



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – November 2009

No regular meeting this month – See details below.

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

President's Message – Jerry Benefield

1. **We will not have our regular meeting in November.** Instead, we're having a workshop:

Sean Smith - carving workshop
Tuesday evening, November **10, 2009 - 6 till 9 p.m.**
UF Eastside Campus Community Room
2006 NE Waldo Rd. (parking in back)

Note: It is on the west side of Waldo Rd. between 16th Ave. and 23rd Ave.

The fee to participate in the workshop is \$30.00.

The following people have signed up to bring a tree and participate:

1. Susan & Will Shafer
2. Lucy Skelley
3. Richard & Ann Powell
4. Jeff Ketts
5. John King

Observers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. If anyone else would like to sign up to bring a tree to the carving workshop, **let us know no later than Friday November 6.**

2. Reminder: There is a tentative dig at the Melrose Library (Podocarpus & Junipers). John King and Lucy Skelley are the only ones who responded to my previous email with an interest. If anyone else is interested in attending this dig, please contact jbeckenbach@yahoo.com and he will arrange the dig if there is enough interest.
3. The soil-making workshop and multi-club auction will be held at Clif Pottberg's nursery on Saturday, November 21, 2009. The soil workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be sifted pine bark, turface and lava rock available to purchase and mix at the nursery. The auction will have over 40 trees (bonsai & pre-bonsai) for sale to the highest bidder as well as some really nice bonsai pots. These are members' personal trees from several area bonsai clubs. Clif's nursery is located at 18700 Lake Iola Rd., Dade City, FL 33523. It's about a 1 ½ hour drive from Gainesville. Clif's phone number is (352) 424-6000 if you need any further info. Here's a Mapquest link for driving directions:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?1c=Gainesville&1s=FL&1a=I+75+%26+W+Newberry+Rd&1z=32601&2c=Dade+City&2s=FL&2a=18700+Lake+Iola+Rd&2z=33523-6117>

Hope to see you there!

In October, our club participated in the Kanapaha Fall Plant Sale, the Asian Arts Festival, and the Harn Event during the Butterfly Festival. Many of our members volunteered their time and we all appreciate it. Thanks to Jay, Lucy, and John, who planned and supervised our participation in the events. A special thanks to Clif for his presentation at the Harn on behalf of the club. See photos below sent in by those participating.

Jerry



Kanapaha Fall Festival



Asian Arts Festival



Clif Pottberg's presentation at the Harn



Asian Arts Festival volunteers John and Barbara

Notes from Jay Beckenbach

Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th, was the Kanapaha Fall Plant Show and Sale. The Gainesville Bonsai Society had a booth, given to us by the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. We gave out lots of cards and talked with lots of people both days. If you didn't stop by, you missed a good time.

I'd like to thank Barbara Chapman, Jeff Ketts, John King, and Ann and Richard Powell for furnishing plants and/or staffing the booth. The weather was great and a good time was had by all.

Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson

Bettianne and Jerry will bring refreshments to the Sean Smith workshop.

Dec. – Party – everyone brings a dish! ☺ Details soon.