent observer, please contact Patrick Allen at [colpballen@gmail.com](mailto:colpballen@gmail.com).

At our monthly meeting, Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matt Reel's presentation will be a critique of member's trees. Members are encourage to bring a tree for



Mr. Shinji Suzuki  
Master Bonsai Teacher  
Obuse, Japan

Matt to evaluate and make recommendations for improvements. Please only bring one tree so others can have trees evaluated.

Matt is also providing individual instruction at members home. He does have some availability on

Wednesday, both in the morning and afternoon. If you are interested with booking some time with him, please contact Patrick Allen.

### OTHER MAY EVENTS

Takayama Park Character Tree and Park Cleanup  
Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:00am. Please join us, members from the Japan America Society of Colorado and the Takayama Sister Cities organizations for this annual event. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring gloves, a hat, some tools and a smile for this fun annual event as we work on these character trees. The park is located at 3875 Cherry Creek North Drive, which is near the intersection of Colorado Blvd. and Virginia near the Waterway Car Wash.

Bonsai Basics Course – Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00am and going thru 3:00pm. The course is limited to RMBS members and the cost is \$35. It will be held at DBG's Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion. All supplies, a tree, pot, soil, wire, etc will be provided. If you are interested please contact Bob Randall at [michiganderbob@outlook.com](mailto:michiganderbob@outlook.com), Bob Randall and Larry Jackel will be the workshop leads.

## NEWS FOR MEMBERS

### Membership Renewal:

RMBS has adopted a policy where all membership renewals occur on July 1, and cover the succeeding 12 months, ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

All memberships renew this summer on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Individual memberships are \$35 per year and family memberships are \$50 per year.

You may pay via cash or check at any monthly meeting, or mail your check to the address below. If you mail your check please be sure to include your email address and telephone number.

#### PAYMENT ADDRESS:

Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society  
c/o Membership Renewal  
PO Box 271043  
Louisville, CO 80027

### Akadama and Pumice for sale by RMBS

There is still Pumice available for sale from last year's shipment. It is stored at the gardens and you can pick it up at a meeting. Contact Larry Jackel or Adam Johnson. The price is \$12 per bag.

The board approved a purchase of Akadama earlier in the year. Todd Schlafer will be making the purchase and storing the bags. There will be both medium and small size available. All will be in 14 liter bags at a cost of \$47/bag. Todd, and others, have ordered and used Akadama from this supplier. It is very good quality. Contact Todd and he will bring it to the next Tuesday meeting where you can pick up and pay.

### 2016 Bonsai Classes

The Bonsai Basics classes will be held starting in May. Bob Randall and Larry Jackel will be leading the Bonsai Basics class. It promises to be a great class for those seeking a solid base of knowledge in Bonsai. The classes will be held at the Botanic Gardens. Class size is limited, if you are interested please send an email to [rmbsquestions@gmail.com](mailto:rmbsquestions@gmail.com)

to add your name to the list. You must be current on your 2016 dues to register and attend.

Bob asks members to consider donating tools (concave cutters). The tools will be kept by the club for future classes. Please bring donations to the Tuesday meetings.

### Discounts Available to Members

We have an account established with Way to Grow Gardening Supply in Denver. You can receive discounts on some items up to 15%. You will need to tell them you are a member of RMBS.

### Classified Ads:

YAMADORI – native Rocky Mountain yamadori trees for sale or trade. Well established trees from \$75 for beginner trees to \$1,000+. Cash or trade. Please email me [adamhjo@yahoo.com](mailto:adamhjo@yahoo.com) and I can send you pictures.

### Resources for Members:

Here are several interesting links on maples for those of you who like working with them or want to try.

[Maple 1](#), [Maple 2](#), [Maple 3](#), [Maple 4](#)

[5th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition 2016](#)

[Brussel's BONSAI Rendezvous 2016](#)

Other internet resources:

[RMBS Web Site](#) – A members only section is being added to the web site. Stay tuned for more information.

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