



Gainesville Bonsai Society

Newsletter – September 2009

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

September Meeting: Saturday, September 19, 2009
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens – 9:30 a.m.

Topic: Bring Your Own Tree

President's Message –

Last month's Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT) meeting was a great learning experience for us all, so let's do it again! If you have any trees you want advice or opinions on, or just want to share one of your favorite trees with the rest of us, please bring them in. We can all learn from each other that way. We'll also be bringing in the slab planting of *Chamaecyparis* from the exhibit. John King will be doing some wiring on the trees in the planting, and all are welcome to join in and help, or just watch and learn more about wiring. We will also be discussing some of the events that will be coming up this Fall. Hope to see all of you on Saturday!

Secretary's Report - Jay Beckenbach

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jerry Benefield, President, at 9:40 am. Minutes for the July meeting were incorporated in the previous newsletter. No other Secretary's report. No Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Prison Program information still unavailable.

New Business:

The Fall Plant Show will be held October 10th and 11th at Kanapaha. GBS will participate both days. There will be no cost to the club.

Lucy Skelley reported that the Harn Museum is looking for a display of Bonsai (consisting of 3 medium sized trees) to be displayed in conjunction with the new Asian Art wing.

Jerry Benefield reported that Kanapaha Botanical Gardens is looking to have all groups move their meetings away from Saturdays. After discussion, it was decided that it was preferable to keep the club meetings at Kanapaha even if the time and day were changed. Sunday afternoon was the recommended time. Members will be notified before the change occurs.

New Member: David Van Buskirk of D&L Nursery. The business meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Refreshment Calendar – Edna Hindson

The club thanks Edna Hindson for bringing refreshments to the August meeting. The following members will provide refreshments as noted for upcoming meetings:

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.