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ROCKY MOUNTAIN BONSAI SOCIETY

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You won't want to miss our November 3 program lead by Mr. Steve Goodwin our club president. Steve will present the annual President's Program. The President's program especially focuses on people newer to bonsai. How to get started, how to develop an excellent bonsai tree, and how to keep the tree alive. You won't want to miss this excellent presentation, November 3, at 7 PM.



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Coming up

The show for 2010 will be on Father's day weekend and will follow our 'traditional' 3 day format.

We will continue to meet at the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs for Tuesday evening meetings and at DBG for Saturday workshops for all of 2010. Our first meeting for 2010 will be Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00PM.

Congratulations to Walter Buck for winning the People's Choice Award with his amazing Pyracantha at the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Societies 40th annual Bonsai Show.

SAVE THE DATE - 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.

Join us at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd 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.

RMBS President's Message



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Changing Aspens
Boulder, Colorado

I'm really proud to announce that Paul Gilbert will be our president in 2010 for many reasons. Paul has been a guiding force in the club for as long as I have been involved in the leadership so it's really an appropriate recognition for the contribution he has made to the club and his commitment to further the goals of our club.

This will be my last president's message so I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of the members of the leadership committee that I've had the privilege of serving with over the last 2+ years. Many of them work quietly in the background and don't seek recognition for their efforts. Terri Samuelson did a super job of contacting all new members and welcoming them into the club. She provided cookies and coffee at all of our meetings and you were always at the Saturday workshops. Stan Taurum never failed to run the raffle at every meeting and is always someone I can count on to get things done at the show. While I think most everyone was willing to give me their opinion on what I was doing (wrong and right), I could always rely on Larry Jackel, Darell Havener and Don Osborn to provide me with sound guidance so that I could avoid the mistakes before they happened. Larry, Darell and Don are the foundation on which this club is built. It's through Les Siroky's financial guidance that we finished off 2010 in a better financial position than the club has ever been in. He has done a superb job putting our savings in risk-free investments that have provided us an additional source of income to the club. Todd Schlafer continues to amaze me with the contribution he makes to the club – awesome new logo!! He stepped up to publish this newsletter when Patrick Allen left for Afghanistan this spring and he delighted us all with his presentations and demos. Patrick, thanks for your contribution as publisher of this newsletter for 1 ½ years and we look forward to your return next year. Will Kerns did a great presentation on forest plantings and has been a consistent help in putting together the annual shows. Alex Mora was always willing to pitch in wherever needed, take risks by starting up new ideas like the 'for sale' table and provide an alternate perspective on what bonsai really means. I've only touched on a fraction of the efforts that each of these people have made and I regret that I don't have more room in this letter to offer my praise.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you for the privilege of being the president of the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society and I look forward to many more years of 'bonsai fellowship'.

Yours in Bonsai,

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LOOKING AHEAD:

As of October 30, 2009

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs at 7:00PM.

Our October workshop normally held on the last Saturday of the month has been **CANCELED due to snow conditions at Denver Botanic Gardens.**

Also No workshops in December, January or February

Congratulations to the new Officers of The Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society for 2010:

President – Paul Gilbert • **Vice President** – Todd Schlafer • **Secretary** – Patrick Allen
Treasurer – Les Siroky • **Librarian** – Stan Tarum • **Show Chairperson** – Daryl Whitley
Programs – Larry Jackel • **Membership** – Steve Goodwin • **At Large** – Will Kerns
At Large – Adam Johnson • **At Large** – Daryl Havener.

Joshua Roth New Talent Bonsai Competition Supported by ABS at MABS

The New Talent Bonsai Competition that was featured, for the first time, at the 2002 American Bonsai Society Symposium in Milwaukee, has become an annual event. The Joshua Roth Company of Albany, Oregon now sponsors the Competition.

The 2010 Competition will take place at the "MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies 2010 Spring Festival", which will be held at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa, Kerhonkson, New York on April 16, 2010. The competition is aimed at discovering and promoting new talent in the art of bonsai and is the first of its kind to be held in North America. The concept of the Competition is very simple. Phase one, judging of previous work, is used to select the contestants for the second phase. In the second phase, each participant will be given eight hours to create the very best bonsai they can produce from specially selected material.

After the entrants have completed their work, four of the Festival headliners will judge the bonsai that have been created. All full registrants at the Festival will also have the opportunity to vote for their choice. The winner will be announced Saturday night at the banquet.

The Grand Prize for the Joshua Roth New Talent Bonsai Competition is an exclusive course of study with an approved bonsai teacher and hotel accommodations if the teacher is not in the winner's home town.

The winning artist will also be profiled in the Journal of the American Bonsai Society under the title of "Best New Bonsai Talent of 2010."

If you have someone in your club that has the talent and the drive to become one of North America's top new bonsai talents, please encourage him or her to enter the competition. Your club could be the "home club" of the best new bonsai talent of North America in 2010. If you feel very strongly that your club member has the talent to win the Competition, your club may even wish to sponsor his or her participation.

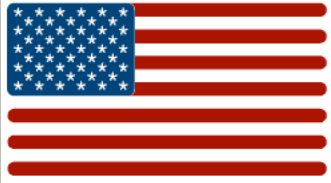
We are very excited about this competition, and hope that it is exciting to you as well. We look forward to seeing the work of your club members in the competition.

Information and registration forms are posted on the ABS web site at
www.absbonsai.org.

If you have any questions please contact me directly:

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Editorial Note

I would like to dedicate the remainder of this year's newsletters to the previous editor Patrick Allen. As you know He returned to military service for a one year deployment to Afghanistan. I always looked forward to receiving the Newsletters and he has done an amazing job. I look forward to keeping the Newsletters going for him.

Patrick we miss you and send pictures.

- Todd -



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