



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – June 2010

Meeting Date: Sunday, June 27, 2010 – 2 p.m., Kanapaha Gardens

Topic: Bald/pond cypress. Bring yours for the discussion and to show.

President – John King

Vice President – Jerry Benefield

Secretary – Jay Beckenbach

Treasurer – Lucy Skelley

President's Message – John King

We are having an exceptionally wet spring, and this has major implications for our trees. Hopefully your spring potting included equally sized soil particles which would allow for sufficient drainage. This is exactly the type of weather conditions that make this soil mixture essential. Soggy soil does not allow the air movement so necessary for healthy roots. Moss is growing quite a bit now also, so if you have too much you might remove some of it. Sure it looks great, but do you need a heavy blanket on your bed at this time of year? When you remove the moss, look at how dense it is, even when it is watered the water seems to roll off of it. It is blocking quite a bit of air movement, and with the wet conditions it is also holding excessive moisture in your pots.

The wet, hot weather brings out pests and fungus. Carefully look at your plants for the white fly, mealy bugs and aphids that populate at this time. Leaves constantly staying wet may be prone to fungus and mold. Use the correct pesticides in moderation. Got a question about a bug or fungus? Bring an example into the meeting (hopefully in a baggie) and we can discuss your problem. As for the meeting this Sunday we will be discussing bald/pond cypress. Please bring in your cypress tree if you have one, as this makes the meetings much more interactive and provides a great platform to discuss our plants. Later on in the meeting we will have a "bring your own tree" for those who want some help on any type of tree. See you on Sunday at 2pm.

Secretary's Report – Jay Beckenbach

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Minutes of the May 2010 Meeting - Sunday, May 23, 2010

Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Gainesville, Florida

Meeting called to order by Mr. John King, President, at 2:05 pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were included in the newsletter. No additions or corrections noted.

Treasury is at \$5,400 more or less.

Post Office box rent is now due. Paying it was approved.

Three pots from the donated collection were put up for silent auction and sold to members of the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

The program this month was on trimming and pruning was given by Marion Borchers.