



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – March 2009

President – Jerry Benefield
 Vice President – John King
 Secretary – Jay Beckenbach
 Treasurer – Lucy Skelley

Next meeting: March 21, 2009 - Our club will have a booth at the Kanapaha Spring Festival
There will be no regular meeting

President's message – Jerry

Thanks to John King for leading the meeting in February while I was away. I will be attending the BSF Convention this weekend as the District 3 Representative, so I will be unable to participate in the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival, but I want to thank all the members who have signed up to help set up, take down and work at our club booth. If you didn't sign up but want to work at our booth, just come on out – it's always a fun weekend.

Member Sign Up for the Spring Festival

| Friday, 3/20 - Set up @ 4-5 p.m. | | |
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| Harley Smith Jeff Ketts Lucy Skelley Barbara Chapman John King | | |
| Saturday, March 21st | Morning | Afternoon |
| | Jeff Ketts Lucy Skelley Barbara Chapman | Jeff Ketts Lucy Skelley Barbara Chapman |
| Sunday, March 22 nd | Morning | Afternoon |
| | Jeff Ketts Lucy Skelley Barbara Chapman | Harley Smith Jeff Ketts Lucy Skelley Barbara Chapman |

Thanks to Jim Greenshields for the presentation on saikei at the February meeting. I have heard positive feedback about it from several people.

Materials for the saikei workshop at the April meeting have been purchased according to the sign-up sheet passed around at the February meeting, or via email to Jerry. The following people signed up for the workshop, to be led by Lucy and Jim:

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| Susan and Will Shafer Edna Hindson Sandi Seeders Melanie White Jeff Ketts Linda Stapleton Tom Stapleton | Sally Schmidt Bill Roman Harley Smith Brady Hilton Barbara Chapman |
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Secretary's Report

Gainesville Bonsai Society
Minutes of the February 2009 Meeting
Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
Gainesville, FL

Meeting called to order by Mr. John King, Vice-President, at 9:45 am.

No Treasurer's Report. Minutes from the previous meeting were written in the February News Letter.

Old business:

Kanapaha Spring Show - to be held March 21st (Saturday) and 22nd (Sunday). Set-up to be at 4:00 pm on Friday and should take about an hour. A sign-up sheet for members to help at the set up and booth was passed around.

Saikei Workshop - to be held April 18th (Saturday) at the Kanapaha Gardens Summer House. Workshop to be led by Jim Greenshields and Lucy Skelley. Registration sheet was passed around. Bettianne will bring a Shop Vac for clean up.

New Business: none

Report on the Ben Oki New River Prison workshop held in January was given by Edna Hindson. Plans are to be made for future workshops at the prison this summer and next year. A photograph of Ben Oki and Edna was presented to Edna in appreciation of her work with the prison project.

Visitors Tom and Linda Stapleton from Lake City were recognized and welcomed to the group.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am, and a presentation on saikei was given by Jim Greenshields.

Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson

Thanks to Barbara Chapman for the refreshments at the February meeting – and for buying more coffee! The following members will provide refreshments as noted for upcoming meetings:

March – Lucy Skelley

April – Bobbie Gaston and Brody Hilton

May - Steve Kimelman

June - Frank Palmer

July - Bertha Ebanks

August - Edna Hindson

September - Sally Schmidt

Oct. – Richard and Ann Powell

Nov. – Jerry and Bettianne Benefield

Dec. – Party – everyone brings a dish! ☺