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## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Our president, David Conlin, called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM and the Corresponding Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.

The last two meetings have been blockbusters with attendance. And this week was no different. Last meeting we had 24 people, at this meeting we had 25. I think it is safe to say that these people came out

with great anticipation for the pottery demo.

Those in attendance were: Sonya Alford, Steve Alford, Peter Apostolas, Kenney Asher, Robert Baran, Cliff Broyles, David Conlin, Jim and Claudia Eley, Bill Fox, Henrietta Gregorio, Doug & Jonathan Hammerstrom (new members), Ross Huddleson, Paul McShan (guest, who later joined the club), Jeff Phillips,

Bob & Maggie Podunovich, Charlie Richards, Larry Rohr, Patricia Schmidt, Julie Wagner and her son Michael, and Harvey Wolfe.

It is good for the club to have attendance like this. It makes it feel like the work that is done to put a meeting together is appreciated by the members. We greatly appreciate the effort you members make in showing up for the meetings. Keep it up!

## TREASURER'S REPORT, YEARBOOK AND LOCKER RENTAL

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### NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: MARCH 14TH

- To be informally held at  
Spencer's Garden Show

Charlie Richards gave us our treasurers report. As of January 31, 2009, we have \$1132.38 in our checking account and \$36.31 in our savings account. And it appears that all the dues are paid up.

Cliff Broyles completed our annual yearbook at a cost of \$150 and it looks great!! Thanks Cliff for a job well done. Those two mistakes don't look that bad to me!! LOL!! Just kidding!! He also made new membership cards which were handed out with the new yearbooks.

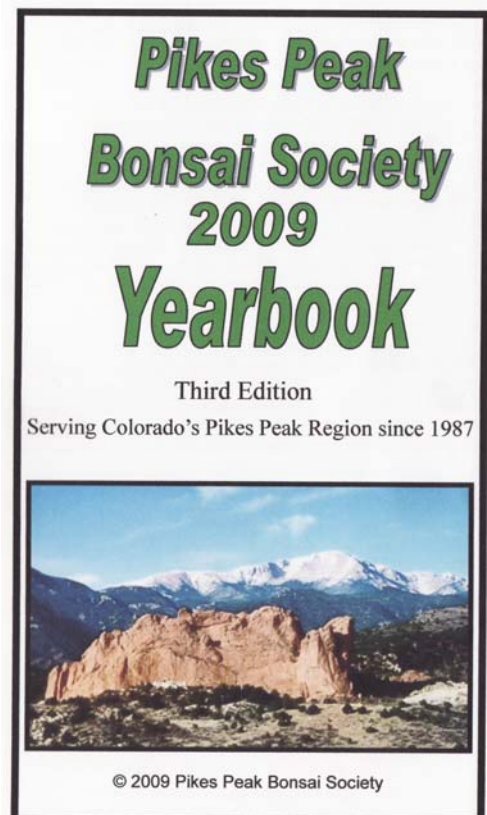
Dave Conlin talked to the Senior Center and the official word is that the locker rental will be \$3 a month, per locker.

The old price was \$1 per month for 3 lockers which comes to a total of \$36 for the year. The new price will be \$3

per month for 3 lockers which will come to \$108 per year.

We will keep the three lockers until April (we pay by the quarter), at which time we will re-visit this topic to see how we feel about consolidating the contents of the lockers down to just two, or leaving it the way it is.

Charlie Richards and I (Steven Alford) will still be inventorying our magazines and books, so that we can all get a good idea of what is there.



## VENDOR SHOW AT SPENCER'S GARDEN CENTER

We touched lightly on the subject of the Garden Show at Spencer's. Cliff Broyles presented us with the volunteer schedule and it is as follows:

**On Thursday, March 12th,** Bill Fox and Cliff Broyles will be doing the pre-show set up.

**On Friday, March 13th,** Cliff Broyles and Julie Wagner will be there from 9AM to 1PM.

Bob and Maggie Podunovich and Harve Wolfe will be there from 1PM to 5PM.

**On Saturday, March 14th,** Larry Rohr and Andria Carnes will be there from 9AM to 1PM.

Charlie Richards and Mary Alice Ayling will be there from 1PM to 5PM. Dave Conlin will do a demo Saturday afternoon.



**On Sunday, March 15th,** Robert Baran and Patricia Schmidt will be there from 10AM to 2PM

We will try to have a tree to raffle if it is OK'd with Spencer's.

As the contact person, Cliff Broyles took this time to please ask that if you signed up for this show, it is very important that you show up. If you cannot, please make arrangements for someone to take your place for that day.

We will need trees for the display so if you have anything that you would like to show off, please contact Cliff Broyles.

**This Show will be in place of our normal club meeting for March. It will be the 13th through the 15th.**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

For the month of March we will not be having a formal meeting in the Senior Center. Instead, it will be an informal "gathering" at the Spencer's Garden show mentioned above.

I will not be able to attend the show on Saturday because I have chosen to take my mother and a few friends to the Denver Orchid Show and sale in Parker, Colorado and then on to Paulino's Garden Center in Denver to do a little Bonsai shopping. But we will be there on Sunday.

For anyone interested in how your clay project is holding up in the drying stages, please feel free to stop by the Senior Center and take a look. We should be able to use our April meeting to finish up our pots while we are listening to the meeting on Wild Tree Collecting on the 11th of April.

Then on the 15th through the 31st of April we will be going out in the wild to do some actual tree collecting. If you are interested in doing this you must obtain a

license to dig up trees. Please contact one of our senior members to get more information on how to do this. I do believe these go on sale sometime in March.

On April 24th Robert Baran will be doing the demo at the Carnegie Library. It is just a shame that this is being done during working hours on a Friday; 12 noon to 1 PM. It will be hard for the working person to get out and enjoy this. It would be nice if a member could video tape this for others to watch later.



Before

Robert Baran has been working on the demo to be held at the Carnegie Library Garden.

His suggestion is to have a

tree demo with several stages of progress of the tree. That way it won't take up so much time since the demo is only for one hour from 12 noon to one in the afternoon.

## CARNEGIE LIBRARY GARDEN



After

If you would like to help with this one, contact Robert Baran. It should be a lot of fun.



## CLAY POT DEMONSTRATION

As advertised, David Conlin put together an awesome time with a demonstration on making your own clay pot. I think that anyone there will tell you that we had a good time.

We started off with approximately 5 blocks of clay weighing 5 pounds each. So each person got approximately 1 pound of clay to play with. Several people brought tools to work with, including a drain hole puncher that Claudia Eley brought and rollers and aprons that Steve and Sonya Alford brought in.



We started with 5 blocks of clay. Believe it or not, we had some left over!!



With the help of a thin wire, we divided the blocks into several one pound pieces



Some people flattened their clay by hand.



Others opted to use a pastry rolling pin to flatten theirs.



Some people used the clay rolling machine in the Center's Ceramic Shop.



Using a pie plate as a mold.



We even rolled little balls to be use for feet.



I made one pie shaped one for my mother, Sonya. And a flat one for a forest for myself.

Since next month's meeting will not take place at the Senior Center (it will be at Spencer's), it will be two month's before we get to see how well our pieces dried. Then we get to fire them and see what the finished product looks like.

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## CLUB MEETINGS

Non-members and those curious about this art/hobby are always welcome at no obligation!

10 a.m. on the Second Saturday of each month, usually at the **Senior Center** (Ceramics Room),  
1514 N. Hancock Ave. (corner of Camarillo at the top of Hancock, 1/3 mile north of Uintah St.), just northeast of downtown Colorado Springs.  
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