



## Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – January 2010

Meeting Date:

January 24, 2010 – 2 p.m.

Remember! Our new meeting schedule for this year is the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Kanapaha Botanical Gardens will continue to be the meeting place.

Remember to bring a check for your 2010 dues if you haven't paid them yet.

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

### Outgoing President's Message – Jerry Benefield

Happy New Year! I hope that 2010 is going well for you so far, and you manage to stick to all your New Year's resolutions (I will NOT forget about the wire on that maple branch.....I will NOT put off making soil until repotting time.....).

This is my final message as GBS president. I'd like to welcome John King as our new president. I will serve as vice-president this year, and Lucy Skelley, Jay Beckenbach and Bettianne Benefield will continue to serve as treasurer, secretary and newsletter editor, respectively. Thanks to all who continue to serve as our club officers and other volunteers in order to keep things moving along.

Please keep in mind that this Saturday, 1/23/10, is Collector's Day at the Florida Museum of Natural History. GBS will have tables set up to display members' trees. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and set-up begins at 8:30 a.m. If you have a tree or two you can display, or you would be willing to man (or woman) the table for awhile, please contact Jay at 352-475-3102 or email at [jbeckenbach@yahoo.com](mailto:jbeckenbach@yahoo.com) .....or as a last resort, just show up anyway. Thanks!

At this month's meeting on Sunday, 1/24/10, we will be taking a look at rock planting: using rocks with bonsai, planting bonsai on a rock, or in a rock.....maybe even throwing rocks AT your bonsai (for those extra frustrating moments). If you have rocks you're considering planting in or on, please bring them, as well as any trees you're thinking of using with them. It should be an interesting topic to explore.

Reminder: If you haven't already paid your dues for 2010, bring them to the meeting on Sunday so you won't miss receiving the BSF newsletters. See you Sunday!

### Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson

Bettianne and Jerry will bring refreshments to the meeting in January. At the meeting on Sunday, volunteers can sign up for future meetings.

**Turn the page to see photos from the Sean Smith Workshop!**

Sean demonstrated techniques for using power tools and provided members with assistance in getting started on their own trees. It was a very informative workshop.

