



Ponderosa Pine- Mike Britten

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President's Message

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Presidents Message

The year is already well under way, and the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society calendar is stacked with opportunity! Myself and several other members attended a unique grafting workshop with Kirk Fieseler of Laporte Avenue Nursery. Kirk guided us into creating 2 dwarf Mary Ann Heacock Ponderosa pine seedlings, and 1 dwarf Haley's blue spruce seedling. Everyone enjoyed learning the process and getting to take 3 great little trees home to grow and hopefully create some unique bonsai in the future. Kirk Fieseler will also be presenting at our meeting on March 7th at DBG. He will discuss great dwarf conifers that thrive along the front range, as well as his grafting techniques and what has worked for him in our difficult climate. I hope you will join us, and Kirk will be bringing some more grafted material for sale that has healed and is ready for growing on.

Tom Anglewicz will be leading a repotting workshop on April 15th at DBG in the bonsai pavilion, weather permitting of course. This workshop is open to dues paying members, and is a great opportunity to learn repotting concepts and techniques that have worked for our members for many years.

This June 8-10 the American Bonsai Society convention will be hosted by us at DBG! This incredible convention is where I was first introduced to Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society when they hosted the Visions of The West ABS/BCI Convention in 2012. Taking the plunge to attend a national conference is certainly like learning how to swim in the deep end, but who doesn't want to be smothered by beautiful trees! ;) The photo below is

of a bougainvillea I purchased in conjunction with a workshop from the 2012 convention, and a few



additional as I have grown the fat trunk with a few twigs into a personal treasure!



The workshop trees for this years convention will be even better quality, and the entire event promises to be perfect for bonsai enthusiasts. I hope you will register to attend, check out all the details on our website at:

<https://www.rmbonsai.org/absdenver2023>

The RMBS board has just recognized Adam Johnson and Gary Matsuda as Honorary Lifetime Members of RMBS! Their continual selfless service to RMBS through storing and transporting gear for the society is one of the many ways they have helped to enrich the society through the years. It is only by generosity like theirs that our society functions as smoothly as it does, and we are grateful to count them as friends of RMBS! (Gary stored the boxes of show set ups including all the Shoji screens and the

Tokonoma, packed in elaborate wooden crates, which are massive and very heavy- in a storage space on his property for many years, and also coordinated the delivery to and from the show. Now Adam has graciously taken on that role as RMBS bought a storage shed last year and is placed on Adam's property now. Their generosity and willingness to provide this storage and safe keeping also is saving RMBS a thousand dollars a year (at least) if we had to rent a storage unit in a commercial facility.)

At the march meeting we will be voting on rising the annual dues. The board has approved, and we are proposing a raise from \$35 to \$50 for individual membership, and \$50-\$75 for family memberships. This raise in dues is needed to help cover the raising costs of running the annual show and visiting artists programs. We have seen across the board cost increases for rental tables, food, airline tickets, etc. I hope that you will join us for the meeting and help to vote on this important issue for the society. As you can see, we are hard at work to ensure we bring you content to satisfy your bonsai desires! Please check out the calendar for even more coming events, and I hope to see you at as many events as possible this year!

Paul Koenning

Note from the editor, Pat Deutschman

Because of space constraints with email, I have added two additional articles as attachments, instead of embedded in the newsletter. (They may have to go out separately for size.)

One is a beautiful essay written by Paul Koenning called **"Inspired by Fire"** containing some really nice photos of the forest and the aftermath of fire and then resurgence of new growth. For all of us who live in the Rocky Mountains, this is a familiar scenario and Paul puts his every thoughtful touch on the reality of nature.

The second article is by Mike Britten called as he puts it **"Why would a bonsai artist want to hear about a trip to climb Kilimanjaro?"** The answer is obvious once you read his fascinating account of this trek he and his wife took recently to summit Mt Kilimanjaro. The natural scenery, the difficulty of the journey, the vegetation from another continent and at high altitude are amazing and well worth your time to read!

2023 ABS Learning Seminar Update

It is less than four months till the June ABS Learning Seminars! Preparation and registration are going well. I hope all of you are considering coming. The program developed by Larry Jackel is extensive and includes workshops with native material and learning seminars on a range of topics. There is something for everyone. You can find the complete schedule [here](#).

We currently have 84 participants registered for the entire weekend and 22 registered for a single day. Of those slightly more than half are from RMBS. I encourage more RMBS members to register and support the event. The workshops are about 70% full. There are still open seats for workshops by Kathy Shaner, Todd Schlafer, and Jennifer Price. Sign up for one before they are all gone! You can see all the details and register [here](#).

Additionally, there are workshops with seats available led by RMBS members Hal Sasaki, Lou DeHerrera, Linda Paul, and Darell Havener. And, by popular demand, a 'Bring Your Own Tree' workshop with Bruce Baker has been added Saturday afternoon. If you don't have a tree, there will be opportunities to purchase one from one of the vendors or RMBS. Find out about all the artists [here](#).

Speaking of vendors, Mike Britten has worked to bring vendors from around the US and from RMBS to the show. There will be trees, tools, pots, stands, and scrolls and artwork for sale in the vending area. Superfly Bonsai, Bonsai by Fields, Golden Arrow Bonsai, Myrick Bonsai Pottery, Nature's Way, Jan Rentenaar, and Christy Majeske will be coming from out of state. RMBS members Samantha Holm, Dan Kingery, Linda Paul, Bill Sample, and Stefan and Michelle Rausch will also be vending. You won't find a better opportunity to stock up on your bonsai needs for the remainder of the year.

Don't forget there will be a juried exhibit of trees and kusamono. You still have time to submit an

application. Information on how to do that can be found [here](#).

Darrell Whitley and Paul Gilbert are coordinating a stone show, soliciting stones from around the country to display in Freyer Newman during the weekend.

As always, the events we put on are successful financially and artistically due to the support of RMBS members. Your registration will help make this event a financial success. Your participation as a participant and/or a volunteer will make it an artistic success. If you are interested in volunteering (and we really need RMBS members to volunteer) you can sign up [here](#). By signing up you are not committed. You may be contacted when a need arises to see if it is something you can take on. More information about specific volunteer positions will be communicated in March.

I will close by saying that I dabbled in bonsai through the 2000s. Then I attended the 2012 joint ABS, BCI, and RMBS event. As they say, the rest is history. I was hooked!

Come and spend a weekend immersed in bonsai!

David

The weekend schedule is [here](#).

Register [here](#).

Artist's biographies are [here](#).

Apply to exhibit [here](#).

Register to volunteer [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP

RMBS is growing! *We now have 149 members.* The following individuals have joined the Society since October 2022. When you see them at one of our events, please take a few minutes to welcome them and see if they need any help with their Bonsai trees, or where they are it with getting started.

Joe Wittig	Amanda Opp	Maxwell Seeman
Corbin Walker	Nic Connolly	Jaime Harrington
Madeline Tarasar	Katrina Demma	Daniel Fischer
Yair Gallegos	Ian McBride	Ray Gordon
Deborah Godzman	Matthew Finnerty	Tara Gignac
Jessica Stone	Karen Taylor	Brandon Solari
Gary Schwochau	Paul Balas	Walker Redmond
Abhiram Doddi	Stephen Kanter	Katherine Pope
John Wood	Kevin McFarlane	

These long-standing members have been awarded *Honorary Lifetime Membership* for their numerous RMBS contributions:

- Mike Horine (Parker, CO)
- Adam Johnson, CPA (Boulder, CO)
- Gary Matsuda (Commerce City, CO)

RMBS HERITAGE PAGE - Professor Malcolm Correll

Jim Robinson, PhD (RIP), RMBS Newsletter Editor, published the following article on September 22, 1992 about one of our many distinguished members, Mr. Malcolm Correll.



Family, friends and members of the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society lost a great friend, colleague and citizen this month. Malcolm joined the Denver Junior Bonsai Club (our former name) in 1973, became secretary in 1976, published minutes of the meetings and program, and initiated the DBC Newsletter in 1977. He served in this capacity through 1984. Malcolm was elected president of the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society in 1985 and again in 1986. He again took up the reins as Secretary and Newsletter Editor in 1989, continuing until his untimely death September 6, 1992. His formal contributions to the society were, indeed, significant; and his informal contributions, innumerable and enduring, enriched our lives.

Malcolm demonstrated through his living that qualities of compassion, democratic citizenship, scholarship, humor, love, gentleness and principle need not be shouted

about or pointed to by others. They generate their meaning and integrity when they are woven into the fabric of a life, shining through that life as it touches others, as his has touched ours, giving us inspiration and confidence that quality of life is attainable and joyous.

An Excerpt from The Boulder Daily Camera

In 1961, Malcolm Correll accepted a joint position at CU as professor of physics and chairman of the Integrated Studies Program. He retired from this position in 1981. he became Boulder's "first first-gentleman" in 1977 when Ruth Correll was elected the city's first female mayor.... He founded the Problems and Prospects for Peace within the Integrated Studies program. It looked at how adept societies have become at waging war and tried to approach waging peace with the same fervor.... Malcolm Correll also helped found the Attention Homes in Boulder, an alternative to detention homes where judges could send children in trouble with the law.

Larry Jackal, long time RMBS member said:

Malcolm Correll was one of the most interesting people I have ever met. He was a kind and generous person with a great sense of humor. Two sayings from Malcolm that have stuck with me are, "let's see what's behind this" and "let's make it the best we can". I use these two ideas often. On my 40th birthday, Malcolm gave me the top of an old fence post, great wood that had shown struggle and had great character. The post sits in my backyard, I will show it to you some time.

In June of 1992 I was the artist of the year. At that time, the artist of the year selected the next artist. (there was no selection committee) I selected Malcolm. In September of the same year Malcolm died of complications from a leaking aorta. Rather than have Malcolm's family provide a tree, I suggested a service award in Malcolm's memory and so now we have the The Malcolm Correll Distinguished Service Award. Malcolm's family received the first award at the 1993 show. The award is given after a club member makes a nomination and the executive comm. agrees. It is not an annual award but is given when the membership sees that it should be given, as in the most recent case with Don Willis. Long term service and dedication are the keys to this award. One of the best things about this award is that it comes from peers in recognition of service.

RMBS is honored to have Prof. Malcolm Correll as a Heritage member of RMBS

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](#)
[RMBS Facebook Page](#)

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 2095 Littleton, CO. 80161** **This is our new mailing address.**

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4. Select "[Sending to a friend.](#)"
5. Select how you want to pay and click **Next**.
6. Review the information and click **Send Payment Now**.

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The name of the account in Venmo to send to is: RockyMountainbonsaisociety

2021 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program	Workshop
March 2023 monthly meeting Tuesday, March 7, 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens Auditorium	<u>Conifers for the Rock Garden and Smaller Landscapes</u> <u>KIRK FIESELER</u>	
April 2023 Monthly meeting Tuesday, April 4, 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens - Gates Hall	<u>DARRELL WHITLEY</u> <u>SHIMPAKU</u>	
April Workshop Saturday, April 15 10am- 4pm Denver Botanic Gardens-Bonsai Pavillion (weather dependent)		TOM ANGLEWICZ REPOTTING WORKSHOP
May 2023 Monthly meeting Tuesday, May 2 7PM Virtual- on Line/ Gates Hall	<u>BJORN BJORHOLM</u>	
May Workshop Saturday, May Darell Havener host		DARELL HAVENER REVIEWING BONSAI TO CHOOSE FOR SHOW
June 8,9,10 2023 ABS Convention Denver Botanic Gardens	ANNUAL AMERICAN BONSAI SOCIETY CONVENTION AND SHOW	
July Workshop Saturday, July 15 Paul Koenning host		PAUL KOENNING FINAL WIRING AND PRUNING
July 2023 Monthly Meeting Tuesday, July 4 Denver Botanic Gardens- Gates Hall	<u>TBD</u>	
August 2023 Monthly Meeting Thursday, August 3 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens- Gates Hall	<u>TODD SCHLAFER</u>	
August Workshop Saturday, August David McPeters host		DAVID MCPETERS POT CLEANING AND USE OF MOSS
September – Annual show Friday Sept 1- Sunday Sept 3 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>ANNUAL SHOW</u>	
September Workshop Saturday, September 9 Paul Koenning host		PAUL KOENNING WINTER PREP AND PEST INSPECTION
October Monthly Meeting Tuesday, October 3 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens- Auditorium	<u>SERGIO CUAN</u>	



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