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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:
NOVEMBER 14TH
@ SENIOR CENTER

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:
DECEMBER 12TH
@ SENIOR CENTER

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to nominate your favorite person for a position on our Board of Directors.

As we do every year at our November meeting you, as members, must nominate those that you feel will make good officers. So put on your thinking caps and come up with some good choices for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer.

As an addition to this years voting, I personally would like to see us nominate those that will be a part of our annual show committee. In the past we have been electing these members at the last possible minute, usually just one month before the show. I feel this is very unfair to the people involved as this gives them no time to do the best possible job they can at giving us our best

show ever.

If you take a look at other clubs (by way of the internet) you will see that come early in the



year they have already elected their show committee.

This would also give us the important opportunity to do a much better job of advertising. As it is, when we place our ads in the local garden nurseries, hardly anyone sees them because they did their garden shopping six months before!

Very few people go to a garden center in August and September to buy plants, let alone see our ad.

We could also then have the time to institute more things that go on at our show, like an award for Person (Artist) of the Year, get qualified people to do more demonstrations, have better displays and so forth.

If you feel the same way then please come to this month's meeting and voice your opinion and have some suggestions for the people that you feel would be best for this position.

The actual election of our new board members will be at our December meeting on the 12th. After the meeting we will go to a local restaurant and have our annual Christmas Lunch. Come join us, we always have a great time.

MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

I have not put coverage of the last two meetings in the newsletter and for that I apologize. I will give you a brief summary.

For September's meeting the majority of the discussion was on the upcoming show. But we did discuss something that will now be of great interest to all of us.

It was brought to our attention

that if the tax increase did not go through in the November election, we would have to find a new place for our meetings, as the Senior Center would be closing until further notice.

One can only hope that the city was only using scare tactics to get us to vote for the tax increase because the tax increase did get voted down so at our next meeting on the 14th of

November we should be able to find out if it was a scare tactic or not.

There were a few suggestions as to new meeting places; Phelon Gardens and an offer from Pete Apostolas' employer to use an available space.

So if you are aware of any other options, please bring

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them to the next meeting so that we can discuss our options if we need to.

Also back in August at David Conlin's home we voted on the new logo design for the club. You can see the winner on the front page at the top of the first column. Our thanks go out to Henriett Gregorio and Katlyn Wolf for their hard work at giving us some beautiful artwork. At the September Show the new banner was shown over the raffle table.

October's meeting was held at Phelon Gardens. We had over 25 people at this meeting. The treasurers report for August and September was \$1,199.55.

OCTOBER AT PHELONS!



We had an awesome time at Phelon's this year. David gave a good discussion on what is a Bonsai and the different styles while Robert Baran gave us a brief rundown on the history of the Bonsai.

Then for about an hour we got some "hands-on" time with some bonsais. Monica from Phelon Gardens was kind enough to order some bonsais in that we were able to purchase so that we would have some plants to play with. **Which, by the way, she will be getting in more bonsai trees at her nursery so that we no longer have to travel to Denver to buy our trees. Take a look at what she has. She also has beautiful nursery stock that will make great bonsai trees. Ask here to show you the loropetalum, it is fantastic!!!**

HIGHLIGHTS OF DENVER'S BONSAI SHOW



FROM THE CLUB ARCHIEVES

Recently, David Conlin mentioned to me that we needed to find our club bylaws. So I asked the only person I knew who would know where they were; my mother, Sonya Alford, who, as we all know by now, is the founder of our club.

After a pains taking afternoon of racking her brains, we finally located a copy, which has been forwarded to our fearless leader, David. I am sure that some time in the near future he will have a discussion on these bylaws, as there are quite a few items in the bylaws that we do not do that we should be doing. But that is a discussion for a future time.

My purpose for this article is that during the search for these elusive bylaws, mom and I thought that it would be kind of fun to put together a history of our club. After recently reading the history of the Denver Club (see their website for one awesome ride through history!!) we realized how important something like this can be to future members.

So mom will be doing some more racking and come up with names, places and dates. If there are any of you “old-timers” out there that have some important info that you think should be a part of our archives, please forward them on to me.

Ross Huddleson recently had a scavenger hunt in his garage looking for one thing and found something else; a file box of past information that was used as handouts to members of the club way back when!! I thought it would be fun to post those old handouts here in the newsletter.

A lot of the information you see now days is repeated from club to club and over the internet. These handouts are refreshing because you don’t see this kind of information much anymore. Hopefully it is accurate!!

So below are the first two installments from the Club Achieves.

GRANDMA PUTZ'S HOMEMADE ORGANIC PLANT FOOD

Ingredients

- 1 gallon of water
- 1 tablespoon ammonia
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 book of matches (sulfur heads only)
- 1 rusty nail
- 2 tablespoons of liquid ivory soap
- Crushed egg shells (keep reusing them until they dissolve)

Instructions

1. Mix ingredients in a plastic container with lid suitable for storage.
2. Store in a dark place because the sun will turn this wonderful stuff into a not-so-wonderful stuff!!
3. Refrigerate if convenient. When you use it, mix it one cup to a gallon of water to dilute it to a mild strength suitable for your Bonsai.

LYNN'S COSMIC BONSAI POTENT

Ingredients

- 1 gallon black tea (preferably sun tea)
- 1 tablespoon ammonia
- 2 drops liquid ivory soap

Instructions

1. Mix ingredients
2. Store in a dark place
3. Refrigerate if convenient
4. Works best as a spray

Uses

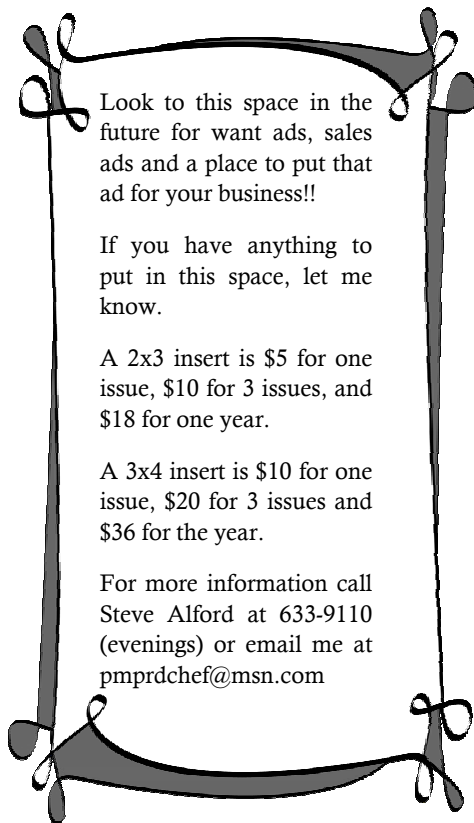
1. Foliar treatment for what ails your plants.
2. Pest control.
3. Improved leaf performance in the photosynthesis process.



Japanese Tansu Style Bonsai Tool Chest

- Handcrafted from solid hardwoods with dovetail construction.
- Two deep drawers to store Bonsai tools.
- Attached 10" turntable.
- Two solid doors with carved Bonsai trees.
- Spacious cabinet interior with rod to hang Bonsai wire. Plenty of room for larger tools and even a few Bonsai Pots.
- Wire protrudes through holes in back for easy dispensing.
- All for \$195 (wire not included).
- Contact Steven Alford — 719-633-9110
- **Also ask to see my new Bonsai Stands!!**

A personal thanks to all those that purchased my tool chests and stands at the Springs Show and at the Denver Show. You helped make my life a lot easier. Thanks again to all of you, especially Cliff Broyles and Bill Fox.



Look to this space in the future for want ads, sales ads and a place to put that ad for your business!!

If you have anything to put in this space, let me know.

A 2x3 insert is \$5 for one issue, \$10 for 3 issues, and \$18 for one year.

A 3x4 insert is \$10 for one issue, \$20 for 3 issues and \$36 for the year.

For more information call Steve Alford at 633-9110 (evenings) or email me at pmpdchef@msn.com

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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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