



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – February 2011

Meeting Date: **February 27, 2011 – 2 p.m.**

Remember to bring a check for your 2011 dues if you haven't paid them yet.

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

President's Message – Barbara Chapman

Hope to see everyone at the February 27th meeting. For those of you thinking of showing your trees, this meeting will be very important as far as tips and tricks. Please be sure to bring pictures, trees or a list of trees you would like to put in to the March show. Here is a little blurb from David from D&L Nursery that I felt would be helpful for all those who may be thinking of showing your trees.

"Preparing for an Exhibit... If you are putting a tree in an exhibit there are a few things you should do before.

- If it is a flowering variety know how far ahead you must prune it back to ensure blooms. Such as in the growing season Calliandras can be defoliated 32-35 days ahead and should be in full bloom. Bougainvilleas can be cut back 28-32 days ahead. This is another good reason to learn as much as you can about your trees.
- Some trees will need to be pruned back or even defoliated 30- 60 days prior to the exhibit to show them at their best. Some will only need a little pruning.
- When putting a tree in an exhibit always makes sure the tree is in a healthy condition and pruned of all dead or yellowing leaves. Pull all weeds and slightly top dress with new soil if needed. Moss can be applied to add to the appearance. Clean all branches, trunk and pot. A fine sanding block will clean your unglazed pots. Wiring is permitted as long as it is not obtrusive. Y

Your trees will be looked at very closely so you want them to be in optimum condition. PS Don't ever feel that your tree isn't worthy of being on exhibit, if it is clean and healthy and you are proud of it, then do it. Damn the critics." See you at the meeting!

Gainesville Bonsai Society Permanent Exhibit Care



Starting in January, members have signed up to take care of the trees in our club's permanent exhibit at Kanapaha. At the end of each month, the current person will go over the care list with the upcoming person, so the trees will receive consistent care.

Photo left: John hands the exhibit care baton over to Jerry at the end of January, for Jerry's attention in February.

Harley will take over care in March. If you haven't signed up for one of the open months, please do (see Secretary's minutes below for open months). It only takes a few moments

two times a week for the month.

Secretary's Minutes – Richard and Ann Powell

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January 2011

President Chapman opened the meeting at 2:05 PM, Sunday, 23 January 2011 in the meeting room at the Kanapaha Botanical Garden.

Secretary Richard Powell took attendance. Those in attendance were: J. Beckenbach, B. Benefield, J. Benefield, E. Hindson, J. Ketts, J. King, A. McDavid, L. Pottberg, A. Powell, R. Powell, L. Pregler, J. Redding, M. Redding, R. Saunders, L. Skelley, C. Stanhope, D. Van Buskirk, L. Van Buskirk

Treasurer Jay Beckenbach reported a balance of \$4,661.62 in our account as of 23 January.

Old Business:

Jerry Benefield reported that Rodney Clemmons will do a demonstration at our April meeting which will take place on 17 April and that Jim Van Landingham will do a demonstration at the May meeting which will be on the regular date (22 May).

Jerry also suggested that the club needs to buy a full set of aluminum wire for demonstrations and workshops. Jay estimated the price at about \$275. Members agreed. Jay will order the wire from David Van Buskirk and he will bring it to the next meeting.

New Business:

Barbara led a discussion of the Kanapaha Show and Exhibit. It will take place from 9 AM to 5 PM on 26 March and from 10 AM to 5 PM on 27 March. We will need to know at the February meeting who will have trees for our display and who will be able to help with the set up and the take down, and who will be able to help staff our display. This year we have the large meeting room to the right of the front door. This room will accommodate ten tables, so we will need about 30 trees. We may invite nearby clubs to join us in the display. Also, we have been asked to present two programs on Saturday and Sunday. John King will present a slide show "Bonsai Rules and Styles" both days in the morning slot and David VanBuskirk will do "Introduction to Bonsai" both days in the afternoon slot. Both programs will be about 45 minutes in length. We will rent a truck to pick up and return trees from members.

John discussed individual members maintaining the club's display at Kanapaha and passed around a schedule. There will be a laminated instruction sheet for the caretakers. Members can see the instructions at the February meeting. The volunteers are as follows:

January	John King	July	Barbara Chapman
February	Jerry Benefield	August	
March	Harley Smith	September	Edna Hindson
April	Myron Redding	October	Jeff Ketts
May	Ann/Richard Powell	November	Linda Pottberg
June		December	

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM and a Bring Your Own Tree Program followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Powell, Secretary