



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT July 2020

August 5, 2020

Hello Everyone,

Mike Rogers, President, called our meeting to order. All present maintained CDC and Deland guidelines for the Corvid virus.



Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and filed.

Dues were discussed.

Clarification was agreed upon — persons living in the same household, up to 5 persons, may join as a family.

Increasing the dues for a family was discussed and tabled - to be discussed at a later date for next year.

Bonsai and Barbecue Event - will be discussed next month. It is on hold now because of the Corvid virus. Currently it is planned for September 19th.

Joy of Bonsai 2021 - planning will need to begin soon

Demonstrations - we had two this month.

June Pine Care - Mike Rogers

Mike had a table on which he showcased some of his pines that he has been growing for up to 25 years.



Ryan Frye has documented some of the key points on Pine Care and Refinement shared by Mike during his demonstration which covered care for the full year.

Trees must be healthy and vigorous prior to doing the steps below

Repot when roots are waking up. Look for white tips on the roots. Avoid repotting if no white tips are visible. Jan- Feb is the best time to repot.

Avoid bare rooting when possible.

Needlecast looks like yellow rings in the middle of the needle; it is a fungus. It can kill a pine if it gets out of control, so spray with a fungicide like liquid copper, daconil, etc.

Avoid heavy pruning in the summer. Pines are actively growing and will bleed to much. It is best to do heavy pruning in the winter.

Black pines are double flush pines - they will put out two flushes of growth..

Candles start extending in April; now is the time to start fertilizing

Remove this year's candle growth starting in July. Also remove excess buds, leaving two. These buds will create the second flush of growth.

Leave weak buds (small) at the top and strong buds (larger) at the bottom to help balance the vigor of the tree.

Candles are buds that have extended this year.

On finished trees - remove fertilizer when second flush starts to grow. This will keep the new candles from getting too long. Keep fertilizer on trees that are still in development.

Branches can be wired in June/July.

In the fall, thin the needles and new buds that formed during the second flush of growth.

Forest Slab Demonstration - Kevin Richardson

Using Pennsylvania grey slate, Kevin demonstrated how to shape the slate to the size and form the bonsai artist/enthusiast desires. He also demonstrated methods for securing the bonsai forest to the slab.

Both demonstrations were videotaped and, after editing by Jason and Jamie, they will be available for viewing on U-Tube.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th. Demonstrations will be **Ficus Initial Styling and a Discussion of Mini Bonsai (under 8 inches)**. Anyone having Mame and Shohin sized trees should bring them in.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Florio
KAWA Secretary