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**Editors Message**

Welcome to BCI Ambassador's Newsletter

This has been a very busy Bonsai season world wide for the art of bonsai!

*Our GOAL in this new year is to raise as much money as possible for BCI, so we can fund many new projects in 2012!*

Please check out the New Website that Ian has been working on, it is Great!

There are many new and exciting things in the future for BCI so keep tuned in

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## BCI Excellence Awards



“**The BCI Excellence Award**” is to be awarded to an outstanding Bonsai Tree and/or Outstanding Suiseki Stone in Bonsai shows around the world attended by BCI board members. Each board member has been given a few of these prestigious awards to present as they travel the world attending/speaking at Bonsai & Suiseki shows. BCI Board Member **Guillermo Castano**. ***THANK YOU! Guillermo for all of your help and support of Bonsai Clubs International.*** These Awards are likely to be a coveted addition to any Bonsai Artist's collection.



**BCI President Robert Kempinski gives out a BCI excellence Award in Florida**

### **BCI - Fundraisers**

***BCI is asking each of its Board member's, Friends and Ambassador's to raise money to support Bonsai Clubs International.***

Here is an example of a fund raiser that BCI President Robert Kempinski just sponsored!

We held the Bonsai Bash this past Sunday. It was great fun. Over 100 people attended (of various levels of interest in bonsai and stones). 50 paid for lunch. We had several demos including a duelling demo among 3 of us which was a lot of fun.

Of the raffle tickets sold and donations, BCI cleared **\$450 US**. Not too bad.

We also gained 5 new memberships and got several other people considering joining. The tough economy damped funds but did not dampen the fun. The most promising thing was the relatively large amount of young people that attended (less than 35 years old.)

We gave out a people's choice award and a BCI excellence award

***So PLEASE Help BCI by sponsoring a fund raiser, and have some Bonsai Fun while doing it!***

## Golden State Bonsai Show in Sacramento, California October 24-28, 2012



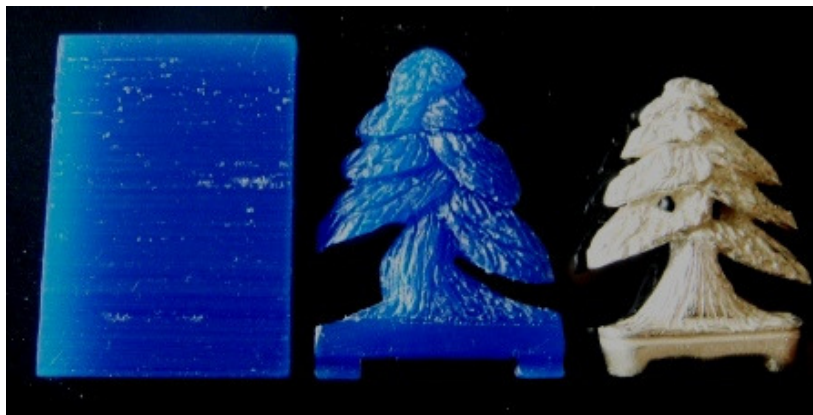
As you know, my good friend Guillermo Castano taught a class on creating a bronze bonsai tree at the 2011 GSBF show. As a sculptor / jeweller and bonsai artist myself, I could not wait to take his class! It was one of the best workshops I have ever taken! *Thank You again*, for offering it Guillermo!

That got me thinking? What if I offer GSBF to do a similar workshop for it's 2012 show. So I emailed them and they have agreed to offer my workshop at the October 24-28, 2012 show! I can't tell you how excited I am to offer this New and Exciting workshop.

My workshop will be ***"Lost Wax Carving of a Sterling Silver BONSAI Pendant"***

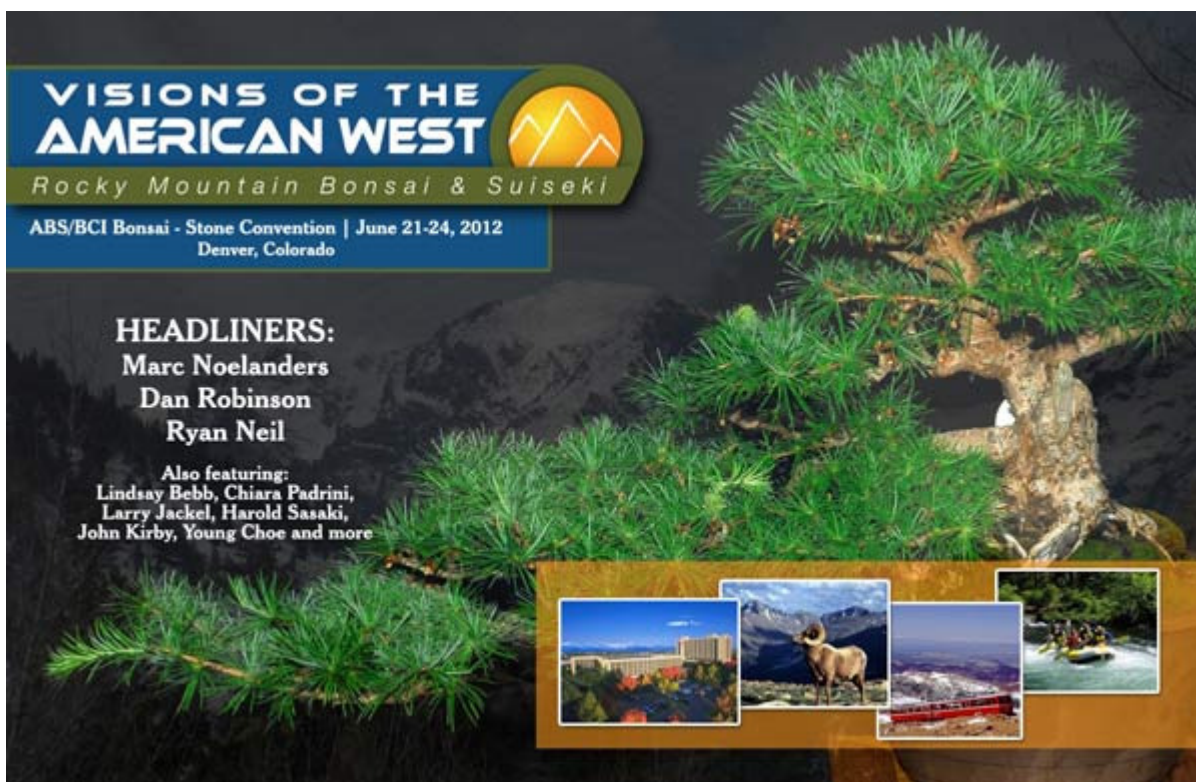
I will guide each person in how to carve a piece of wax into a Bonsai Pendant. Then I will take each of these pendants home. Using the Lost Wax Process I will cast each of these pendants in Sterling Silver. I will finish them by cleaning them up and polishing them. I will then Mail each participants finished Pendant to them.

Below is an example of the block of wax we will start with, as well as the finished carving. Next to that, is a sample of a similar finished Sterling Pendant.



If you have never been to the Golden State Bonsai Show, **IT IS WORTH THE TRIP!**





**VISIONS OF THE  
AMERICAN WEST**

*Rocky Mountain Bonsai & Suiseki*

ABS/BCI Bonsai - Stone Convention | June 21-24, 2012  
Denver, Colorado

**HEADLINERS:**  
Marc Noelanders  
Dan Robinson  
Ryan Neil

Also featuring:  
Lindsay Bebb, Chiara Padrini,  
Larry Jackel, Harold Sasaki,  
John Kirby, Young Choe and more

## Bonsai in the Rockies June 2012

### The Details...

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#### Convention

Registration \$295.00

#### The Hotel

Denver Marriott Tech Center

Room Rate: \$85

Hotel website:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dentc-denver-marriott-tech-center/>

#### 4 Day Pre-Convention Tour

June 17-20

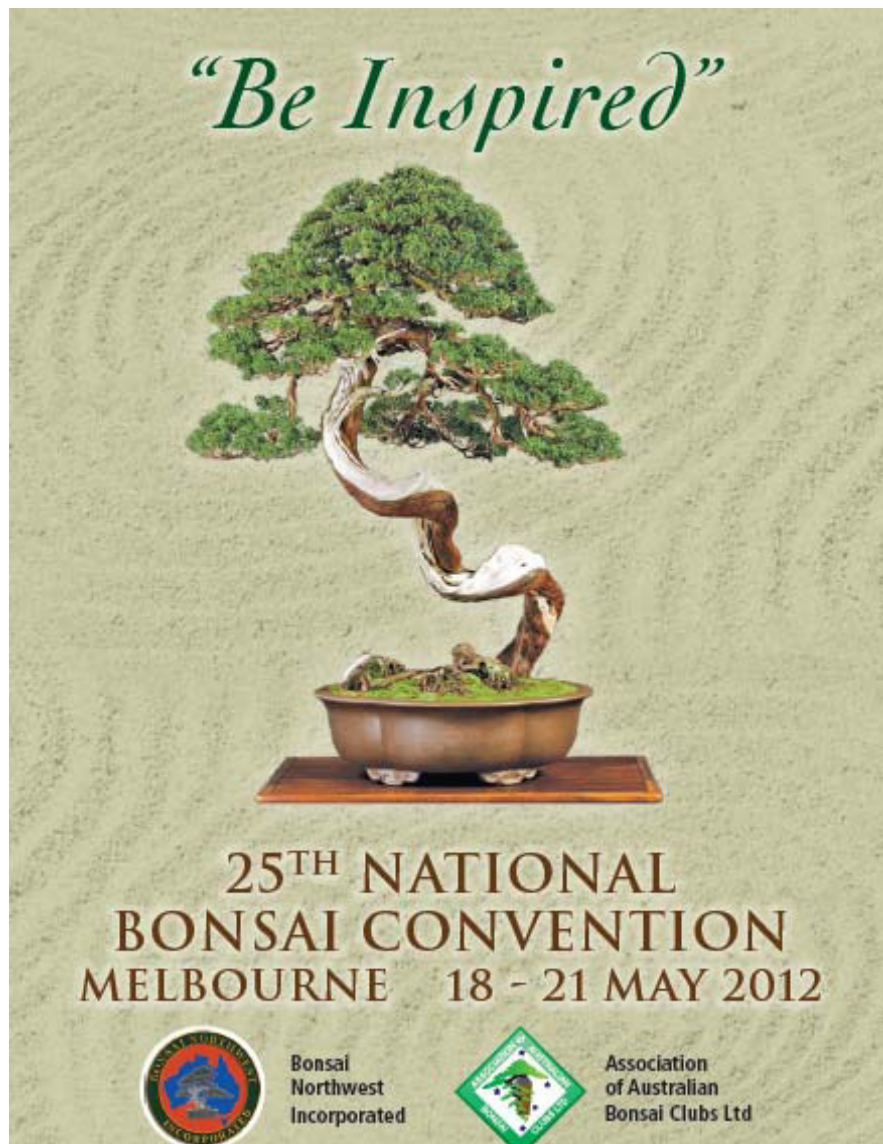
Cost: Approximately \$925

*(not including hotel or convention)*

Rocky Mountain National Park with lunch at the Stanley Hotel, High Country Jeep Adventure, Ancient Pine Grove, stone collecting, Pikes Peaks Cog Railroad with dinner at the Flying W Ranch, and more!

**Info and Registration:** <http://bonsai2012.org/>





For more details on this fabulous event and registration details the web site is below  
[www.bonsainorthwest.com.au](http://www.bonsainorthwest.com.au)

## Coming up Soon!

-----2012-----

**April 11-15, 2012: California Bonsai Society** is having its 55th Anniversary Convention. Crown Plaza Anaheim Resort, Anaheim, CA. featuring: The Iron Men of John Naka, starring: Sig Miya, Frank Goya, Richard Ota, Ben Oki, and Harry Hirao. In addition to Guests Tomohiro Masumi and Ryan Neil

**April 20- 22, 2012: Mid Atlantic Bonsai Show,**  
Grantville, PA

**May 4-6, 2012: Potomac Bonsai Show**  
National Arboretum, Washington, DC

**May 11-20, 2012: Michigan All State Show,**  
Myers Center, Grand Rapids, MI, Featuring Pauline Muth

**May 18-20, 2012: Mid-West Bonsai Show,**  
Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glenn Cook, IL

**May 18-21, 2012: Melbourne Australia Bonsai Show,**  
25<sup>th</sup> National Bonsai Convention, [www.bonsainorthwest.com.au](http://www.bonsainorthwest.com.au)

**May 24-28, 2012: Orlando Bonsai Show,**  
Memorial Day weekend. [bonsaisocietiesofflorida.yolasite.com](http://bonsaisocietiesofflorida.yolasite.com)

**June 9-10, 2012: 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition** in Rochester, NY, USA. For details contact [WNV@internationalbonsai.com](mailto:WNV@internationalbonsai.com).

**June 16 & 17, 2012: Wildwood Gardens Bonsai weekend,**  
14488 Rock Creek rd, Chardon, Ohio [wildwoodgardens.com](http://wildwoodgardens.com)  
Featuring: Pauline Muth & Frank Mihalic

**June 21-24, 2012: BCI-ABS Visions of the American West** will be held in Denver, CO, USA. This will be BCI's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Details TBA at <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

**July 14 & 15, 2012: PFM Bonsai Open House**

West Charlton, NY [pfmbonsai.com](http://pfmbonsai.com)

Featuring: Pauline Muth & Frank Mihalic

**August 17-19, 2012: Mid-West Bonsai Show,**

Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glenn cook, IL

-----2013-----

**2013 BCI** will be held in Yangzhou, China.

Details <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

-----2014-----

**May 18-21, 2014: BCI** will be held at Gold Coast, Queensland,

Australia. Details <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

*Does your Club have any news to share, anything that you want to share  
with the other Ambassadors?*

*Anything exciting going on in your corner of the Bonsai world?*

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***Well it is almost Spring in the Northern Hemisphere!***

*As you can see, some have already started to re pot their Bonsai trees.  
Ricky Bracken from the Ohio Great Lakes Bonsai club shares his re potting  
of a nice trident maple he has been cultivating.*











Thank You to the Ohio Great Lakes Bonsai Club for sharing these  
re potting pictures with us!