



BONSAI SOCIETY of Northern Colorado

Fellow Members and Bonsai Enthusiasts

This year our Fall show was held during an Art Show at Fort Collins Nursery. We had many people walk thru our show. Not many members showed trees, it was a 4 person show, but it was one of our best. I wish to thank Jan DeFore, Carol Ripka and especially Kent Hixson for all their hard work on set up and the number of trees that they provided. It was a good time, and many questions from those who stopped by.

Featured Snapshot



Barbara Rich's Miniature Coleus at the Fall Show October 14-15 at the Fort Collins Nursery.

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We will be doing the Fall Show in 2007 during the Art show. The date will be announced later, but it should be around the end of September.

Our October Meeting is a Potluck dinner and time to work on our calendar for 2007. Let me know if you have any special request. You can reach me at 970-663-3046 or bnjrich@msn.com.

—Barbara

Meetings/Workshops

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at 7:00 pm, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. *Pot Luck dinner and planning for 2007.* Ph: 970-482-1984.

The next open workshop will be November 11, 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

Oct	24	Meeting	Fort Collins Nursery	7-9 pm	Pot Luck Dinner and 2007 calendar planning
Nov	11	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	Informal workshop
Dec	9	Workshop	Fort Collins Nursery	1-3 pm	Informal workshop

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

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Winter Protection

If your bonsai have had "pre-winter" care through November they should go into dormancy in excellent condition. Fertilize with 0-10-10 up to November. Remove wire from maples and any other trees where it is cutting into the bark, and remove foliage and fruit that is still hanging on. Remove moss that covers the whole surface of the soil and store it on a bed of damp sand for replacement next spring. If moss is left on pines it keeps the soil too moist which cuts off oxygen to the root zone and causes root rot.

Don't be too hasty to put bonsai into storage. They should be allowed to get gradually frost nipped, to trigger dormancy. Wait until the ground freezes or listen to the weather reports before putting them in cold frames, unheated rooms, or garages. When the right time comes they can be placed in a cold frame, lathe house covered over with plastic or in a garage placed in boxes filled with mulch, bark, straw or sawdust placed all around the pots and up to the base of the tree trunk. Another easy method is to sink your bonsai in the ground up the base of the trunk, or group your bonsai all together up against a building on the north side where the water from



Kent Hixon's False Cypress (*Chamaecyparis*) with Blue Moss from the Fall Show. This tree is seven years old and has been in training for four months.

the rood does not drip on them. Or you can place them on top of the surface of the soil and mound up a generous amount of mulch in and around the pots up to the base of the trunks. Check occasionally to see if your trees need water. Light is not important when trees are dormant.

What will the axemen do, when they have cut their way from sea to sea?

- James Fenimore Cooper, **The Pioneers**, 1823