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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN BONSAI SOCIETY

## April Newsletter

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### MAY'S PROGRAM

*Pince & Prune Spruce Trees*

&

*How To's of Shohin*

## *Euonymus elatus* | DWARF BURNING BUSH



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**Species Specific Talk** will be by Darrell Whitley who will teach us about using a *Euonymus elatus* (Burning Bush) as material for a bonsai and what makes good bonsai subject material. Burning Bush is readily available. Is it material you should consider?

*Please join us at 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 7th at The Denver Garden Clubhouse located at 1556 Emerson Street.* Parking is available on the street in front of the building and limited off-street parking in back.

## STYLING DIFFICULT TREES



The second part of our program will feature hands on coaching from a panel of former Artists of the Year. It has often been said upon seeing a homely bonsai "throw away the tree and keep the pot?" Do I really need to do that or are there some different ways of looking at styling that difficult tree.

Do you have a tree that has you buffaloed? Bring it in and hear the opinions of our panel. We will get to as many trees as we have time, (so bring your tree) you are sure to learn a ton as you watch and listen to the experts as they ponder the styling options.

The old saying goes, "Save the Pot, Throw Away the Tree." Do I really have to do that? Aren't there some options? Bring in that tree to the April program and find out!

# AN URBAN COLLECTING EVENT

With  
Darell Havener

\* Due to our wonderful yet heavy spring snow these past two weekends We have had to make two different Snow checks. WE ARE GOING TO TRY FOR A NEW SATURDAY – APRIL 11TH

**When:** Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to noon

**Where:** Belmar Commons Condominiums

600 block of South Yarrow

Lakewood, CO

This is 3 blocks south and one block west of Alameda & Wadsworth

**What To Collect:** Over 75 plants with good trunks for Bonsai. Species include: *JUNIPERS*, *BURNING BUSH*, *KOREAN LILAC*, *COTONEASTER* and *VIBURNUM*. This is a great find for us. The property was built in 2001 and over planted for a quick lush look. Two drip-emitters were placed at the base of each plant, so they have been watered well. The plants have grown vigorously and are now too close together. Five team leaders will be on hand to show you which specific plants you can dig and how to avoid messing the drip irrigation system.

**Cost:** \$10 per plant.

**Sign up:** None required this is first come first serve.

**What to Bring:** Gloves, shovels, hand pruning tools, something to put your plants in like a burlap bag and anything else that you would take on a collecting trip except a sleeping bag. This will be a super opportunity to add to your bonsai collection.

## OUR FIRST 2009 OUTDOOR WORKSHOP JAPANESE GARDENS

Our first workshop of the year will be held at the Japanese Gardens of the Denver Botanic Gardens, April 25 from 9 AM to noon.

**When:** Saturday April 25th, 9:00am to noon

**Where:** Japanese Gardens

Denver Botanic Gardens

Denver, CO

**What We Will Be Working On:** The focus of the workshop will be “the First Styling.” Bring newly purchased nursery material or collected material that’s been established enough for an initial styling. Identify the best characteristics of the tree and build the structure Pick the front, main branches, create a vision for foliage placement..

**Sign up:** None required we have plenty of room, in a beautiful outdoor setting.

**What to Bring:** Bring a tree that really needs to be worked on and plan on making some changes. BYOW! (Bring Your Own Wire☺).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

DATE/TIME	SPECIES SPECIFIC TALK	MEETING TOPIC	WORKSHOP
Tuesday, <b>JAN 6th</b> 7:00PM to 9:00PM  Garden Clubhouse 1556 Emerson	<b>AUSTRIAN PINE "THE OTHER BLACK PINE"</b> <i>Pinus-nigra-'austriac'</i> by Paul Gilbert	<b>TREE PHYSIOLOGY</b> by Allan Hills	
Tuesday, <b>FEB 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 7:00PM to 9:00PM  Garden Clubhouse 1556 Emerson	<b>BONSAI MISTING SYSTEMS</b> by Jerry Morris	<b>BONSAI STANDS</b> by Paul Gilbert	
Tuesday, <b>MAR 4th</b> 7:00PM to 9:00PM  Garden Clubhouse 1556 Emerson	<b>REPOTTING 101</b> by Les Siroky	<b>THE HOW TO'S OF COLLECTING"</b> by Steve Goodwin	
Saturday <b>MAR 28th</b> 9:00AM to 11:30AM  <i>Location TBD</i>			<b>OUTDOOR WORKSHOP</b> <b>URBAN COLLECTING</b> by Darell Havener
Tuesday, <b>APR 7th</b> 7:00PM to 9:00PM  Garden Clubhouse 1556 Emerson	<b>DWARF BURNING BUSH</b> <i>Euonymus elatus</i> by Darrell Whitley	<b>STYLING TECHNIQUES FOR DIFFICULT TREES.</b> by Panel Of Experts <i>MEMBERS TO BRING IN TREES</i>	
Saturday <b>APR 25<sup>TH</sup></b> 9:00AM to 11:30AM  <i>Japanese Garden Denver Botanic Gardens</i>			<b>OUTDOOR WORKSHOP</b> <b>FIRST STYLING OF NEWLY ACQUIRED MATERIAL</b> Bring a tree that really needs to be worked on and make some changes.
Tuesday, <b>MAY 5<sup>TH</sup></b> 7:00PM to 9:00PM  Garden Clubhouse 1556 Emerson	<b>PRUNING SPRUCE</b> by Todd Schlafer	<b>"THE HOW TO'S OF SHOHIN BONSAI"</b> by Les Siroky	
Saturday <b>MAY 30<sup>TH</sup></b> 9:00AM to 11:30AM  <i>Japanese Garden Denver Botanic Gardens</i>			<b>OUTDOOR WORKSHOP</b> by Terril Samuelson & Bill Sample
Tuesday, <b>JUN 2<sup>ND</sup></b> 7:00PM to 9:00PM  Garden Clubhouse 1556 Emerson	<b>ROCK PLANTING</b> by Alex Mora	<b>"DEVELOPING AN OUTSTANDING FOREST"</b> by Will Kerns	
Saturday <b>JUN 27<sup>TH</sup></b> 9:00AM to 11:30AM  <i>Japanese Garden Denver Botanic Gardens</i>			<b>OUTDOOR WORKSHOP</b> <b>"DEFOLIATE AND WIRING"</b>

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**Upcoming Classes: Beginning Bonsai**  
**Saturday, April 25th**  
**10:00AM to 1:00PM**

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