



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – April 2010

Meeting Date: **Sunday, April 25, 2010 – 2 p.m.**

Topic: **Marion Borchers will discuss how to develop branch ramification**

President – John King

Vice President – Jerry Benefield

Secretary – Jay Beckenbach

Treasurer – Lucy Skelley

President's Message – John King

Well April's almost over and all trees should be budding out, if not already hardened off. I have some hornbeams (both *Carpinus* and *Ostrya*) that I have already leaf pruned once. This is a great tool to do several things. First is to reduce the leaf size, as the energy to put out the next flush of leaves is less in the tree. Also a byproduct of this is usually more robust fall color, actually the better the later in the season you leaf prune. What I like is now again seeing the skeleton of the tree with the new branch shoots, ready for trimming and wiring. Try it on your deciduous trees, particularly if you have transplanted them earlier this year, as they will have an abundance of new energy from the soil. Any questions, ask a club member how they proceed.....

We are going to have a great presentation this Sunday April 25th. Marion Borchers will discuss how to develop branch ramification, complete with a slide show of before and after photos. This is an excellent time of the year to have this talk. We will also be discussing maples, so please plan on bringing in any maple that you have, to discuss how your tree is developing. Your participation in bringing trees really does make the club meetings more productive and informative, so please participate!

Secretary's Report – Jay Beckenbach

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Minutes of the March 2010 Meeting

Sunday, March 27, 2010

Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Gainesville, Florida

Meeting called to order by Mr. John King, President, at 2:05 pm.

- Minutes were in the recent newsletter. No additions, corrections or deletions were noted.
- Treasurer reported \$5,792.28 in the checking account.
- The following announcements were made:
 - Earth Day will be held at the Harn Museum on April 24, 2010.
- A report on the Kanapaha Spring Show was given by Jay Beckenbach.
 - Saturday was well attended but Sunday was washed out.
- Future meeting planned will be on maples/ramification and hornbeam/elms.
- The following visitors were recognized: Micheale DeMott, Patty Hill and Joel Fridmann.
- A lecture and demonstration on beginning bonsai was given by David Van Buskirk.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

