

Pikes Peak Bonsai Society



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Note: We are NOT going to have a meeting this month. We are having our bonsai show in lieu of our meeting this month on July 17, 18 and 19. Please stop by on any of those days, we would love to see you there. We are also looking for anyone who can volunteer to man the show. Please let me or Steve Alford know if you are available on any of those days.

Preparing For A Bonsai Show

Tree:

- Trim your trees at least two weeks prior to the show
- Remove dead leaves from the foliage
- Make certain that the trees you want to show do not have bugs, insects or disease that could infect other trees in the show.
- Check for wiring on the trees - remove, replace or re-wire
- Wash of any dust on the foliage. A gloss spay can be applied for the duration of the show but must be removed immediately after the show.
- Feed your trees regularly so that they are in peak condition. Two weeks prior to the show feed your trees with a fertilizer with high Nitrogen content to encourage the foliage to improve it's color.
- Pot your trees from a growing container into a show pot. This is only done if the roots are in good condition and the tree is healthy. Normally bonsai are kept in their show pots.
- Disguise unsightly blemishes.

Landscaping:

- Remove weeds and foreign grasses, dead leaves, pieces of compost etc.
- Remove dead or rotting moss and replace with fresh material
- Trim ground cove if used
- Remove fertilizer cakes from the landscape and replace after the show
- Build up the soil level in the pot if required
- Replace existing grits of sand with clean material
- Close open root gaps with soil or landscaping grit
- Make certain that if rocks are used they are planted and are not loosely placed on the soil



Pots:

- Mineral deposits on pots must be removed. If chemical substance is used, protect your soil so that none of the chemical is leached into it.
- Clean Pots with a household detergent and water. Wipe down and then oil with furniture, baby or cooking oil. White Burmese Teak oil is very good as it is water repellent.

Display Stands:

- Check for breakages and repair if necessary
- Clean and oil where necessary
- If you do not have a display stand you can place your bonsai over a bamboo placemat, you do not want your bonsai sitting directly on the table.

Nursery Crawl

We are going to have our nursery crawl on July 11. We will be going to nurseries around town looking for Potentilla for our workshop on April 15. We will be meeting at Harding's Nursery at 9 am. The workshop is going to be at my house 1957 Dewhurst Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80951 @ 9 am.

Trees For Our Bonsai Show

We are still looking for members who want to place their trees in the show on July 17, 18 and 19. Please let me or Steve know if you are interested. We will need a list of trees that you are going to be putting in the show, so please send us the list ASAP. We are going to the setting up for the show on Thursday evening, July 16. Please have your trees show ready and drop them off by that date.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

July 11

Nursery crawl to find Potentilla for our workshop in August. We will be meeting at Harding's Nursery @ 9 am.

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 Dewhirst Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80951.

August 18

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

September 19

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