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Colorado Spruce - Chris Rauch Artistic rendering- Mike Green

President's Message

by Paul Koening

Happy 2023 everyone! I hope that the new year brings you plenty of fat trunks and graceful canopies to work with and transform into bonsai!

I am honored to take on the role of President of Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society and hope to continue and build upon the many great traditions and standards the society has! Our societies inclusivity and willingness to share knowledge has helped to create many great bonsai artists and raised the collective bar for what bonsai can be in the Rocky Mountain region. While continuing to drive those great attributes, I also hope to encourage more members to display their trees in our annual show, foster greater participation and volunteering, and work to ensure harmonious functions between RMBS and the many satellite groups that have grown from our society.

Like many of our members I stumbled upon bonsai by chance/ accident and quickly fell in love. My work schedule prevented me from participating with RMBS for several years before finally having a change that enabled much greater participation and involvement. Those years between initially falling in love with bonsai, and then becoming an active member of RMBS represent a confusing and somewhat stagnate period in my bonsai development, that I believe our more robust online presence, streaming of meetings, and satellite groups have helped to eliminate for new members of the society. Bravo to all of the actions that have helped to bring RMBS online, and to the small satellite groups for working to fill a niche within our larger community!

While working to grow and continually shore up our online prescience and satellite groups, I see the new challenge being how we as a society work to

encourage involvement beyond joining RMBS and move the many new members from novice to intermediate practitioners and of bonsai and beyond. These lofty goals will of course require involvement of the society, which I hope you will all join me in discussing during our mostly informal January zoom meeting. During this meeting we will discuss the annual show and its goals, the coming years programs, the re-introduction of Saturday workshops with a focus on preparing trees for a show, and the growing need for volunteers as our society continues to grow in size. In addition, the majority of the meeting will be more open format as a time to celebrate the previous year, network with society members, and to ask questions to the larger group.

I am very excited to serve as your president for the coming year, and hope that you will feel free to bring news and ideas to me at any time. Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society has done much for me through the years, and I will bring my best to reciprocate by providing in any way I can for the needs of the society. I hope that 2023 proves to be a great year for all of our members, and that together we continue to raise RMBS to new heights!

Paul Koenning

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Meeting Note: by Pat Deutschman

Our January meeting will be via Zoom and focus on looking back at 2022 and planning for the future. All ideas, feedback, suggestions, conversation will be welcome! We will send you the Zoom link to the meeting in a separate email. The meeting begins at 7PM, but we will open the Zoom link at 6:30 PM for those who want to test their connection, or have a chat with other members! See you then.

The 2023 slate of officers was approved by members at the holiday party. The elected members are:

Board

- **President** – Paul Koenning – pjkoenning@gmail.com 720-254-3314
- **Vice President** – Samantha Holm - samtolve@gmail.com
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- **Show Chair** – TBD

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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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2021 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
	<u>ANNUAL SHOW</u>
	<u>PARTY, WHITE ELEPHANT SALE</u>
<u>January 2023 monthly meeting</u> Tuesday January 3, 2022 Zoom	<u>MEMBERS DISCUSSION-</u> REVIEW OF PAST YEAR PROGRAMS AND SHOW PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE
<u>February 2023 monthly meeting</u> Tuesday, February 7	<u>PANEL OF EXPERTS (TENATIVE)</u> WHAT TO DO WITH A PROBLEM TREE GOOD AND BAD EXPERIENCES
<u>March 2023 monthly meeting</u> Tuesday, March 7 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>GRAFTING PRESENTATION</u> KIRK FIESELER
<u>April 2023 Monthly meeting</u> Tuesday, April 1 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>DARRELL WHITLEY</u> SHIMPAKU
<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> TBD	
<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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