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## President's Message

by Andy Berry

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Update

*"Wabi is the expression of beauty that is a manifestation of the creative energy that flows through all things animate and inanimate. It is a beauty that, just as nature itself, is both dark and light, sad and joyful, harsh and gentle. The beauty of this natural force is not perfect-always changing and just out of reach." –Makoto Ueda*

Dear RMBS: I hope this message finds you all well. I trust you are all enjoying spending time with your bonsai and are benefiting from the beautiful spring weather this time

of year. It is wonderful to see all the greenery in the garden sprouting without a care in the world. In these uncertain times, we continue to follow the guidance of the Colorado State Department of Health which has restricted large gatherings and continues to encourage social distancing. **We will continue to monitor the coronavirus pandemic during the "safer at home" period starting this week when considering resuming in person meeting and workshop in the months to come.**

**May meeting:** We will be trying out the online "Zoom" platform for Will Kern's presentation on Colorado Spruce. Please watch your email for a link to access the meeting and date/time. You will click on the

link enclosed in the email invitation at the designated time and that will take you to the live presentation on your computer -both video and audio. Make sure you check "Use computers audio" and if does not work there is a call in number where you can get the audio on your phone. We will also post the presentation on [rmbonsai.org](http://rmbonsai.org), but I would encourage you all to attend the meeting live on "Zoom" , as Will has excellent insight into our Colorado native spruce as bonsai.

**June meeting and workshop:** We have spoken with Todd Schlafer regarding his June meeting presentation to RMBS and his workshop which was scheduled for the end of May. The workshop will be postponed at this time and might be scheduled for the end of June (subject to cancellation). Given the restrictions, spots at this workshop will be limited if it occurs. More to come. If our May Zoom meeting works reasonably well, I will ask Todd if he is willing to present a topic on the Zoom platform for June.

**Our "One couple show"** at the DBG (featuring the works of Paul and Jenna Koenning) has been postponed. Date to be determined.

At this time, **we are still planning to have our annual bonsai exhibition in** September based on current projections.

We appreciate your flexibility during this period and thank you all for your friendship and comradery during these dangerous and unusual times. I hope working with your bonsai and being an RMBS member has

brought you as much joy as it has for me lately.

Your brother in bonsai,  
Andy Berry

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## 2020 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
<b>May Monthly Meeting</b> Video Presentation via "Zoom".	<u>SHORT PROGRAM:</u> <u>LONG PROGRAM: WILL KERNS</u> DEVELOPMENT AND REFINEMENT OF COLORADO SPRUCE AS BONSAI
<b>May Workshop</b> TBD	<u>TODD SCHLAFER</u>
<b>June Monthly Meeting ????? More info to come.</b> Tue Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6:30 – 9:30pm FNC Auditorium, Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>SHORT PROGRAM:</u> <u>LONG PROGRAM: TODD SCHLAFER</u> VISITING ARTIST DEMONSTRATION
<b>July Monthly Meeting</b> Tue Jul 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 9:30pm FNC Auditorium, Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>SHORT PROGRAM:</u> <u>LONG PROGRAM: PAUL GILBERT</u> HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF VIEWING STONES AS RELATES TO BONSAI
<b>Aug Monthly Meeting</b> Tuesday Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30 PM Location TBD	<u>SHORT PROGRAM:</u> <u>LONG PROGRAM: JIM DOYLE</u> THE ART OF BUNJIN
<b>August Workshop</b> Aug 22 and 23 Location TBD	<u>TODD SCHLAFER</u>
<b>September Monthly Meeting - to be held in August</b> Tuesday, August 25 Location TBD	<u>TODD SCHLAFER</u> VISITING ARTIST DEMONSTRATION
<b>Annual RMBS Show</b> September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS</u>
<b>October Workshp</b> Sunday, October 4	<u>DANNY COFFEY</u>
<b>October Monthly Meeting</b> Tuesday, October 6	<u>SHORT PROGRAM:</u> <u>LONG PROGRAM: DANNY COFFEY</u>
<b>November Monthly Meeting</b>	<u>SHORT PROGRAM:</u> <u>LONG PROGRAM: JAN CULEK</u>

embership Renewal:

RMBS has adopted a policy where all membership renewals occur on July 1, and cover the succeeding 12 months, ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

All memberships renew this summer on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. 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:**

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c/o Membership Renewal  
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**Discounts Available to Members:**

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**Resources for Members:**

Other internet resources:

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