



RMBS

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September President's Message

by Tom Anglewicz

It's Showtime!!!

On the weekend of September 10th and 11th, we will have a terrific opportunity to exhibit the best, and most inspiring, bonsai that our club can put forward. This year's annual show is unique for two reasons: first, it's happening at a totally different time of the year; and second, it will take place in the enormous outdoor tent that flanks the grass amphitheater in the very heart of the Botanic Gardens.

Tom

And, now from Patrick Allen Director of Programs and Community Outreach, further information about the show.

RMBS' 47th Annual Show – Friday, September 9th thru Sunday, September 11th

Our annual show is coming together nicely and the new venue at the Denver Botanic Gardens is excellent. RMBS' President, Tom Anglewicz, reflected everyone's enthusiasm in his newsletter last month. Please go back and reread it if you have a chance. I liked his comment "At RMBS we have a tradition of inclusiveness. You don't have to own or submit a world-class bonsai for this show. Think about the tree or trees that you are most proud of; the ones that you really feel good about when you walk through your garden. Prepare them accordingly: clean out the foliage, clean the container and oil it if appropriate, apply top dressing in the form of moss or presentation gravel, find or borrow a nice stand, identify an appropriate companion

plant or figure, and bring it"! Please register your tree on our website – www.rockymtnbonsai.org – as soon as you can. I will send you a receipt I have received the registration and you will have a show tag for the tree when you bring it on Friday.

The following is the sequence of events for the show:

Friday, September 9th

9:00am – Show setup begins. We need volunteers to help set everything up. Please bring your trees so that you do not have to make 2 trips back to your home to pick them up. As soon as the venue is staged, we will place your trees.

6:00pm – Ice Cream Social/Dessert Buffet begins. RMBS provides the ice cream and we would like members to bring one of their favorite desserts to share with others. All of the cutlery, napkins, plates and glasses will be provided. Please invite your spouse/significant other and guests. The attire is business casual, shirts with collars, no jeans or baseball caps, etc. Ladies, you always look wonderful! I will also have the RMBS polo shirts for those members who ordered them.

6:45pm – Our annual auction begins. Members are encouraged to bring their nice bonsai related items that they hate to part with, but it is for a worthy cause, RMBS! All proceeds will go to the society. Last year we brought in \$2,000, and yes, don't forget your checkbook! The auction is also open to the public.

Saturday, September 10th

9:00am – DBG opens and so does our show! Thanks to DBG's Communications staff, this event has been well publicized. We average about 2,000 visitors a day. We need volunteers to staff the show's front desk and answer questions. This year we will keep the show open until ***8:00pm***.

11:00am – Bonsai demonstration (We need a volunteer) Send Larry Jackel an email - larry.jackel@botanicgardens.org

1:00pm - Bonsai demonstration (We need a volunteer) Send Larry Jackel an email - larry.jackel@botanicgardens.org

Sunday, September 11th

9:00am – DBG and our show opens.

11:00am – Bonsai demonstration by Larry Jackel

1:00pm - Bonsai demonstration (We need a volunteer) Send Larry Jackel an email - larry.jackel@botanicgardens.org

5:00pm – Show closes. Please do not remove your bonsai trees until closing

2016 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	
47th RMBS Annual Bonsai Show September Friday September 9 th through Sunday September 11 th	
Monthly Meeting September Tue, September 20th , 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Note is the 3 rd Tuesday DBG Plant Society Bldg.	VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM BJORN BJORHOLM – KNOXVILLE TN WWW.BJORNBJORHOLM.COM
Saturday Study Group September Sat, September 24th , 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion	ADVANCED WIRING TECHNIQUES TODD SCHLAFER
Monthly Meeting October Tue, October 4th , 7:00 – 9:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.	VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM WALTER PALL – MUNICH GERMANY WALTER PALL
Community Outreach Event October Sat, October 22nd , 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Takayama Park	TAKAYAMA PARK CLEAN-UP 3875 CHERRY CREEK N DRIVE DENVER, CO 80209
Monthly Meeting November Tue, November 1 st , 7:00 – 9:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.	WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
Holiday Party December Sun, December 11 th , 11:00am – 2:00pm DBG Plant Society Bldg	

Visiting Artist, Bjorn BJORHOLM Workshop

Monday, September 19th 9:00am – 4:00pm – DBG Plant Society Building



This workshop by Bjorn is limited to RMBS registered members. Cost is \$75 for a workshop seat and \$10 for silent observers. The workshop is limited to 8, 7 of which have been filled. If interested in seat 8, please contact patrick@allencongroup.com.

Bjorn is considered to be one of the most talented American Bonsai Artists since returning from his 6-year apprenticeship in Japan, studying with Japanese bonsai master Keiichi Fujikawa.

Monthly Meeting

Visiting Artist, Bjorn BJORHOLM Presentation

Tuesday, September 20th 7:00 – 9:00pm – DBG Gates Hall



RMBS is pleased to host Bjorn BJORHOLM as a 2016 Visiting Artist. Bjorn BJORHOLM was born and raised at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in East Tennessee in the United States. He was first introduced to bonsai at the age of thirteen, and by

sixteen he had helped found the Knoxville Bonsai Society and the regional Tennessee Bonsai Exhibition. After finishing university in 2008, Bjorn began a formal bonsai apprenticeship under Keiichi Fujikawa, owner of Kouka-en nursery in Osaka, Japan.

During his apprenticeship, Bjorn's works were featured in the Kokufu-ten, Sakufu-ten, and Taikan-ten exhibitions, as well as in many international exhibitions in the US and Europe. In 2015, Bjorn received certification as a bonsai professional from the Japanese Bonsai Association and launched his business, Bjorvala Bonsai Studio, which provides bonsai, related art, and services to the global community.

Saturday Workshop



Todd Schlafer
RMBS Artist-of-the-Year & Past President

Intermediate Bonsai Skills "Advanced Wiring Techniques"

Saturday, September 24th - 9:00am - 3:00pm

- Bill Hosokawa Bonsai Pavilion

Todd Schlafer - RMBS Artist-of-the-Year & Past President

Wiring is one of the most important techniques for bonsai shaping. It allows the artist to shape the trunks and model branches, putting them in the right place. Proper wiring allows the artist to shape the tree. Although it is an easily understood technique, proper wiring requires practice.

This is an intermediate bonsai skills workshop where Todd Schlafer will demonstrate some advanced wiring techniques, like how to create that perfect pod on your Rocky Mountain Juniper, Japanese Black Pine, etc..



Community Outreach

Tri-State Buddhist Church
"100th Anniversary - RMBS Helping Shape Its Gardens"

Sunday, September 25th - 9:00am - 3:00pm -

Denver Buddhist Temple - 1947 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80202

The Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society and the Japan America Society of Colorado are privileged to help the Tri-State Buddhist Church, also known as the Denver Buddhist Temple, prepare its grounds by trimming its bonsai character pines for the 100th Anniversary. The 100th anniversary "Obon 2016" will take place on September 30th. The Denver Buddhist Church was established in 1916

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:

In the continuing discussion of soil/substrate here is a link with a good description of some of the more common components people use [Adam's Art and Bonsai Blog](#).

Mike Horine has created a web site for Bonsai and Suiseki. You can find it here [Mike Horine's Web Site](#).

For those who like deciduous trees here is an interesting [note on why they drop their leaves](#).

Other internet resources:

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

[Colorado Bonsai Ltd.](#)

[First Branch Bonsai](#)

[S&S Bonsai](#)

[RMBS Facebook Page](#)





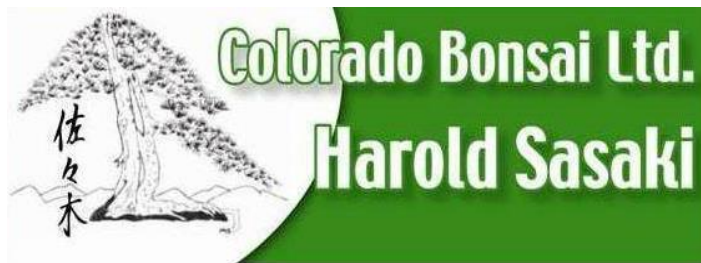
What We Have For You.....

- Bonsai Trees
- Bonsai Pots
- Bonsai Tools
- Training Wire
- Bonsai Soil
- Bonsai Books
- Gift Certificates
- FREE Saturday Study Groups (Once a month)
- And more.....

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.

Email us at: co.bonsai.ltd@gmail.com