



BONSAI SOCIETY of Northern Colorado

Fellow Members and Bonsai Enthusiasts

It was a very hot Arts Picnic. I wish to thank the dedicated club members who worked both days in the heat; Carol Ripka, Bob Dorsey, Gerry and Iris Miyoshi. Also, I wish to thank all the members that showed up to work a day or a few hours. It was not a success for the club. The heat and the cost of gas cut down the number of people shopping in the park.

Featured Snapshot



This ficus grove was located in a park in Buenos Aires. It was interesting because it was of a size not found in your average nursery plot. For bonsai, it only serves as a distracting example.

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Our August meeting is Kent Hixon's walking tour through the Fort Collins Nursery. We were rained out when it was scheduled in July. I am not complaining. We just need **more** rain. Hope to see you at the meeting.

We will be discussing if and when we want to do an indoor show in Greeley.

—Barbara

Meetings/Workshops

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 7:00 pm, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. *Show Preparation.* Ph: 970-482-1984.

The next open workshop will be September 9, 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

Aug	22	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Nursery walk with Kent Hixon
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	
Oct	14	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	open workshop
Oct	24	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Pot Luck Dinner and 2007 calendar planning

Suggestions for meeting topics are welcome. Please e-mail Barbara Rich at bnjrich@msn.com with your ideas. and suggestions for meetings in 2007. Northern Colorado Bonsai Society, BOX 783, GREELEY, CO 80632

Ficus continued. There is a large trunk in the middle, outsized for the rest of the trunks. The smaller trunks vary in size, but lack any organization or definition to the overall grove shape failing to create a center of attention. The grove might be a better example for bonsai if the trunks were spaced out a bit more.

The branches do not define the trees either. There is a good amount of branchless trunk for the size of the trunk but it is impossible to see the branches in this picture. But then, these are not intended to be good examples of bonsai. I'll be looking for better examples. -Paul

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September

September is a beautiful month of the year, cool nights, warm days, and the leaves are starting to get their fall color.

This month is a good time to repot your bonsai that need repotting. You will want to check the wire on your bonsai, because the trunk and branches thicken very fast this time of the year, remove any wire that is cutting into the bark. Fertilizing should also begin again this month with a fertilizer that is high in phosphate and not too much nitrogen like a 0-10-10. Phosphate promotes a strong root system, and strong branches and trunks and there will be less die-back in the winter.

Watering should be checked very carefully this time of the year. Although the nights are cooler,

there will be hot dry days, and each tree dries out differently. Check each tree individually to make sure they are wet down to the root zone, and not only the surface.

If you have an automatic sprinkling system don't rely on it completely, they are not fool proof. Sometimes the electricity goes out, or a sprinkler gets clogged, or the water pressure is lower on certain times of the day or night. Go out and check your bonsai daily to make sure they have been watered. If you are going on vacation, make sure that someone comes in to check your sprinkling system and your bonsai. Or have someone come to check your bonsai and sprinkling system and the person who is taking care of your bonsai. Or you may have a lot of dead bonsai when you come back!!!

The strength of a tree lies in its roots - not its branches—*Dutch proverb from Twente*