

CBS Bulletin

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CBS Video Available

Ruben Rodarte: Bonsai Soil



Ruben with Miniature Mugo Pine

Ruben Rodarte will present his recipe for bonsai soil mix in this 6-minute video available on the CBS website. Ruben is a registered tree service operator who first became fascinated with growing bonsai in 2009 when he observed a client's extensive collection of bonsai plants. His client served as an early mentor, answering questions and providing Ruben with magazines that provided more information about bonsai trees.

In 2016 Ruben joined the Chico Bonsai Society at the urging of another client, Chuck Coate who by happenstance was serving as the president of the Society.

Ruben currently serves on the CBS board and does presentations for other local plant and flower society groups in the north state area.

Planning Survey for 2021 Now Available on Web Site

Many thanks to the 25 members (over 71% of current CBS membership) who participated in the 2021 planning survey. About one-third (32%) of survey participants have been involved in bonsai less than 5 years, with 28% having more than 20 years' experience with bonsai. The majority, 40% had between 5-20 years of involvement. During non-pandemic times, 72% attend meetings to see what other members are doing, 64% to socialize with fellow members, and a tie at 60% for bonsai demonstrations and 60% to get specific help with their bonsai plants from experienced members. For a detailed look at the entire survey results, follow this link to our website:

<https://www.chicobonsaisociety.org/copy-of-newsletter>

Looking Ahead

- Leo Martinez will present a video demonstration on repotting plants for March that will be posted on the CBS website.
- The CBS board welcomes Mike Mattia who officially joined the board and will be contributing secretarial duties.
- Notes from the 20 January board meeting will be posted to the CBS website when available.



Mike Mittia

Questions About Your Trees?

Contact Pat, Ruben or Leo for those hard questions about your bonsai collection

- Patrick Gilmore gilappl@gmail.com
- Ruben Rodarte rubenrodarte123@gmail.com
- Leo Martinez LeoRMartin@gmail.com

Plant Humor



"Please, John, think of the plants."

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