



## Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – August 2011

**Meeting Date:** Sunday, August 28th – 2 p.m., Kanapaha Gardens

**Topic:** Rules and Styles of Bonsai

President – John King  
Vice President – Barbara Chapman  
Secretary – Richard and Ann Powell  
Treasurer – Jay Beckenbach

**Meeting Details – John King will present the rules and styles of bonsai using projected images.**

### President's Message:

Welcome to the hot, dog days of summer. Driving down the road the other day I again witnessed the common occurrence of the "big rain storm", drenching the car, maybe even making it hard to see the road in front of me. Not yet 15 blocks later the road is dry as a bone. So why does this matter? You may work across town from where your home and trees are, so it gets confusing if you think you can guess the rain fall at your home from the rain experienced elsewhere in Gainesville. My trees are on a watering system, one size fits all. Each tree gets about 1 gallon flushed through daily when the system is on. I have tried to keep from getting too waterlogged by speculating about the rain, but it does not work. If you are not there to witness the rain and react accordingly, don't forego watering in anticipation of the big rain storm that didn't happen.

This month's meeting should be fun as we try to dissect some very "important" trees from famous Japanese collections. We will use the basic rules of design to understand what the rules are telling us about the visual signals that comprise the illusion of Bonsai. Hope to see you at Kanapaha at 2pm on Sunday.

### Secretary's Report

- President John King opened the July meeting of the Gainesville Bonsai Society at 2:03 PM, 24 July 2011 in the meeting room of the Kanapaha Botanical Garden.
- Secretary Richard Powell took attendance which revealed 42 members and guests present, probably a record number attending a meeting.
- President King welcomed all visitors and encouraged them to become members. He then reviewed upcoming meetings for the rest of the year.
- Treasurer Jay Beckenbach gave the Treasurer's Report. As of this meeting we have a balance of \$2,891.41 with a \$600 reimbursement anticipated.
- President King introduced David VanBuskirk who presented a workshop, "Bonsai for Beginners." After the workshop, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Powell, Secretary

### Ongoing Meeting Schedule

August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rules and Styles of Bonsai – John King
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bring your Own Tree
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Styling a club tree – Clif Pottberg will style the Trident Maple at the Asian Festival
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Visiting artist Dan Robinson – this event will take the place of our regular meeting
December (TBA)	Holiday Party

### Education Corner

Check out our website for books and magazines available for members to check out from the club library.  
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