



# BONSAI SOCIETY of Northern Colorado

## Fellow Members and Bonsai Enthusiasts

It is time for our first meeting this year, on March 27th at 7:00 at Fort Collins Nursery. There will be a discussion on where are we headed as a club. Then we will share of ideas on bringing trees out and some new books that are out now.

There will not be a Spring Show this year, which was decided at the October meeting. We need people to be involved to keep the club going. We need to make up a new meeting schedule.

—Barbara

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### Kingsville Boxwood

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

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## Meetings/Workshops

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 2006 at 7:00 pm, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. *Planning for 2007*. Ph: 970-482-1984.

The next open workshop will be April 14, 2006, at Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 E. Mulberry. Ph: 970-482-1984.

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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. Its 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.