



WILLOW - JERRY MORRIS

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## President's Message

by David McPeters

If April showers bring May flowers, what do April droughts bring? A lot of watering of our trees. Add in the high winds and the low humidity and we need to be paying frequent close attention to the needs of our trees. At least daily and sometimes several times a day. It could be considered a chore, but it is a very enjoyable ritual.

The year is off to a good start. The beginner bonsai class was well attended, and participants went home with a nice styled procumbens juniper. The repotting workshop this past Saturday was well attended. It was a bit chilly, however the sun was out and made for an enjoyable day. Both the concrete slab and collecting workshops are full and scheduled for May. There is no open Saturday workshop in May. Bjorn Bjorholm is doing a virtual demonstration and presentation for our May meeting. We will be meeting in person at Denver Botanic Gardens and streaming.

As you are aware Jerry Morris, a long-time RMBS member, mentor, friend, raconteur, and inspiration passed away recently. Mike Britten passed along this photo of Jerry and a willow he collected. The photo is undated.



The willow in the header photo is now in Mike Horine's collection. He showed it in the 2021 annual show. I am caring for it while Mike recovers. It just pushed new leaves this past week. Mike continues to recover from his stroke although slowly. I have been grateful to see the support Mike has received from RMBS members. Mike appreciates your cards and visits. Several members have volunteered to care for some of Mike's trees until he can resume their care. It is good to see the community supporting its own.

In closing the June 11 workshop at my house is expanding in response to members requesting we hold an auction or swap meet in the spring. Bring items you would like to sell or trade. I have a few donated items to include. See you then.

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May Program Presentation by Bjorn Bjorholm

# Bjorn L Bjorholm

EISEI-EN OWNER



Bjorn L Bjorholm, owner of Eisei-en, is a bonsai professional and instructor who spent six years as an apprentice under Master Keiichi Fujikawa at Kouka-en bonsai nursery in Osaka, Japan before receiving certification as a bonsai professional by the Nippon Bonsai Association. His tenure as an apprentice at Kouka-en was followed by three years as artist-in-residence at the same location, making him the first foreign-born working bonsai professional in Japan. During his time in Japan, Bjorn's works were featured in the Kokufu-ten, Sakufu-ten, and Taikan-ten exhibitions, among many others.

In addition to his work in Japan, Bjorn travels the world, from Europe to Asia to Latin America, teaching bonsai art and providing services to private clients and international organizations. He operates intensive bonsai schools with affiliate nurseries in Spain and the United States, while also working with international bonsai organizations.

**Open workshops.** These are the traditional workshops the club has sponsored. They are open to members and nonmembers.

**Members only workshops.** These are new. The intent is to provide dues current members with valuable and interesting workshops as a benefit of their membership. General parameters are.

1. Participants must be current in dues
2. There is a limit to the number of participants that is set by the member giving the workshop
3. If demand for the workshop exceeds the limit participants will be selected by random lottery
4. The club will pay for reasonable costs associated with the workshop

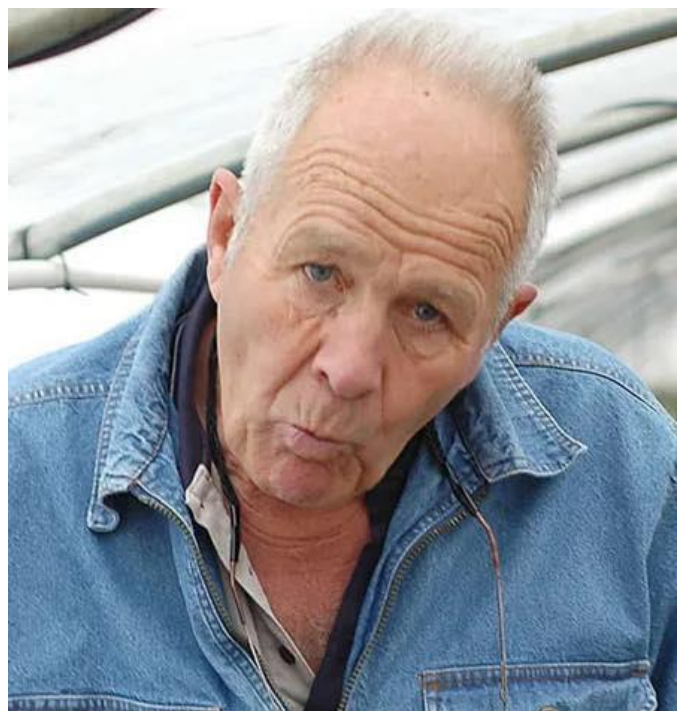
Month	Open	Members only
May		Linda Paul - Concrete slab/pots Saturday May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9am - noon
June 11 9AM	Tropical – David McPeters And Swap meet	Mike Britten – Collecting Dates to be firmed up later (mid-May to mid-June) Estate garden tour – Paul Koenning – week of 6/6
July	Darell Havener	
August	Dan Kingery	
September 10th	Paul Koenning 8032 S Kewaunee Way Aurora, CO 80016	



*Memorial to Jerry Morris, posted on the RMBS Facebook pages by Andy Berry*

Our heartfelt love and condolences to the family of the legendary mountain man, dwarf conifer horticulturalist, lover of trees, collector of Yamadori and friend to all Jerry Morris. Jerry was an active member of RMBS, always sharing his enthusiasm and love of nature with all he encountered. Jerry represented to true spirit of bonsai in personifying the humble love of nature, appreciating all of its beauty and mystic qualities.

He will be missed, but not forgotten, having left an indelible mark on so many in the bonsai and horticultural community.





## “Take a Walk”

By: Jerry Morris

Where trees grow, there are magical things waiting for our eyes and ears and our intellect. So, how about a walk where trees live.....in the mountains, a park, or any wild place. Now may be the right time to get out there to listen or look for a leaf being moved by a breeze across fresh snow or see the tracks it leaves. Maybe we can measure the wind by the sound as it goes through a tree. Some say trees whisper in the wind and some others are sure they don't need wind for a friendly chat. Others, I'm told, listen for a silent tree. This seems to me to be proof that trees do communicate and it's probably up to us to do our part. Do you ever wonder if an apple tree knows the importance of an apple or does a Fir tree get excited at Christmas time?

The trees want to see you and the cliffs, canyons, and the woods want to be seen. We have some among us who claim to have heard different murmurings such as, a tree said, “You gave me stories and I gave you earth.” This, of course, is the truth. It is what happens, and soil is not all a tree gives. Trees give us food, shade, homes, comfort, enjoyment and knowledge. Some people believe that man should think hard and truly understand “WHY” he is cutting down a tree. We know every tree leaves a shadow of some value and because of that shadow, we will someday unlock the memory of a very old tree. What a story will be told! Some trees are still alive and are approaching 5,000 years and somewhere inside they have many stories hiding....or maybe waiting. Take that walk.....Listen!

Photo credit: Walter Pall 2006





Additional photos of Jerry and his passion for trees from his memorial website.







## RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society | Facebook](#) Post and view photos from RMBS members, post questions, comment

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society Forum](#) RMBS website forum has articles of interest

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society \(@rocky\\_mountain\\_bonsai\\_society\) • Instagram photos and videos](#) View or post photos

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society - YouTube](#) RMBS meetings recorded appear here, other videos of interest including RMBS show

[RMbonsai.org](#) RMBS website – headers: News & Events, Galleries, Join, Blog, Forum, Education

### Other resources

[Colorado Bonsai Ltd.](#)

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[RMBS Facebook Page](#)

[Mike Horine Website](#)

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## 2021 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
<u>May Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, May 3, 7PM On line via Zoom	<u>BJORN BJORHOLM</u> <u>VIRTUAL DEMO AND PRESENTATION</u>
<u>June Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, June 7, 7PM Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>WILL KERNS</u> TBD LIVE PRESENTATION
<u>July Workshop</u> Saturday July 2, all day Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>SERGIO CUAN</u>
<u>July Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, July 5 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>SERGIO CUAN</u> DECIDUOUS BONSAI
<u>August Workshop</u> Saturday, August 20, All Day Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>YOUNG CHOE</u> <u>CREATING KUSAMONO</u>
<u>August Monthly Meeting</u> <u>Tuesday, August 23, 7PM</u> Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>YOUNG CHOE</u> <u>CREATING KUSAMONON</u>
<u>Annual RMBS Bonsai Exhibit</u> Friday Sept 2 – Set up and members event Saturday Sept 3-Sunday September 4 - exhibit open Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>ANNUAL SHOW</u>
<u>September Monthly Meeting</u> <u>Tuesday, September 27</u> Live Stream	<u>RYAN NEIL</u> <u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN PINES</u>
<u>October Workshop</u> Saturday, October 22, All Day Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>JENNIFER PRICE</u>
<u>October Monthly Meeting</u> <u>Tuesday, October 25, 7PM</u> Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>JENNIFER PRICE</u>

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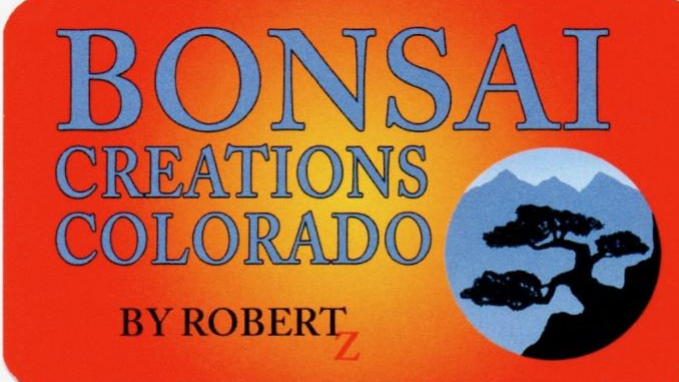
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