



## Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – August 2009

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

**August Meeting:** **Saturday, August 15, 2009**  
**Kanapaha Botanical Gardens – 9:30 a.m.**

**Topic:** **Bring Your Own Tree**

### **President's Message –** **August 2009**

August is here and it's still HOT and rainy. Watch your trees carefully! Check the drainage in your pots and watch for insect and fungal problems, as conditions are very favorable for them right now. It's still not too late to re-pot your tropical trees right now if you haven't already. Last month's meeting was enjoyed by all, and David Van Buskirk's presentation on bonsai design was extremely educational and interesting. Last Saturday, I attended the monthly Bring Your Own Tree workshop at his nursery. It costs \$25 to attend and it lasts from 9 am to 4 pm. If you're new at bonsai or you just want some expert help with a design problem or you want to learn or improve your wiring skills or you need to re-pot a tree ----- you name it ----- this is where you need to go! Refreshments, wire and soil are included in the cost. I took two of my trees with me and learned a lot, both from working on them with David and from observing as he assisted others with their trees. Highly recommended! This month's meeting at Kanapaha will be a BYOT workshop. If you have a tree that's coming along nicely and you would like to share it with the club, please bring it in to show. It's very educational and enjoyable to see others' trees and discuss how they got to the point they are at. If you have a bonsai or pre-bonsai you're working on and you need help, advice, opinions and/or suggestions, bring it in and let's talk about it and, better yet, work on it! Remember, we also have trees in the public display outside that need worked on. Those who have volunteered to adopt one of the display trees should be sure to check them and attend to them at least at the monthly meetings. And if they need work, think about inviting the other members to participate, as it can be a learning opportunity for all of us. Hope to see you Saturday!

### **Secretary's Report - Jay Beckenbach**

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

Meeting called to order by Mr. Jerry Benefield, President, at 9:40 am. A very short business meeting was held.

Minutes from the June meeting were published in the July newsletter.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens is trying to eliminate Saturday meetings. The Club will look into alternate times and/or locations.

Announcements:

The Prison Program is currently in flux. More information will be reported as it becomes available.

New Member: Leah Pucci Visitors: Joyce Piety and Shane Sommers

The meeting was adjourned and a program on "Visualization of Bonsai" was given by David Van Buskirk of D and L Nursery.

**Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson**

Thanks to Tom and Linda Stapleton for bringing refreshments to the July meeting. The following members will provide refreshments as noted for upcoming meetings:

August - Edna Hindson

September - Sally Schmidt

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.