



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – April 2009

President – Jerry Benefield
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Next meeting: Saturday, April 18, 2009 – Saikei Workshop led by Jim Greenshields

President's Message

Hi all. I haven't seen most of you in awhile. During February's meeting, I was attending the funeral of a friend. I'm really sorry I had to miss Jim Greenshields' saikei presentation. I heard it was great! And I missed you again (those who were able to make it) at the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival in March. It sounds like it was a hit once again. I know the help from members was really appreciated, including for the set-up and take-down. And extra special thanks to those who did demos!

I was unable to attend the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival because I was at the BSF convention in Orlando that weekend. For those who don't know, I recently volunteered to be the BSF Trustee for District 3. Our district includes the Gainesville, Marion and Buttonwood clubs. So if you have any suggestions, concerns or problems concerning BSF, please don't hesitate to let me know about it.

I will see you again at the April meeting this Saturday. Jim will be leading the saikei workshop. Remember, those who signed up for the workshop are:

1. Susan & Will Shafer
2. Edna Hindson
3. Sandi Seeders
4. Melanie White
5. Jeff Ketts
6. Linda & Tom Stapleton
7. Sally Schmidt
8. Bill Roman
9. Harley Smith
10. Brody Hilton
11. Barbara Chapman

It should be lots of fun. Also, we will have extra 1 gallon bags of soil available for sale, if anyone is in need of soil.

Also remember, we will be hosting Lance Laney in June for a Juniper workshop. The workshop is \$30.00 including a Juniper. It is limited to 10 participants, and only 5 have committed so far, so if you want to participate, don't hesitate to let me know by email or at the meeting. We will have samples of the Juniper material at the meeting this weekend. If you don't sign up to participate, feel free to come and observe. You can learn a lot that way. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 18th from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

See you Saturday for saikei!

Secretary's Report

There were no minutes since there was no regular meeting due to the club's participation in the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival.

Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson

The following members will provide refreshments as noted for upcoming meetings:

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! ☺