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This Month's Meeting will be on February 17 @ Firehouse #14 1875 Dublin Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80918



JANUARY 2015 MEETING

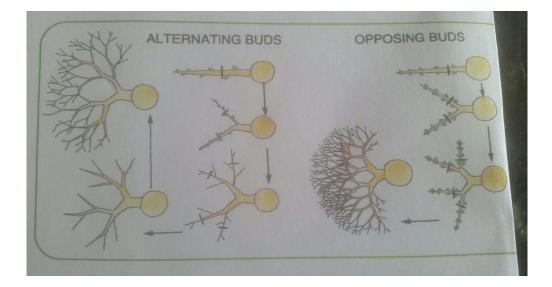
In last month's meeting we discussed what to do with our bonsai during the fall season. Fall is the right time for pruning since after the leaves have dropped off you can see the ramification. Now you can eliminate both undesirable branches and dead ones that have been hard to see and access during the growing period.

We also talked about alternating buds and opposing buds. The type of growth of the buds determines the method by which you will achieve the tertiary ramification and the adjustments that will be necessary.

Fall is also a good time for wiring. By now most of the leaves have fallen off your deciduous trees and it is easy to see the branches. Be careful while wiring as the branches might be a little brittle this time of year.

Monopodial Ramification: growth is vertical, yielding forms that are pyramidal,triangular, or conical. The primary leader grows more strongly than the lateral leaders.

Sympodial Ramification: growth that starts from old buds. It is a horizontal growth pattern. The lateral branches develop more than the primary branches.





MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

It is that time of year again, time to collect our membership dues. If you are a regular member, your dues are \$25 and if you are a couple or a family then your dues are \$35.

You can bring cash or a check to the next meeting, or you can make a check payable to Pikes Peak Bonsai Society. Please mail your check to our treasurer Victoria Ryan, her address is 233 N El Paso St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is going to be on February 17@ firehouse #14, 7:00 p.m. We will be doing a white elephant sale, please bring bonsai related items to be auctioned. You will get 80% of the sale and the club gets 20%. Please dig through your closet and bring your old pots, working tools, bonsai tree that needs a new home etc. This is to help our club raise funds for the year so please dig deep and be generous!

Photos

The club would appreciate it if our members could send in photos of their bonsai along with a little info like member's name, the name of the tree and how long you have been working on it. Your photos will be posted on the Pikes Peak Bonsai Facebook page along with the info that you send about your bonsai. Please email photos to erikmca@gmail.com





CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

February 17

White Elephant Sale. Members bring bonsai related items they want to sell with 80% going to the individual and 20% going to the club. We also have locked down a place for our bonsai show. It will be at the new 12C library near Chapel Hills Mall @ 1175 Chapel Hills Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80920

March 17

Discuss Yamadori: Equipment, techniques etc. Where to get permits and how much they cost. We will also pick a place to go from April 15 to May 31. Those interested may sign up.

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 19

Discuss soil and getting ready to pot deciduous trees at the end of May and June. We will hopefully be doing a workshop with Matt Reel sometime in May.

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 21

Propagating with cuttings, seed grafting and air layering. A workshop will be planned at S&S Bonsai for grafting. We hope to have a show this month or next month.

August 18

How to make Potentilla bonsai tree workshop with material we got in June's nursery crawl

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

Christmas Party. No monthly meeting