



Pikes Peak Bonsai Society

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Happy New Year!

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The start of a new year always brings promises of change or the prospect of a new hobby. New Year Resolutions are common place but instead of trying to lose weight or change the way we are, shouldn't we try and be at peace with ourselves? I know the perfect hobby BONSAI.

To the members,

I hope all in attendance at the holiday luncheon had a great time. Mary Alice did a great job in the organization. Thank you again. This is going to be a great year, we have some guest speakers coming and some shows along with all the great monthly meetings.

Just so everyone knows if you haven't paid your membership dues, it is time (\$25/individual and \$35/family). Some of the highlights for the first quarter will include:

January 8th Senior Center 10:00AM – 12:00 PM
Topic Bonsai styles, sizes and appropriate types of pots.

February 5th Senior Center 10:00AM–12:00 PM
Topic Bonsai pot making workshop for current club members only, with a fee of only \$10 for 5 lbs of clay.

March 11-13th Spencers Garden Centers Annual Show (more details to come).

I'm sorry to inform you that if you have not paid your dues this will be the last newsletter you will receive.

This is the time of year when all the hikers, snow-shoers, walkers and Sunday drivers should be looking at different silhouettes. Are there de-tails that could be my bonsai? Could it be the shape of a new Or even better is this the new tree I would like to harvest with the proper paperwork of course.



Details one of the most important considerations in your Bonsai. There could many great bonsai when viewed from afar, but up close the details of the trunk or branches could make your bonsai exceptional. Take the picture in the next column. This tree fell over years ago and the only thing left is the amazing detail in the trunk. The twists and turns of this old Pondera Pine along with the coloring make it perfect example of the a very detailed trunk. While I use this as an example of a detailed trunk it would more likely be a detail of a shari "the dead wood on the main trunk of a bonsai." The point is to look at the details because it could be the difference between a mediocre bonsai and a great bonsai.



Please be aware that our club's newsletters are now archived on-line -- Google (and Bookmark!) "Pikes Peak Bonsai" and on the left side click on "Newsletter". While there, also check out the link to see some 70 other Bonsai Club Newsletters On-line from around the world.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

JAN 8
@
10:00

SENIOR CENTER

PIKES PEAK BONSAI SOCIETY, JANUARY

January Care Instructions for outdoor and indoor Bonsai

Outdoor bonsai will include most evergreens (Blue spruce, Ponderosa pines, Yews, Sargent Juniper) and deciduous trees (Maples, Aspen, Apple).

- Hopefully the trees are in a wind protected area (shed, winter green house, cool garage) or at least the pots should be buried
- Most trees should have some sort of wind protection when the weather gets real cold
- Water only when the temperatures get above freezing. This would be a great time to build up the snow around the base of the trees, a natural way to water since the snow will melt.
- No bending
- No wiring
- No fertilizer
- Planning is the best bet for the time being

Indoor bonsai will include: Ficus, Fig, Citrus, Ivy's, Jade, Fukien tea, etc.

- At least partial light
- Watering should be done before the bonsai dries out or every other day
- Wiring can be done
- Pruning can be done on actively growing trees, keep to a minimum
- No repotting at this time

A complete list of outdoor and indoor bonsai can be found at www.phoenixbonsai.com/PikesPeakBonsai.html in the care section. The above list is a general care instruction for indoor and outdoor bonsai. Not all trees can be lumped into one category so do more research to insure they last through the winter. For beginners this is when most outdoor trees are lost, but with the above mentioned website and a bit of research even the newest beginner can have their trees last through winter and flourish in the spring time.

Hopefully we will see every one at the meeting. Possible members come on down.

New Website

What We Have For You.....

- Bonsai Tool Chest
- Bonsai Stands
- Bonsai Pots
- Bonsai Trees
- Bonsai Record Keeper
- Bonsai Care Sheets

65 new trees coming
by February 2011

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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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