



# Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – October 2009

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

## President's Message – Jerry Benefield

We will **not have our regular meeting in October** since our club is participating in the Kanapaha Gardens Fall Plant sale on October 10-11 – which is the week before our meeting, and several other events.

Events coming up in October and November include: The Cultural Plaza Show at the Harn, The Asian Fest, and the Sean Smith workshop. Please see the meeting minutes below for dates and details. A flyer will be sent out about the Sean Smith workshop in late October.

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help at the Fall Plant sale and the other events, as noted in the minutes.

Watch your trees when it's dry and give them water. Even the weeds are drying out at our house on the sunny days! - Jerry

## Secretary's Report - Jay Beckenbach

Gainesville Bonsai Society  
Minutes of the September 2009 Meeting  
Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens  
Gainesville, FL

Meeting called to order by Mr. Jerry Benefield, President, at 9:45 am.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from August in the last Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Not available

Old Business:

Meeting location change was discussed. A suggestion that the University Women's Club building might be available was made, but in discussion it was pointed out by several members that meeting there would separate the bonsai display from the meeting location. A motion was made by Bettianne Ford, seconded by Barbara Chapman, that the club meeting be changed to 3rd Sunday afternoons at 2:00 pm starting in January. If this does not work out well for the membership after a 6 month trial period, another change could be discussed ( including the University Women's Club). Jerry Benefield will confirm our new meeting time with Kanapaha.

New Business: There was no new business. Announcements:

Jerry Benefield made several announcements about upcoming events, and asked Jay Beckenbach, Lucy Skelley and others to provide details as appropriate:

**October 10-11** – Kanapaha Fall Plant show will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, with set-up on Friday, October 9th. Jay Beckenbach will be calling around to remind members to bring plants and to help set-up.

**October 24th and 25th** - Cultural Plaza show at the Harn. Clif Pottberg will be giving a talk at the show. Lucy Skelley will be coordinating the loan of three bonsai to the museum for use in the show's scavenger hunt.

**October 25th** - The Gainesville Asian Arts Festival will be held on at the Thomas Center. John King and Barbara Chapman will represent the club at the Festival with Jerry Benefield as back up.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 p.m.** - Sean Smith carving workshop will be held the evening of November 10th. Jay Beckenbach has scheduled the University of Florida's Eastside Campus Community Room for this event. Further details and confirmation will be forthcoming. SO far the following people have signed up for this workshop:

Susan and Will Shafer w/ tree

Matthew Noland and Katie Russ

Jay Beckenbach observer only

Lucy w/ tree

Richard and Ann Powell w/ tree

Jeff Ketts w/ tree

Barbara Chapman

John King w/ tree

**September Meeting Visitors:** Katie Russ and Matt Nolan.

The Business Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. Members then participated in the Bring Your Own Tree discussion and activities.

#### **Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson**

The club thanks Sally Schmidt for bringing refreshments to the September meeting. The following members will provide refreshments as noted for upcoming meetings:

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.