



# BONSAI SOCIETY of Northern Colorado

## Fellow Members and Bonsai Enthusiasts

It is time for the annual fund raiser. The Arts Picnic is July 29th and 30th. We will need people to work on setting up, both days and taking down the display. Setting up has an advantage that you get first pick of the trees, members get them at cost. If you are interested you call call me for directions, or show up. We will begin setting up at up at 7:00 am, and on Sunday we take it down starting at 4:30 pm.

The July meeting is one of my favorites—it is the walk through Fort Collins Nursery with Kent. We always find new and different plant material for our bonsais.

—Barbara

## Featured Snapshot



Yes, this is another Steve Trumbauer tree. Steve wore this tiny maple taped to a name tag at the spring show. The pot is about the diameter of a dime.

## Officers & Contacts

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A ficus from the spring show. (Paul writes: Sorry I can't find the pertinent details for this tree as I write this.)

## Meetings/Workshops

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 7:00 pm, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. *Show Preparation*. Ph: 970-482-1984.

The next open workshop will be August 12, 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

July	25	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Kent Hixon's Annual Nursery Walk
Aug	12	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	open workshop
Aug	22	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Speaker
Sept	9	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	open workshop
Sept	26	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Group tree and Fall Show preparation
Oct	7-8	Fall Show	Fort Collins Nursery	store hrs	

Suggestions for meeting topics are welcome. Please e-mail Barbara Rich at [bnjrich@msn.com](mailto: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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### Trees That Deserve to be Noticed for Bonsai

I would like to mention several trees that would make very nice bonsai which are never used for bonsai, or seen in bonsai books or used in workshops by bonsai masters. *Eugenia myrtifolia* commonly known as brush cherry. It has small glossy dark green leaves, white puffy flowers followed by fuchsia colored fruit. The trunk develops very rapidly in four or five years. It can be used in any of the bonsai styles or in rock plantings. *Eugenia* is a tropical plant. Indoors it will grow near a bright sunny window, or outdoors in the summer in a sunny location. *Eugenia* can be shaped by the clip and grow method. It responds to severe pruning, or wiring any time of the year.

Another shrub not too often seen or mentioned is satinwood, a small genus of trees or shrubs from tropical Asia and Australia. *Murraya paniculata*

is the botanical name. This remarkably beautiful specimen has a white fissured bark on the trunk, evergreen leaves, and a long flowering period and is strongly scented. It enjoys sunlight indoors in the winter, and outdoors in the summer.

*Rosmarinus* an evergreen shrub typical of Mediterranean regions, cultivated in the Mediterranean area both for ornamental purposes and to flavor foods. *Rosmarinus* can be developed into a beautiful specimen bonsai in just a few short years. The trunk has an aged look when it is very young. The foliage is needle like, blue green and it has lavender blue flowers off and on through the year. It makes a striking bonsai on rock plantings. *Rosmarinus* likes a bright sunny location indoors or out. This plant deserves more notice as a specimen bonsai. These trees that I have mentioned are waiting for you to develop them into bonsai specimens so that they will be noticed among the pines, junipers, maples, and azaleas in the bonsai world.

The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.