

Pikes Peak Bonsai Society

Permits for our tree hunt



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Our next meeting is going to be on April 21, 7:00 pm at firehouse #14 located at 1875 Dublin Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80918

In last month's meeting we set a date so we can get permits for our tree hunt. It is going to be on April 14, 2015 and we are meeting at Steve Alford's house at 10:00 am, we will carpool from there. Steve's house is located @ 1024 Bonfoy Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80909. The cost of the permit is \$10 per tree. Please feel free to join us on April 14 to get your permit or if you are not free that day but want a permit, please let me or Steve know and we can try to get one for you.

Tree Hunt

Our tree hunt is set for May 2, 2015 if weather permits. If we can't make it that day because the weather decides not to cooperate, then our next set date is May 23, 2015. We will meet at 8 am at Steve's house. We will be going to the Lake George area, west on highway 24.

Tools and supplies you will need for collecting in the wild:

- Short shovel with sharp edge. Make sure it's not the cheap kind as it may easily break.
- Pruners
- A good sharp knife
- Folding saw
- Small Hatchet
- Crow bar
- Small sledge hammer
- Burlap bags and twine or electrical tape
- A few plastic bags for smaller trees
- Backpack with external frame if you have it
- Snacks and lots of water





Once you have collected the trees you want make sure to keep the root ball damp, never allow it to dry out. If you are able to collect the original soil while you are hunting for your tree, it will be a good idea to pack the root ball with the soil first and then wrap with plastic or burlap. You will also need to prepare a training pot or a grow box before hand. This will be used to plant your tree in when you get home.

Christmas Party

In last month's news letter I had mentioned that our president Steve Alford had an announcement. For those of you who didn't make it to our meeting last month, the announcement was that Steve has found a great venue for our Christmas party. It is going to be at the Bass Pro Shop located at 13012 Bass Pro Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80921. If you have not been there before feel free to check it out, I think it is a great place to hold our Christmas party.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

April 21

Pots!! How to choose the right one. Different styles, types, advantages and disadvantages of each type. Making your own pot. Get ready for the two upcoming tree sales we will be doing in May.

May 2

Tree hunt. Meet at 8:00 am at Steve Alford's House, 1024 Bonfoy Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Breakfast will be discussed.

May 3

Matt Reel is going to be in Colorado Springs for a workshop from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Meeting place will be at Firehouse # 14, details and price to be announced.

May 19

Discuss soil and getting ready to pot deciduous trees at the end of May and June.

June 16

Discuss and show how to protect trees from the elements; hail and sun. Plan a nursery crawl for this month where we will go to a local nursery and look for tree material for the upcoming workshops with Potentilla with Todd in September. Look for volunteer to host a workshop at their home for Potentilla in August.

July 17, 18 & 19

Bonsai show at the 21C library located at 1175 Chapel Hills Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80920

July 21

Propagating with cuttings, seed grafting and air layering. A workshop will be planned at S&S Bonsai for grafting.

August 15

How to make Potentilla bonsai tree workshop with material we got in June's nursery crawl. We will meet at 9:00 am at my house, 1957 Dewhurst Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80951.

August 18

Show the Potentilla bonsai that we made in the previous workshop.

September 15

Workshop with Todd Schaffer from Denver on Junipers.

October 20

Discuss winter preparedness. Polyhouse designs, garage use, basement windows etc. Plan Christmas party for 2015 and nominate people for the next board.

November 17

Elections. Will announce other agenda later on.

December 15

Christmas Party at Bass Pro Shop. No monthly meeting