



## Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – May 2009

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

### May Meeting:

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens – 9:30 a.m.

**Topic: Bring Your Own Tree to Work On ...for discussion, opinions or just to share!**

### President's Report -

Well, it's May and it's HOT and DRY! Keep a close watch on your plants right now because they can sure dry out fast!

Last month's meeting was a gigantic success. Everyone had a great time and went home with some beautiful saikei. Kudos to Jim Greenshields and Lucy Skelley for making it happen. Jim did a wonderful presentation on saikei, and Lucy came through like she always does with all her behind-the-scenes footwork.

Let's not take for granted all the work that is done for the club by dedicated members like Lucy, Jim and others. It is truly appreciated.

This month's meeting is a BYOT. That means bring your own tree, so let's all bring something to share if possible. Bring a tree that's looking REALLY GREAT, just to show it off. Bring a tree that's looking REALLY BAD to get some advice on what's wrong with it, or how it can be improved. Or bring a tree that's somewhere in between, because we can all learn a lot from studying trees, no matter what stage they're at. We'll have something to say about it, or some work to do on it. It's another great way to learn more about bonsai.

So bring a tree, and your questions, and your advice, and your smile, and I'll see you Saturday.

**P.S. Special Reminder:** This Saturday, Lucy will bring the large Junipers that will be used for the Lance Laney workshop in June. Participants may choose their tree at the meeting, and pay for the workshop in order to guarantee their space. There are still some openings – so if you haven't notified me yet, please let me know at this Saturday's meeting.



## **Secretary's Report - Jay Beckenbach**

Minutes of the April 2009 Meeting  
Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens  
Gainesville, F

Meeting called to order by Mr. Jerry Benefield, President, at 9:50 am. No minutes from March due to the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival displacing the regular meeting. No old business was pending. No new business was put forth. No treasurer's report was available.

A quick overview of the District Representatives' meeting at the convention was given by Mr. Benefield, the District 3 Representative.

The subject for the next three meetings/programs was given:

- May - "Bring Your Tree to Work On".
- June - Lance Laney workshop with Junipers (Be sure to sign up as on Saturday) Due to the workshop being given by a Visiting Artist, it will be on Friday the 19th rather than our normal meeting date of Saturday, since that is the day Lance is available to our club. The workshop will be held at the Eastside Community Room on Waldo Road in Gainesville. It is scheduled for 9:00 am to 12 noon.
- July – Exciting workshop with David Van Buskirk – details at the May meeting.

Two visitors were present, Leah and Michael Pucci. The meeting was adjourned and the program, a Saikei workshop lead by Mr. Jim Greenfield, was presented and well received.

## **Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson**

Thanks to Bobbie Gaston and Brody Hilton for the refreshments at the April meeting. The following members will provide refreshments as noted for upcoming meetings:

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! ☺

Just a reminder – we have coffee and the supplies to make coffee, as well as plates and cups. When you volunteer, you just need to bring the snack. Thanks.