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BOUGAINVILLEA SPECTABILIS – PAUL KOENNING

President's Message

by David McPeters

This will be a short letter this month. Remember there is no meeting in November. Save the date for our holiday party, Sunday December 4th from 11am till 1:30pm at Hillcrest Condominium, 9969 Appletree Place in Thornton 80260. RMBS will supply turkey, ham, and drinks. Members supply potluck side dishes. In addition to the meal, we will have a white elephant sale and an auction. More information to come as the date approaches.

Over the past two months, I have received several inquiries about overwintering trees. I can't do justice to the topic in a newsletter. Focusing on native material that will be left outdoors this winter we have to consider protection more than anything else.

We need to prevent the roots from temperature cycling as the days warm and then the nights freeze. Putting them on the ground helps accomplish this.

The ground is a great temperature moderator. It does not change as quickly as the air. Mulching to the pot rim or sinking the pot into a gravel bed also helps by keeping the sun from striking the pot. Both strategies help smooth out the temperature fluctuations we experience on the front range. Another method is to put the trees into a structure where the temperature is maintained or at least moderated. For instance, a green house, garage, bunker, or shed. Just remember they need dormancy, so it does need to get and stay cold.

Desiccation by the wind is a risk in some parts of the front range. Placing the trees in a sheltered spot is a good idea. An enclosed structure provides protection. Or on the side of a house or other structure away from the wind. Even a temporary barrier can provide protection.

Snow in some cases can bend or even break branches. It isn't uncommon in the front range for

trees to be completely covered with snow. Shelter from the snow might seem like a good idea but there are benefits to having snow fall on trees. It provides water as it melts, and it insulates while it covers the soil. Breaking of branches is most likely if the tree is placed where a large heavy dump of snow can happen all at once. For instance, under a big pine tree where snow accumulates in the branches until they bend sufficiently and then a heavy load

crashes down. Finally watering during the winter is critical. It is more difficult because the conditions are more adverse, it is more work hauling water and hoses in and out to water, and because it is easy to not pay attention. Just like having to learn how to tell when watering is needed in the summer, it must be learned for the winter as well.

Happy Tuesday and stay warm,

David

The RMBS 2023 board candidates list is complete. Voting for this list will be held at the Holiday party on December 4th. The show chair position remains to be filled.

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Holiday party tradition – by Pat Deutschman

The holiday party is one of those past traditions that has been celebrated in the same place since 1981! I reprinted few very funny description of its location and driving directions printed before GPS in the November 2019 newsletter with some photos from 1981. The party is a nice occasion to get together and socialize with members, spouses and guests.

For new members it's a great opportunity to meet other people who share your passion about bonsai.

We typically ask our members to bring a side dish to accompany turkey, ham or vegetarian main courses. **Bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert big enough to feed around 6-8 people.** We serve potluck style. Also we will be having our annual White Elephant sale- bring something you want to pass on to someone else, find some great bargains in the process. There will also be an auction and raffle.

Sunday, December 4 11AM- 1PM.

Address: Hillcrest Condominium community hall. 9969 Appletree Place in Thornton 80260

Note from editor:

For beginning bonsai artists and experienced ones as well, there is a plethora of knowledge in our past newsletters. You can access past newsletters on the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society website under the heading News and Events, then click on Newsletters. Each edition is summarized with a word or two. For instance, there was a lengthy article and list of members favorite Bonsai books in June 2022 - heading is "Resources". There was also a long discussion and photos of over wintering in the February 2021 edition.

There are also plenty of resources and knowledge imparted by experienced members in those past newsletters. I have reproduced a chart for winterizing created by Hal Sasaki in 1996 – still relevant! As the club historian and secretary I have boxes of newsletters, photographs, articles, going back to the club's inception 52 years ago. It's a great wealth of knowledge and a complete history. Anyone interested in a particular topic or aspect can contact me to see if I can locate some past lessons, experiences, etc.

Always a good resource from RMBS member Hal Sasaki, 1996- see chart below

WINTERIZING BONSAI IN COLORADO

by Harold Sasaki

The PLANT KINGDOM (USDA ZONES 1 - 11)

Plants Native to: <i>Cold Climate</i>	Plants Native to: <i>Moderate Climate</i>	Plants Native to: <i>Subtropical to Tropical Climate</i>
Zone 1-2 Zone 3 Zone 4	Zone 5 Zone 6 Zone 7	Zone 8 Zone 9 Zone 10-11

WINTERIZING RECOMMENDATIONS

OUTSIDE: Bury pot in gravel bunk to above lip of the pot	COLD FRAME: Below 20°F, bury pot to above the lip	COLD FRAME: If above 20°F to 40°F, no need to bury, but if below 20°F, bury around and over pot	GREENHOUSE: If above 60°F to 70°F at night, the plants are growing	INDOOR: Typical home with excellent light (12-14 hrs)
OUTSIDE: Bury or mulch pot in garden	WINDOW WELL: Below 20°F, bury the pot to above the lip	WINDOW WELL: If above 20°F to 40°F, no need to bury, but if below 20°F, bury or mulch around and over pot	INDOOR: Sun room or enclosed porch; above 50°F to 70°F at night	INDOOR: Typical home with poor light; add artificial light
OPEN SHED: Bury or mulch around and over pot	UNHEATED GARAGE: Below 20°F, mulch around and over pot	COLD FRAME: If above 20°F, no need to bury, but if below 20°F, mulch around and over pot	INDOOR: Home with NORTH window only; supplement with artificial light	INDOOR: Home with NO light; 16 hours of artificial light

COLD REQUIREMENTS

Must have at least 40 days of 40°F or less at night	Very little to none
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❖ ❖ ❖ LIGHT REQUIREMENTS ❖ ❖ ❖

NONE to very little if the temperature is below 40°F: Plant is not growing	<i>Bright light:</i> High intensity, long duration: Plant is growing
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SAMPLE LIST OF PLANTS AND THEIR ZONES

PLANTS NATIVE TO COLD CLIMATES (Zones 1 to 4)	PLANTS NATIVE TO MODERATE CLIMATES (Zones 5 to 7)	PLANTS NATIVE TO SUBTROPICAL TO TROPICAL (Zones 8 to 11)
EVERGREEN CONIFERS: Juniper, procumbens nana (4) Juniper, Rocky Mtn. (3) Spruce, Little Jam (3) Spruce, Alberta (3) Pine, Bristlecone (2) Pine, Lodgepole (2) Pine, Ponderosa (2) DECIDUOUS: Larch, Siberian (3) Maple, Amur (3) Oak, Gamble (3) Potantilla fruticosa (2)	EVERGREEN CONIFERS: Cedar, deodara (7) Cypress, Blvd. (5) Cypress, Hinoki (5) Pine, Japanese Black (5) Pine, Japanese White (5) BROADLEAF EVERGREENS: Azalea, Satsuki (7) Boxwood, Japanese (5) Cotoneaster cong. (6) Pyracantha Sp. (7) DECIDUOUS: Beech, Japanese (5) Elm, Catkin (7) Elm, Chinese (7) Ginkgo biloba (5) Hornbeam Sp. (5) Maple, Japanese (5) Maple, Trident (6) Quince, Chinese (6)	BROADLEAF EVERGREENS: Bougainvillea (11) Brush Cherry (10) Fig, Narrowleaf (10) Gardenia (8) Geranium, scented (10) Jade, Dwarf (10) Lavendar Star (11) Olive Sp. (8) Pine, Italian Stone (8) Serissa, Sp. (9) Tea, Fukien (10) Tea, New Zealand (10) <i>Note:</i> I rate plants zone 11 when subjected to 50°F or higher and they still lose their leaves during our winters in Colorado.

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Calendar of Events and Meetings for 2023

Please see the Calendar below for meeting information, we are just getting started on scheduling speakers, presenters and workshops- the calendar will be updated monthly.

For our January meeting we will invite members to join in on a Zoom meeting to talk about looking back- reviewing 2022 - and looking forward- what do members want in terms of topics for presentations, workshops, suggestions for this year's show, etc. We will have a new President in January and it will be very helpful for him and his new Board of Directors when planning for meeting the needs of our members to hear from you!

Looking back on another successful year, using the inspiration all of our artists and practitioners brought and displayed, to help inspire the coming year. Kusamono made its debut in our show this year, and we are happy to have multiple offshoot groups of RMBS working on their own to help raise the level of all of us. We move forward with large shoes to fill, but with the level of talent included in the membership we no doubt we have the skills needed. I hope we can spend plenty of time talking trees and techniques among the membership, and also inspire the next top artists in the club and maybe even some volunteers to help run and manage our ever-growing society. I hope everyone will join us for a few laughs, to give and receive knowledge, and spend time with the RMBS family!

Paul Koening

RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society | Facebook](#) Post and view photos from RMBS members, post questions, comment

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society Forum](#) RMBS website forum has articles of interest

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society \(@rocky_mountain_bonsai_society\) • Instagram photos and videos](#) View or post photos

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society - YouTube](#) RMBS meetings recorded appear here, other videos of interest including RMBS show

[Rmbonsai.org](#) RMBS website – headers: News & Events, Galleries, Join, Blog, Forum, Education

Other resources

[Colorado Bonsai Ltd.](#)

[First Branch Bonsai](#)

[S&S Bonsai](#)

[RMBS Facebook Page](#)

[Mike Horine Website](#)

Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society Dues info.

Annual membership renewals were due July 1. Individual membership is \$35 per year, a family membership is \$50 per year. Since we are currently following social distancing measures, please send a check to:

Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society

c/o Membership Renewal PO Box 472361 Aurora, CO 80047-2361 **This is our new mailing address.**

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2023 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
<u>December Holiday Party</u> <u>Sunday, December 4 11 AM- 1:30 PM</u> Hillcrest Condominium Assoc. Clubhouse 9968 Appletree Place, Thornton 80260.	<u>POT LUCK LUNCHEON</u> <u>WHITE ELEPHANT SALE</u> <u>AUCTION</u>
<u>January 2023 monthly meeting</u> Tuesday January 3, 2022 Zoom	<u>MEMBERS DISCUSSION-</u> <u>REVIEW OF PAST YEAR PROGRAMS AND SHOW</u> <u>PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE</u>
<u>February 2023 monthly meeting</u> Tuesday, February 7 TBD	
<u>March 2023 monthly meeting</u> Tuesday, March 7 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>GRAFTING PRESENTATION</u> <u>KIRK FIESELER</u>
<u>April 2023 Monthly meeting</u> Tuesday, April 1 TBD	
<u>May 2023 Monthly meeting</u> Tuesday, May 1 Virtual- on Line	<u>BJORN BJORHOLM</u>
<u>June 8,9,10 2023 ABS Convention</u> Denver Botanic Gardens	
<u>July 2023 Monthly Meeting</u> <u>TBD</u>	
<u>August 2023 Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, August 1 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>TODD SCHLAFER</u>
<u>September – Annual show</u> Friday Sept 1- Sunday Sept 3 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>ANNUAL SHOW</u>
<u>October Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, October 3 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>SERGIO CUAN</u>
<u>November Monthly Meeting</u> TBD	



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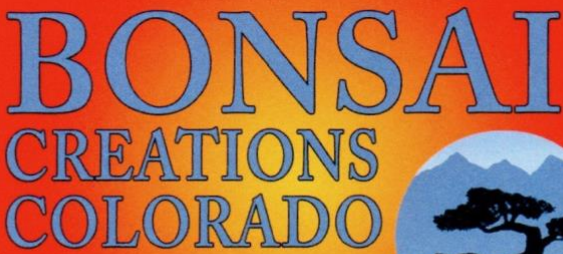
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