



BONSAI SOCIETY of Northern Colorado

Fellow Members and Bonsai Enthusiasts

For those of you that missed our March meeting, it was a great group tree. We started with a Dwarf Mugho pine bush and finished with an upright pine tree. Paul Wehr was the lucky member to take the tree home.

This month Steve Trumbauer will be our speaker. The topic is ficus trees and how easy and beautiful they are. He has a great collection of ficus. He will bringing some trees to sell.

In May, Paul Gilbert will be speaking on how to get your trees ready for a show. It will be great getting an officer of the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society to share what is needed to show your trees. —Barbara

Featured Snapshot



Many hands make light work of this Dwarf Mugho pine provided by the Fort Collins Nursery. Group trees are great fun and offer an insight into how each member views a potential bonsai.

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Ficus on balconies in Buenos Aires evidence the popularity of growing ficus.

Meetings/Workshops

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:00 pm, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. *Ficus: The Tree for Everyman*. Ph: 970-482-1984.

The next open workshop will be May 13, 2006, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. Emphasis will be on preparing for the Spring Show. 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

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: Preparation for Spring Show
May	20-21	Spring Show	Fort Collins Nursery		
May	23	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Paul Gilbert: Preparing for the 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
July	8	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	open workshop
July	25	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Kent Hixon's Annual Nursery Walk

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

From Ben's House of Bonsai

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This year and this month is a very busy time for bonsai people. We are having unseasonably warm weather, and the bonsai are growing much faster than usual.

If the buds are just swelled on your deciduous bonsai, then you can trim the roots and transplant them safely, but if your bonsai are in full leaf, which they are in some areas, I would not risk root pruning them at this time. If some of your trees are badly in need of transplanting, move them into a larger container, and root prune in the fall or next spring. You still have time to root prune and transplant junipers, cypress, cedars, spruce, and most pines. The best time to prune roots on pines and transplant them is just before the needles have opened from the candles, this will cause your pines to have smaller needles, and compact growth. Fertilizing should be started this month. Bonsai need plenty of nourishment at this time when they are growing rapidly for the lush green growth. Do not fertilize pines until the needles are fully opened on the candles, or the needles will grow long and straggly. Do not fertilize a tree for at least one month after transplanting.

Pruning new growth on branches where you don't want it to be, can be done anytime. This is what gives a bonsai a beautiful shape and style.

Watch the weather if we should get a cold snap or late snow storm, which we usually do, move your leafed out or tender trees under cover.

Loose Parts by Dave Blazek



The ancient art of poodle bonsai