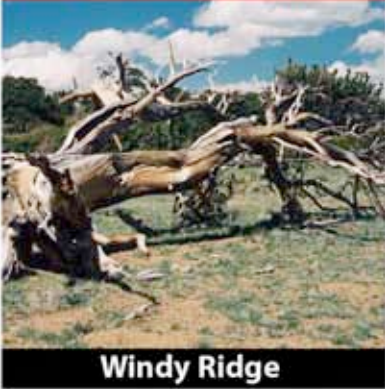




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Congratulations to Allen Hills for being voted Bonsai Artist of the Year for 2009.



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No Meeting Tuesday, December 1st.

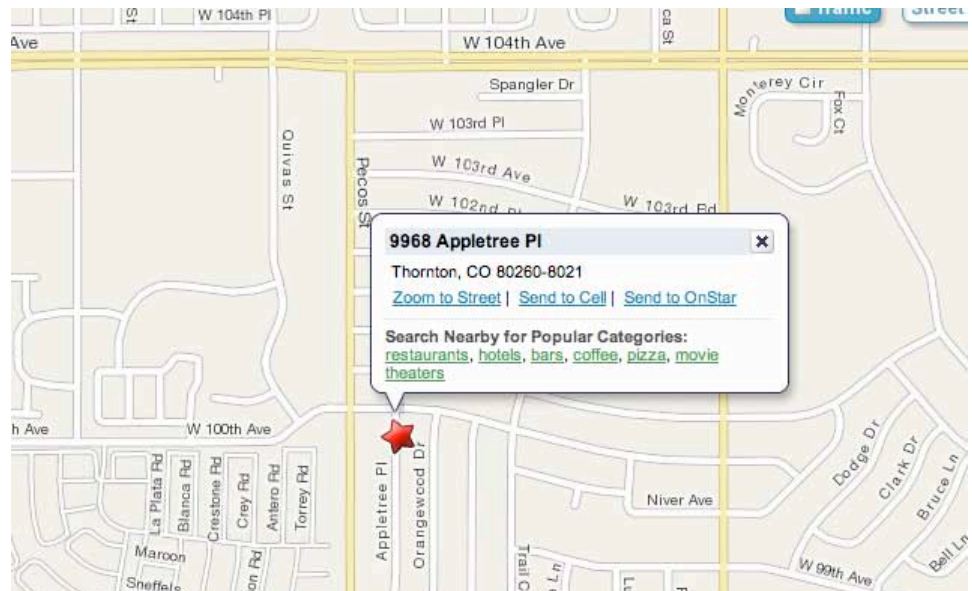
**Instead we are having our Annual Holiday Party on
Sunday, December 6th**

RMBS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN Sunday, December 6th at 1:00pm

WHERE Hillcrest Condominium Club 9968 Appletree Place, Thornton, CO

This is a Pot-Luck with the club providing the main dish. Please plan on attending this fun gathering with your Spouse or Significant Other. Members are invited to donate a tree, book or other fun bonsai item to the raffle with proceeds benefiting the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society.



RMBS Executive Team for 2010



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Looking ahead What can you expect in 2010-

- * Watch for the calendar in the January newsletter that will outline excellent programs for 2010.
- * Monthly programs under the leadership of Program Chair Larry Jackel.
- * Monthly workshops design to help you grow exponentially in your bonsai abilities.
- * Expert learning seminars with world class experts, such as, Kathy Shaner.
- * Opportunities to get involved and planning for the 2012 BCI/ABS Convention "Visions of the American West."

Patrick Allen has been working with an orphanage in Kabul and The RMBS would like to support Patrick as he has contributed so much to the club. He is looking to raise money to buy blankets for the orphanage where he is the liaison.

At the Holiday Party on December 5th The RMBS is going to have one of the raffles pots be a donation with proceeds going to the orphanage. You can either put in a ticket, cash or a check. If you are unable to attend and would still like to donate email Todd at rschlafer@aol.com and he will tell you where to mail the funds for the Orphanage.

A Note From Patrick Allen

Kabul orphanage girls in their dormitory - *From Patrick Allen*

These photos show where the girls sleep at the Kabul orphanage in Afghanistan. They sleep on a mattress with a sheet in their clothes and socks. There is no heat in the rooms and temps get to 20's in the winter. Brrrrrrrrrr.

Patrick B. Allen



CLASSIFIEDS:

One of the new features of our newsletter is a classified ads section. If you have something to buy, sell or trade simply send it to Paul Gilbert Paullynpaul@msn.com or Todd Schlafer rschlafer@aol.com. Of course you are always welcome to donate 10% of the transaction cost to RMBS. Happy trading.

WANTED looking to buy Crabapples, either in bonsai or pre-bonsai form.

Contact Paul at: 970-371-0614 or Paullynpaul@msn.com.

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