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## May President's Message

by Tom Anglewicz

### More Opportunities to Learn

I think we all agree that the primary mission of RMBS is education, of our members and of the general public about the art of bonsai. As I mentioned in last month's message, for members who are hungry to learn, the club provides many avenues.

A good case in point is the repotting workshop that we held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a Pacific Northwest morning – cool, overcast and wet from the rain the night before. Where we live it had snowed a little. I got calls and emails from several members wondering if we were still going forward with the workshop at Adam's house here in Boulder. I told folks to imagine that they were in Oregon and to come ahead!

The day turned out great. Members brought trees to repot, Bill Sample brought very nice pots to purchase, Patrik Decicco brought collected trees to purchase, we talked about the purposes and techniques for proper bonsai repotting, and we all got dirty making it happen. The sun even came out in the afternoon, and I think we all learned a bit more about bonsai.

Over the next few months, we are fortunate to have a wealth of educational resources at our disposal, in the form of guest artists, and we should take advantage of all of them. The first in this impressive series is Italian bonsai master Mauro Stemberger. He will conduct an all-day workshop on May 20<sup>th</sup> and a presentation to our club on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is also available for individual consultation on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mauro is a member of the new generation of international bonsai artists who have studied with traditional masters but who are transforming the art of bonsai through their creative efforts. He has traveled extensively throughout the world and is highly respected as a teacher and a bonsai artist. We are very lucky to have him visit our club, as a result of his being in the U.S. at this time. Don't miss him!

Then, on June 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have a presentation by Austin Heitzman, one of the most creative and technically outstanding designers and fabricators of bonsai stands in the United States. By background, Austin is a creator of custom furniture. Through his collaboration with Ryan Neil, he has applied his considerable furniture-making expertise to the art of bonsai, with amazing results. Austin's work is imaginative, elegant and meticulous. For his presentation, he will bring examples of his stands and jitas (for accent plants or figures), some of which will be available for purchase.

In July we will be visited once again by Bjorn Bjorholm. Like Mauro, Bjorn is a member of the new bonsai generation. Having apprenticed in Japan, he then went on to become a practicing bonsai professional in Osaka. Currently he is moving his practice back to his home state of Tennessee, where he will be establishing his garden and teaching studio. Some of you may have seen his very entertaining "vlogs" about far-ranging subjects and life in Japan. He was a big hit here last year, and we look forward to his return.

Following Bjorn in August, we'll have a hands-on workshop and presentation to our

club by Young Choe, a practitioner and teacher of the art of kusamono. Ms. Choe will focus on the creation of accent plants to complement a bonsai display using native Colorado plant material. She will also speak to and demonstrate the creation of kusamono as a stand-alone art form.

Finally, in September, we'll be joined once again by Oregon-based bonsai artist Matt Reel. Matt spent eight years studying with bonsai master Shinji Suzuki in Japan before returning to the U.S. three years ago. Several of our members have commented on how much they enjoyed working with Matt, and the huge improvements that he made to their significant trees. He'll be here to do a tree critique at our regular September meeting and to offer his considerable expertise to help us develop and refine our personal collections.

So many opportunities to expand our knowledge through this impressive cadre of guest artists. What's not to like??

Tom Anglewicz

## 2017 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
<p><b><u>Saturday Workshop</u></b>      <b>May</b>                      Sat, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm                      Takayama Park</p>	<p><b><u>TAKAYAMA PARK</u></b>                      TREE WORK AND CLEANUP WORKSHOP</p>
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist Workshop</u></b>      <b>May</b>                      Sat, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm                      Location TBD</p>	<p><b><u>VISITING ARTIST – MAURO STEMBERGER</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b>      <b>May</b>                      Tue, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 pm                      DBG Gates Hall</p>	<p><b><u>LONG PROGRAM – MAURO STEMBERGER</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b>      <b>June</b>                      Tue, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 pm                      DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><b><u>SHORT PROGRAM – ADAM JOHNSON</u></b>                      INSPIRATION TREE  <b><u>LONG PROGRAM – BOB RANDALL</u></b>                      COLLECTING YAMADORI</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday Workshop</u></b>      <b>June</b>                      Sat, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm                      Limber Pine Grove Excursion</p>	<p><b><u>LIMBER PINE GROVE</u></b>                      CLUB EXCURSION TO THE LIMBER PINE GROVE                      MEET AT TWIN FORKS PNR                      6164 US-285, MORRISON, CO 80465</p>
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist Presentation</u></b>      <b>June</b>                      Thur, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm                      DBG Gates Hall</p>	<p><b><u>BONSAI STAND PRESENTATION</u></b>                      AUSTIN HEITZMAN</p>
<p><b><u>Summer Barbecue</u></b>      <b>July</b>                      Sat, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 11am till 3pm</p>	<p><b><u>LOCATION - CREEKSIDE PARK</u></b>                      4400 E VIRGINIA AVE                      GLENDALE, CO 80246</p>
<p><b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b>      <b>July</b>                      Tue, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 pm                      DBG Gates Hall</p>	<p><b><u>LONG PROGRAM – BJORN BJORHOLM</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist Workshop</u></b>      <b>July</b>                      Sat, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm                      DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><b><u>VISITING ARTIST – BJORN BJORHOLM</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Visiting Artist Workshop</u></b>      <b>July</b>                      Sun, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm                      DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><b><u>VISITING ARTIST – YOUNG CHOE</u></b>  <b><u>KUSAMONO &amp; ACCENT PLANT WORKSHOP</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b>      <b>August</b>                      Tue, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 pm                      DBG Plant Society Bldg.</p>	<p><b><u>SHORT PROGRAM – TERRILL SAMUELSON</u></b>                      INSPIRATION TREE  <b><u>LONG PROGRAM – YOUNG CHOE</u></b>                      KUSAMONO &amp; ACCENT PLANTS USING COLORADO                      NATIVE SPECIES</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday Workshop</u></b>      <b>August</b>                      Sat, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm                      Windy Ridge Excursion</p>	<p><b><u>WINDY RIDGE</u></b>                      CLUB EXCURSION TO WINDY RIDGE                      MEET AT TWIN FORKS PNR                      6164 US-285, MORRISON, CO 80465</p>

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<b><u>Visiting Artist Workshop</u></b> <b>September</b> Sat, Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 am – 5:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.	<b><u>VISITING ARTIST – MATT REEL</u></b>
<b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b> <b>September</b> Tue, September 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 – 9:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.	<b><u>LONG PROGRAM – MATT REEL</u></b>
<b><u>Annual Show</u></b> <b>September</b> Tue, September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , and 10 <sup>th</sup> Denver Botanic Gardens	<b><u>RMBS ANNUAL SHOW</u></b>
<b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b> <b>October</b> Tue, October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7:00 – 9:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.	<b><u>SHORT PROGRAM – DAVID MCPETERS</u></b> INSPIRATION TREE <b><u>LONG PROGRAM – BILL SAMPLE</u></b> POTTERY MAKING
<b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b> <b>November</b> Tue, November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 – 9:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.	<b><u>WHITE ELEPHANT</u></b>
<b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b> <b>December</b> Sun, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Noon – 2:00 pm DBG Plant Society Bldg.	<b><u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u></b>

### **May Monthly Meeting**

#### **Mauro Stemberger – Visiting Artist**

As Tom mentioned in his letter Mauro will be visiting in May holding an all day workshop on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and doing a presentation on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Here are a couple of links where you can learn about Mauro and his work.

[Italian Bonsai Dream](#)  
[Facebook](#)  
[Mauro Stemberger](#)

For the Tuesday night meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> we are asking members to bring trees for Mauro to assess, evaluate, and provide styling ideas.

If you are interested in attending the Saturday workshop please email [Todd Schlafer](#) and [Tom Anglewicz](#). There are 8 seats available at \$75 each. Additionally you can be a silent observer for \$10

## NEWS FOR MEMBERS

### **Membership 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>, 2017. 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:**

Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society  
c/o Membership Renewal

PO Box 271043  
Louisville, CO 80027

### **Akadama and Pumice for sale by RMBS**

There is still Pumice available for sale from last year's shipment. It is stored at the gardens and you can pick it up at a meeting. Contact Larry Jackel or Adam Johnson. The price is \$15 per bag.

There is still Akadama available for sale from last year's order. There are both medium and small size available. All will be in 14 liter bags at a cost of \$48/bag. Todd, and others, have ordered and used Akadama from this supplier. It is very good quality. Contact Todd and he will bring it to the next Tuesday meeting where you can pick up and pay.

### **Discounts Available to Members**

We have an account established with Way to Grow Gardening Supply in Denver. You can receive discounts on some items up to 15%. You will need to tell them you are a member of RMBS.

### **Classified Ads:**

**YAMADORI** – native Rocky Mountain yamadori trees for sale or trade. Well established trees from \$75 for beginner trees to \$1,000+. Cash or trade. Please email me [adamhjo@yahoo.com](mailto:adamhjo@yahoo.com) and I can send you pictures.

**Summit Bonsai** – Dusty Kraft is offering a discount to RMBS members on pre-sifted soil.

He has set up a special code for a 5% discount on the pre-sifted soil he sells online. The code is "RMBS5". It can be entered at the checkout on the website, [www.summitbonsai.com](http://www.summitbonsai.com).

If anyone wants to come to save on shipping, it would be best that they contact Dusty directly at [summitbonsai@gmail.com](mailto:summitbonsai@gmail.com) or [\(970\)405-0331](tel:(970)405-0331). They can pick it up in Greeley or he can meet them somewhere if his schedule allows.

### **Resources for Members:**

Looking forward to the spring here are a couple of articles and sites you might find useful.

Brussel's Rendezvous 2017 is May 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. You can find info [here](#).

Michael Hagedorn blog on water [pH](#).

Other internet resources:

[RMBS Web Site](#)

[Colorado Bonsai Ltd.](#)

[First Branch Bonsai](#)

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[Summit Bonsai](#)

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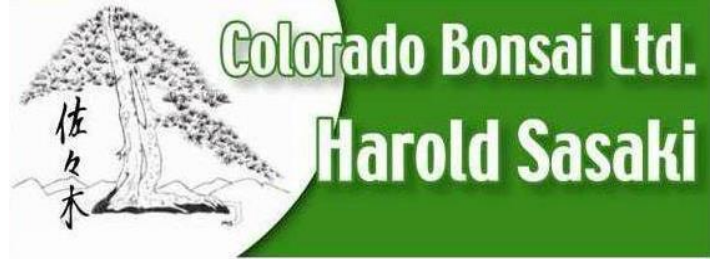
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