



RMBS

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October President's Message

by Tom Anglewicz

September Was a Busy Month!

The Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society had lots of very positive things happening during September!

First, we had our annual bonsai show, and what a show it was! For the very first time we had the opportunity to stage our show in the large tent immediately adjacent to the grass entertainment amphitheater at the heart of the Denver Botanic Gardens. This fantastic venue not only attracted a record attendance because of its location right on the main "spine" of the Gardens, its size enabled us to create a whole new, exciting exhibit design. Under the leadership and vision of show chair Larry Jackel, the exhibit was organized as a series of three-dimensional bonsai "islands," visible from all sides in the manner of an art gallery, with

plenty of circulation space. The result was a unique experience; it was very well received and successful.

It is worth noting that we have secured the same annual show venue for 2017 on basically the same weekend in September.

Then there was the very stimulating visit of guest bonsai artist Bjorn Bjorholm. Many of you have seen Bjorn and his work in the international bonsai journals. He is truly one of the rising stars within the bonsai world. At the young age of 30 he has already cemented a reputation not only as an accomplished bonsai artist, having apprenticed for six years with Keiji Fujikawa in Osaka, Japan; but also as a bonsai teacher, having established a bonsai school in Spain, produced multiple bonsai educational

videos, and organized educational tours of Japan.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Bjorn has now lived in Japan for nine years. In 2017 he will return permanently to the United States with his wife and will be establishing a school of bonsai in the southeast part of the country. We were very fortunate to have him spend time with us, and Florentina and I were especially fortunate to have hosted Bjorn at our home. He is a gentle and humble person who is very willing to share everything he knows about the art of bonsai. Our members who attended Bjorn's all-day workshop on September 19th and his tree critique at our meeting on September 20th got a real dose of his expertise and aesthetic perception. I have already initiated plans to bring him back to Colorado in 2017.

Finally, I want to mention a special thing that happened just this last weekend. This is the 100th anniversary of the Buddhist Temple of Denver. In anticipation of this event, which will be celebrated on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd, our club was invited to come to the temple on Sunday, September 25th, to work in its entrance courtyard on aged and very beautiful garden trees. A number of our members took time from their weekend to spend several hours pruning and cleaning these trees. The work was very concentrated and rewarding; and I, for one, enjoyed it very much. We hope to continue our collaboration with the Buddhist Temple into the future, and to reinforce and respect the alliance between RMBS and the bonsai forbears who remain active within the Buddhist community.

Let's hope that the balance of 2016 is as productive and positive as was this last September!

Tom

2016 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	
<p><u>Monthly Meeting</u> October Tue, October 4th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><u>VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM</u> WALTER PALL – MUNICH GERMANY <u>WALTER PALL</u></p>
<p><u>Community Outreach Event</u> October Sat, October 22nd, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Takayama Park</p>	<p><u>TAKAYAMA PARK CLEAN-UP</u> 3875 CHERRY CREEK N DRIVE DENVER, CO 80209</p>
<p><u>Monthly Meeting</u> November Tue, November 1st, 7:00 – 9:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><u>WHITE ELEPHANT SALE</u></p>
<p><u>Holiday Party</u> December Sun, December 11th, 11:00am – 2:00pm DBG Plant Society Bldg</p>	

Visiting Artist Workshop and Monthly Meeting

The Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society is honored to be hosting Walter Pall as one of its Visiting Artists. Walter Pall an international bonsai artist and instructor has performed in North America and on most international stages. He has visited the vast majority of European countries and also South Africa, Australia, Canada and the United States; he even appeared in Israel and in Argentina and Brazil. Walter enjoys leading bonsai workshops where he teaches the artistic side of bonsai. He is known for his bonsai tree critiques which he calls 'tree inspiration'. His critiques provide clear indications of the tree's pros and cons and describes ways to continue working with the trees. RMBS members are encouraged to bring one of their best trees for a rare bonsai tree critique from Walter Pall.



Walter Pall
International Bonsai Artist and Instructor
Egling, Germany

Mr. Pall has a worldwide reputation for the quality of his bonsai creations and has received several dozen national and international awards for his

dramatic bonsai. He has won the most prestigious Crespi Cup Award of Italy for his well-known Rocky Mountain Juniper, which was, collected in the Rocky Mountains and is shown at the right.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIPER
(Juniperus scopulorum)
Artist: Walter Pall (Germany)
Height: 55 cm, 21.65 inches
Pot: Derek Aspinall

There is a 2 day workshop at Adam Johnson's place with Walter Pall for those interested - Tuesday October 4 & Wednesday October 5th. Prices will be \$75/day. Silent Observers for \$10. The workshops are limited to RMBS members. If you are interested please contact Adam Johnson via email - adam.johnson.cpa@gmail.com. Adams address is 701 75th Street Boulder 80303.

Please join us for our monthly meeting, Tuesday, October 4th from 7:00 – 9:00pm at the Denver Botanic Gardens' Plant Society Building; 1007 York Street, Denver, CO 80206. Walter will be doing a tree critique so please bring a tree to the meeting that you would like some direction from Walter on. Walters tends to go for a Naturalistic look and not doing a lot of manipulation but takes what the tree gives you and maximizing that.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

RMBS Artist of the Year – Tom Anglewicz

Congratulations to Tom Anglewicz, this year's RMBS Artist of the Year. The award was presented to Tom at our annual show this past September. Pictured below is Tom's Ponderosa Pine display presented at the show.



Winner of the ABS award at the 5th US National Bonsai Exhibition – Todd Schlafer

Congratulations Todd! Pictured below is Todd's winning Colorado Blue Spruce.



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 30th.

All memberships renew this summer on July 1st, 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 \$48/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.

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 and I can send you pictures.

Resources for Members:

Here is a link to Bjorn's website where you can sign up for his newsletter and a link to his first YouTube video.

<http://www.bjornbjorholm.com/>

[The Bonsai Art of Japan Episode 1](#)

And an off the wall article

[The World's Only Parasitic Gymnosperm](#)

Other internet resources:

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

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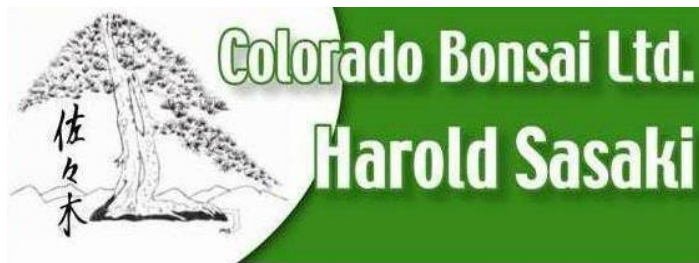
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We carry many trees that you will not see on our website. We suggest coming by to see them. We only ask that you call ahead and make an appointment to make sure we will be there.



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We're located on the west side of the Denver Metro area, near I-70 and Youngfield.

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