



"BIG BLUE" - WILL KERNS

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President's Message

by David McPeters

I am often asked by new members 'where can I learn more?' This happened at the May meeting. I wasn't satisfied with my answer. So, this letter is an attempt to do justice to the question. I asked for input from the board and other members. Not unexpectedly there are many different recommendations because of different learning styles. Each with a different emphasis. Some prefer reading, some watching streams, some attending workshops, some attending club meetings and functions to pick the brains of more experienced members. Here are different resources

Club Activities

There are decades, perhaps centuries, of experience and knowledge resident in the club members. Take every opportunity to be exposed to that knowledge. Nowhere else will you find deep knowledge and experience about doing bonsai in the front range with our unique species and erratic climate. There are other resources listed below but with one exception the authors do not live in the front range. So be careful to consider what might be different about their seasons and climate when using those resources.

Monthly meetings. The monthly meetings, typically the first Tuesday of every month, are a wonderful place to meet the other members and start to network, learn about all aspects of

bonsai from the programs, and perhaps pick up some useful gear or even trees from a raffle.

Saturday workshops. Saturday workshops are hands on. Bring trees to work on or come to watch and learn from others working on trees. These are often at a member's home, and you can tour their garden and admire their trees.

Visiting artist workshops. A unique benefit to membership is the chance to take part in a workshop with a visiting artist. They are typically in Denver for the weekend prior to the monthly meeting. They do a live program at the Tuesday meeting. Depending on their schedule they do a club sponsored workshop the previous Saturday and or Sunday. In this work shop each member brings a tree or trees to work with the visiting artist. These are limited to eight members and there is a fee. However silent observers are welcome. For a very small fee a member can attend to watch and listen. A fantastic learning opportunity.

Annual show. The annual show is simply a lot of fun. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday over the Labor Day weekend the club puts on a show under the big tent at Denver Botanic Gardens. It is an opportunity for members to show their best trees and stones. Come to the show. Volunteer to help set up or run the show. Put a tree in the show. You will not regret it.

Books

For the readers here is a list of books. Some like John Naka's are out of print and very expensive but most are in print and reasonable. The list is in no particular order. There are hundreds if not thousands of books on bonsai. The below is just a sample of what is available as recommended by other members.

- [The Little Book of Bonsai](#) by Jonas Dupuich
- [Principles of Bonsai Design](#) by David DeGroot
- [Bonsai Techniques I and II](#) by John Naka
- [Bonsai Survival Manual](#) by Colin Lewis
- [Four Seasons of Bonsai](#) by Kyuzo Murata
- Post Dated – [The Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk and Bonsai Heresy](#) by Michael Hagedorn
- [Pocket Bonsai](#) David Prescott
- [Ponderosa Pine](#) by Larry Jackel
- [Penjing Worlds of Wonderment](#) by Qingquan Zhao
- [Bonsai](#) by Peter Warren
- [Modern Bonsai Practice](#) by Larry Morton featuring Walter Pall
- [The Art of Indoor Bonsai](#) by John Ainsworth

Online Resources

If there are thousands of books, there are tens of thousands of videos, blogs, forums, and posts online. Sorting through the chaff to get to the wheat can be daunting. Listed below are sites that supply quality content. There are many others. All the sites below have free content. Several have subscription-based content. It is well worth the price.

Bonsai Mirai / Ryan Neil

<https://bonsaimirai.com/>

Bonsai Mirai also has many good videos on YouTube, many free

Eisei-en Bonsai / Bjorn Bjorholm

<https://www.bjornbjorholm.com/>

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Todd Schlafer First Branch Bonsai

<https://www.firstbranchbonsai.com/>

Bonsai Empire

<https://www.bonsaiempire.com/>

Peter Tea Bonsai

<https://www.ptbonsai.com>

Adam Lavigne. Adam's Art and Bonsai Blog

<https://adamaskwhy.com/>

Rocky Mountain Bonsai website and Facebook/Instagram pages

www.Rmbonsai.org

As practiced in the US, bonsai is a participant art. Jump in and experiment. There are so many different dimensions to explore. Find what gives you joy and do that.

David

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June Presentation

This month's meeting will be live at the Denver Botanic Gardens on June 7. Our guest speaker will be RMBS member Will Kerns. Will is known for his native collected large format trees, his specially designed and crafted pots and his extensive knowledge of Rocky Mountain species. He is an excellent presenter and is always happy to answer questions and give advice. He will be sharing his expertise in Bonsai design, pot selection and composition using many examples. Will is not only highly knowledgeable, he is also highly entertaining!

Dues for 2022-2023

We will start collecting due for the coming 2022-2023 membership period that begins on July 1, 2022. You can bring a check to the meeting or pay on line, info on website under Resources for Members section.

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.

Please be sure to include your phone # & email with your check so we've up to date contact info for you.

To pay electronically you must have your own **PayPal** account or **Venmo** account set up and linked to a credit card or bank account. It's very easy to do on their websites.

With **PayPal**, you can send money or make a payment to anyone with an email address or mobile number.

From your **computer**, Smart Phone or iPad here's how to send money:

Log onto your PayPal account.

1. Click [Send & Request](#) at the top of the page.
2. Enter rockymountainbonsaisociety@gmail.com
3. Enter the amount, choose the currency, add a note (if needed) and click **Continue**.
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**.

Venmo is an APP available only for smartphones or iPads. You can set up a Venmo account through the app and pay directly from there.

The name of the account in Venmo to send to is: Rocky Mountainbonsaisociety

2021 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
<u>June Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, June 7, 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens- Auditorium	<u>WILL KERNS</u> BONSAI DESIGN, POT SELECTION, COMPOSITION <u>LIVE PRESENTATION</u>
<u>July Workshop</u> Saturday July 2, all day Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>SERGIO CUAN</u>
<u>July Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, July 5 Denver Botanic Gardens- Auditorium	<u>SERGIO CUAN</u> DECIDUOUS BONSAI
<u>July members workshop</u> Saturday, July 9 Darrell Havener home - Lakewood	<u>MEMBERS WORKSHOP</u> WORK ON YOUR TREES
<u>August Workshop</u> Saturday, August 20, All Day Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>YOUNG CHOE</u> <u>CREATING KUSAMONO</u>
<u>August Members workshop</u> Saturday, August 20 Dan Kingery home	<u>MEMBERS WORKSHOP</u> <u>PREPARING FOR THE SHOW</u>
<u>August Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, August 23, 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>YOUNG CHOE</u> <u>CREATING KUSAMONON</u>
<u>Annual RMBS Bonsai Exhibit</u> Friday Sept 2 – Set up and member’s event Saturday Sept 3-Sunday September 4 - exhibit open Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>ANNUAL SHOW</u>
<u>September Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, September 27 Live Stream	<u>RYAN NEIL</u> <u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN PINES</u>
<u>October Workshop</u> Saturday, October 22, All Day Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>JENNIFER PRICE</u>
<u>October Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, October 25, 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>JENNIFER PRICE</u>

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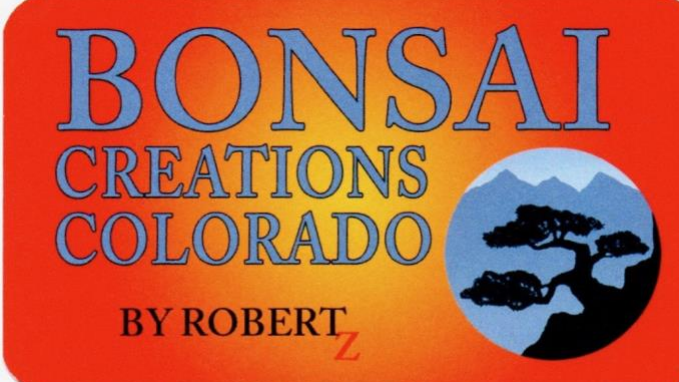
Do you need a gift for a hard-to-shop for bonsai enthusiast? We offer Individual Bonsai Instruction Sessions and we have **Gift Certificates!!** Use them for *anything* (supplies, classes, etc.) and at *any time*.



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