



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – July 2011

Meeting Date: Sunday, July 24th – 2 p.m., Kanapaha Gardens

Topic: Introduction to Bonsai – David and Linda Van Buskirk

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

Meeting Details – Introduction to Bonsai – a free demonstration.

Linda and David will be doing the demo, which will be audience interactive. That means everyone will be able to participate in styling a tree. We will discuss all aspects of styling a tree, from what to look for when picking out something to work on, what style best fits the tree and how step by step to go about styling it.

Secretary's Report – Richard and Ann Powell

GAINESVILLE BONSAI SOCIETY

President John King opened the meeting of the Gainesville Bonsai Society at 2:00 PM, Sunday, 21 May 2011 in the meeting room at the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens.

Secretary Ann Powell passed around a sheet for those in attendance to sign. Those at the meeting were: E. Anderson, T. Anthony, J. Beckenbach, B. Benefield, J. Benefield, T. Bloom, M. Byvoet, P. Cornell, E. Hindson, J. Ketts, S. Kimelman, J. King, j. Newton, A. Powell, R. Powell, J. Redding, M. Redding, B Roman, E. Smith, H. Smith, and J. Van Landingham.

John announced that the Chinese elm was stolen from the club exhibit. It was stolen right after the show at Kanapaha. Last year we also lost a tree after the Kanapaha show. John is concerned that the Podocarpus could also be stolen. It would be easy to remove. He recommends that we only keep large trees in the exhibit. We will probably keep the juniper even though it is small since no one has taken it in the past. Jerry said that he would take the Podocarpus and keep it for the club.

Treasurer Jay Beckenbach gave Treasurer's Report which revealed a balance in our account as of 5 May 2011 of \$3,691.

Notes:

- There are still a few shirts for sale at \$8.00 per shirt or two for \$15.00.
- There was a silent auction of a few pots.
- John announced that Barbara Chapman's brother died and a card was passed around for members to sign.

The June meeting will be held on July 2nd at the regular meeting time. Enrique Castano will be the guest artist. The July meeting will be on July 24. David VanBuskirk will be the guest artist. The business meeting concluded at 2:20 PM.

Guest Artist Jim Van Landingham styled two of the club boxwoods and helped two club members with their trees.

Notes from the June meeting on July 2, 2011

John King called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at Kanapaha for a brief business meeting prior to the demonstration by visiting artist Enrique Castano.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,691.41. A copy of the report was given to our Secretary. The treasurer passed around a membership list and asked people to check if their information is correct so he can provide an update to BSF.

Our meeting schedule from now to the end of the year:

July 24 th	Introduction to Bonsai – David Van Buskirk
August 28 th	Rules and Styles of Bonsai – John King
September 25 th	Bring your Own Tree
October 25 th	Styling a club tree – Clif Pottberg works on the Trident Maple
November (TBA)	Visiting artist Dan Robinson
December (TBA)	Holiday Party

John mentioned the possibility that the club may participate in the Asian Fest. More details will be provided as they are available.

There are two T-shirts left from the Spring Garden Festival and they are for sale for \$8. There were three pots in the silent auction for members to bid on.

The business meeting adjourned and John introduced Enrique Castano, who has won many awards for his work in bonsai. He lives part time in both in Merida, Mexico and Prague, Czechoslovakia and is a microbiologist. Enrique styled the club's Juniper and gave advice to members on their trees. He was very informative and club members enjoyed his demonstration and the information he provided.

Jerry and Bettianne provided housing and travel for Enrique.

Enrique styling the Juniper



Enrique at the Cellon Oak – you have to look hard to see him!
The tree is 29 feet in circumference.