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DECEMBER 11

Hello to all of the Bonsai Society members. I am very excited to be writing the newsletter for everyone. This first newsletter will just be a quick introduction and some club news. Next month should have some actual bonsai information and tips.

I wanted to start off by telling a little about myself. My name is Jeremiah Stilson. I joined just last year in July. I have been doing research for a couple of years and really didn't want to kill any trees so I went to the library and borrowed copies of Bonsai Focus and looked at the pictures and dreamed of what my bonsai would look like. I saw PPBS on line but didn't go to any meeting until the Citadel show and BAM I was hooked. Since then I have been enjoying talking to the other members, the interesting topics at the meetings and hope it will all continue.

Lets get on to some more interesting Society news. December 11 will be the holiday luncheon. The luncheon will begin around 11:30 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort (3225 Broadmoor Valley Road). From the center of Colorado Springs take Nevada south until East Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard where you will take a right. Take the first left on to Broadmoor Valley Road. The Cheyenne Mountain Resort will be on the left.

There will be a grab bag for anyone who is interested. The gifts do not have to be bonsai related, for instance a bottle of wine would be a great gift. The price for the luncheon is \$20 per person. Hopefully we have some nice weather so everyone can take in the amazing views.

Membership dues need to be paid for the upcoming year, \$25 for individual and \$35 for family. Checks can be made out to the Pikes Peak Bonsai Society and handed in at the luncheon or mailed to Charlie Richards at 10735 Double D Rd, Fountain, CO 8017. Any new members are encouraged to email their pictures for the 2011 yearbook to Cliff Broyles at cliffbroyles@kw.com.

I would like to start incorporating pictures of all the club members bonsai trees if they

are interested. Of course not all at once but here and there through out the year. I can also but in any other proud pictures (bonsai themed) if any one wanted. I could just insert pictures or ramble on and on but I would rather do some re-



search and cover a topic to the best of my abilities. If there are any suggestions feel free to email me or talk to me in any of the meetings.

Novembers meeting brought up some great fertilizing tips as well some interesting conversation about spiders, scale and mites. There was also some great topics brought up about tree anatomy. I hope everyone came away learning something.

One of the up coming news letters I would like to address different soils and fertilizers. I am very interested in keeping things organic so I don't like to use chemicals. Last meeting Steven Alford brought up making your own spray cleaner for indoor bonsai. I will also get that recipe and give it out in the next letter.

With our pocket book growing and new members joining we should be gearing up to have a great year.

I would like to end with saying thank you to Steven Alford for giving me this opportunity to take the reins of this fine newsletter.

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:

DEC. 11TH
@
11:30

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