



SUB-ALPINE FIR – MIKE BRITTEN – PHOTO BY MIKE GREEN

RMBS

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December President's Message

by Andy Berry

"The Future"

"The future depends on what we do in the present."—Mahatma Gandhi

On the heels of the RMBS 50th anniversary exhibition, and a respectful reflection on our history and heritage as a community over the last year, I have been thinking about how RMBS has been changing and will need to continue to evolve further to keep pace with accelerating interest in the art of bonsai in the Western world. In this message, I will describe for you my vision for the RMBS 2020 season and set out some lofty objectives. I am certain success with these goals will further lay the foundation for our next decade. I am confident that these accomplishments will enrich and modernize our society for the benefit of our membership and ensure RMBS thrives far

past my time. Each goal below is in accordance with the mission, vision and values set forth by our RMBS constitution and bylaws. I have endeavored to make each item as granular and actionable as possible, since I find goals like "increase membership" nebulous. The following list is an aspirational one that will not be accomplished solely by the 2020 RMBS executive board. If any of the items that follow speak to you, RMBS would be honored to have your participation in the effort.

Membership

Advance the aesthetic and functionality of our new website rmbonsai.org to create robust online community forum for education and appreciation of the art of

bonsai and generate additional interest and RMBS membership.

Engage and retain both new members and the RMBS experts through educational workshops/ mentorship activities that are mutually beneficial.

Education

Fresh format for monthly meetings. ***"Short programs" have been transformed into a fundamentals of bonsai series*** focusing on seasonal topics and foundational skills to provide newcomers the necessary knowledge to be successful in their practice.

Additionally, ***"long programs" will present advanced and nuanced bonsai topics*** for our experienced practitioners (but for the benefit of all). A greater emphasis on horticultural and technical skills, species specific knowledge, and advanced display topics will be presented by accomplished RMBS members.

Expand ***our visiting artists invitees to many who are new to RMBS with a greater diversity of presentation, species expertise, and technical skill***. We are inviting new professionals from all over the nation and world for the 2020 and 2021 seasons, please stay tuned.

RMBS Heritage and History

Appoint an official RMBS Heritage Tree Curator to the board who will provide oversight for our growing and newly dedicated RMBS bonsai collection, and additionally function as official RMBS historian.

Solicit additional donations for the RMBS bonsai collection from honorary / senior members of the club. Aim for 1-2 additional tree donations this year.

Define our vision for the RMBS bonsai collection and how presentations of these trees can add value for RMBS membership and advance our mission.

The appointed ***RMBS historian will engage with the executive board as to how best to catalog and preserve historical documents*** for future RMBS and public use.

Community Service and Outreach

Build on our 50th anniversary bonsai exhibition momentum to create the best RMBS show to date for 2020.

Explore expanded partnership with DBG on additional projects, as mentioned by Brain Vogt DBG CEO, that will benefit the RMBS mission.

Community outreach projects (in addition to established activities) aimed to increase our service to our community through bonsai, and partner with additional artistic and cultural institutions in the Rocky Mountain region.

Ongoing partnership with entities in our community that have an interest in the history of bonsai in Colorado and the West (like the History Colorado podcast produced this year).

RMBS Administration

Update RMBS bylaws to decrease ambiguity and codify roles of RMBS executive board with additional clarity given our expanding board and duties.

Finances

Continued financial stewardship, but also ***increased concentration on "making the money work" for RMBS members.***

Peruse ***additional cultural grants / scholarships*** and funding to bolster our effort as we were successful in doing in 2019.

Become a federally recognized 501(c)3 tax exempt / non-profit organization.

Finally, please join us Sunday December 1st for our annual holiday celebration. This is one of my favorite RMBS get togethers of the year. The auction at the is a great time to acquire plant material, pots for the coming year, and all manner of bonsai related items. Come share some bonsai holiday cheer with friends!

Your brother in bonsai,

Andy Berry

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2019 - 2020 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
<p>Annual Holiday Party Dec Sun, Dec 1st 10am – 2pm Hillcrest Condos 9968 Appletree Place Thornton, CO</p>	
<p>January Monthly Meeting Tue Jan 7th 6 – 9:30pm Plant Society Building, Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>SHORT PROGRAM: LONG PROGRAM: LARRY JACKEL PROPER SELECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ACCENT PLANTS (SHITUKASA) FOR BONSAI DISPLAY</p>
<p>February Monthly Meeting Tue Feb 4th 6 – 9:30pm Plant Society Building, Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>SHORT PROGRAM: LONG PROGRAM: MIKE BRITTEN SYMMETRY, ASYMMETRY AND BALANCE IN BONSAI DESIGN</p>
<p>March Monthly Meeting Tue Mar 3rd 6 – 9:30pm Plant Society Building, Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>SHORT PROGRAM: LONG PROGRAM: WILL KERNS DEVELOPMENT AND REFINEMENT OF COLORADO SPRUCE AS BONSAI</p>
<p>April Monthly Meeting Tue Apr 7th 6 – 9:30pm Mitchell Hall, Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>SHORT PROGRAM: LONG PROGRAM: ADAM JOHNSON SPRING CONCEPTS – PREPARING BONSAI FOR A NEW SEASON OF GROWTH</p>
<p>May Monthly Meeting Tue May 5th 6 – 9:30pm FNC Auditorium, Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>SHORT PROGRAM: LONG PROGRAM: TOM ANGLEWICZ & ANDY BERRY PINYON PINES (PINUS EDULIS) AS BONSAI</p>
<p>May Workshop Tue May 30th & May 31st</p>	<p>TODD SCHLAFER</p>
<p>Jun Monthly Meeting Tue Jun 2nd 6 – 9:30pm FNC Auditorium, Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>SHORT PROGRAM: LONG PROGRAM: TODD SCHLAFER VISITING ARTIST DEMONSTRATION</p>
<p>Jul Monthly Meeting Tue Jul 7th 6 – 9:30pm FNC Auditorium, Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>SHORT PROGRAM: LONG PROGRAM: DARRELL WHITLEY & PAUL GILBERT HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF VIEWING STONES AS RELATES TO BONSAI</p>

2020 OFFICERS

President: Andy Berry

Vice President: David McPeters

Immediate Past President: Tom Anglewicz

Program Chair: Tom Anglewicz (Advanced (long) Programs and Guest Artists)

Show Chair: Paul Koenning

Treasurer: Adam Johnson

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Member at Large 1: Connie Garrett (Membership Chair)

Member at Large 2: Nicholas Box (RMBS heritage / curator of heritage collection)

Member at Large 3: Wayne Berve (Grant acquisition and Japanese community liaison)

Member at Large 4: Dave Regan (Webmaster / Blog / Bonsai fundamentals curriculum (short programs))

Member at Large 5: Terril Samuelson (Assist with membership management and outreach, assist annual show chair)

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, 2018. 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

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.

Resources for Members:

Other internet resources:

[New RMBS Web Site](#)

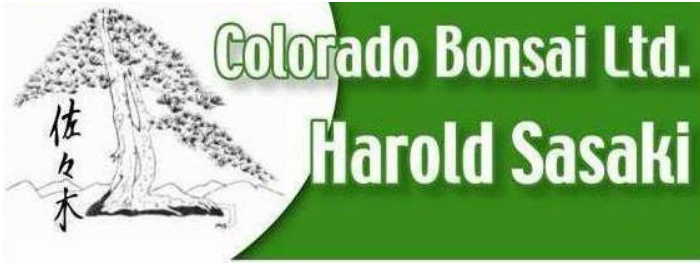
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 The logo for S&S Bonsai features the text 'S&S Bonsai' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a blue outline, set within a blue and yellow oval. Below it, the tagline 'Always Growing' is written in a smaller, black font within a white oval.

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