



BONSAI SOCIETY of Northern Colorado

Fellow Members and Bonsai Enthusiasts

I wish to thank the people who attended the February meeting. The sharing of ideas on bringing trees out and the sharing of pictures was great. This month we will be doing a group tree. So, bring your tools and creative ideas and let us work on a tree together. This is always a great opportunity to look at the potentials of a natural tree or bush and share our perceptions and skills to turn it into a bonsai specimen.

Steve Trumbauer held a workshop on ficus earlier this month. He has a great collection of ficus, I am looking

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forward to his presentation at our April meeting. I will see if I can convince him to bring some trees to sell. Let me know if you are interested in purchasing a ficus.

Barbara

Featured Snapshot



Black Pine in training with bamboo and steel pipes at the Jardín Japonés in Buenos Aires, Argentina. See also <<http://jardinjapones.com/>>

Meetings/Workshops

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 7:00 pm, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. Members will work on a group tree.

Ph: 970-482-1984.

The next open workshop will be April 8, 2006, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. Ph: 970-482-1984.

Our web site is located at <<http://www.wehrhouse.com/bonsai>>. This site is dedicated to bonsai in northern Colorado and its particular needs.

Calendar

Mar	28	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Group Tree - Bring your tools
Apr	8	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	open workshop
Apr	25	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Ficus: The Tree for Everyman by Steve Trumbauer
May	13	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	open workshop
May	20-21	Spring Show	Fort Collins Nursery		
May	23	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Prepare for Denver Show (picture show)
June	10	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	open workshop
June	17-18	Denver Show	Denver Botanical Garden		
June	27	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Speaker

Suggestions for meeting topics are welcome. Please e-mail Barbara Rich at bnjrich@msn.com with your ideas. and suggestions for meetings in 2005. Northern Colorado Bonsai Society, BOX 783, GREELEY, CO 80632

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Kingsville Boxwood

March is the best month of wire deciduous bonsai. If you are searching for unusual and rare bonsai, the Kingsville Boxwood known as *Buxus microphylla*, var. *compacta* is one of the most interesting plants for use in the art of bonsai.

The Kingsville boxwood is an all-American plant. In 1912 Mr. Sam Appleby who lived in Baltimore, Maryland discovered it as a sprout on a Korean box. Mr. Appleby propagated the sprout until his death in 1923. At that time Mr. Henry Hoham who opened a nursery and named the boxwood and the nursery after the town of Kingsville, Maryland purchased ten of the sprouts.

In 1960 the American bonsai world discovered the Kingsville boxwood. By the early 1970's his nursery was depleted of Kingsville boxwood except for a half dozen of the original plants. It is very rare to find old Kingsville boxwood, and if you do find one, they

are very expensive. Kingsville boxwood will grow indoors or out. And it is cold hardy outdoors in temperatures below freezing. When placed outdoors give it morning sun and open shade in the afternoon; this will maintain its rich dark green coloring of the leaves all year. It's leaves are very tiny, and the trunk texture looks very aged even on a young tree. The Kingsville boxwood can be styled with a thick canopy or thinned out to resemble an old oak tree; it also does very well planted on rocks. Kingsville boxwood likes to grow in deep containers rather than shallow ones. Because of its abundant root system, it can be root pruned and transplanted any time of the year. Fertilizing it once a month with Miracle Grow will keep it looking very lush and green.

If you don't have a Kingsville boxwood among your collection, you will want to become the owner of this American bonsai.

Japanese Proverb: *Yo no naka wa mikka minu ma no sakura.* Three days not having looked at the world, and lo it is full of cherry blossoms! An expression expressing pleasure at the arrival of spring.