



# KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY

## MONTHLY MEETING REPORT AND UPDATES

November 11, 2019

**A big THANK YOU to any of our members who have or are serving in the military.**

### **October 19, 2019 Meeting**

Due to the inclement weather, our attendance was limited. The BSF (Bonsai Society of Florida) president, Jorge Nazario attended and shared his vision and goals for BSF during his tenure. He also shared information on the BSF Styling Contest currently underway, (see below for details), the role of BSF as it applies to Florida Bonsai Clubs, and the value of attending the BSF yearly convention held in Orlando. (Details will be provided during our November Meeting scheduled for November 16th.). Mike Rogers presented "Getting Bonsai Trees Ready For Winter"



### **Schley's Nursery Fall Festival Open House on Nov 9th**

A number of KAWA members were able to help set up and clean up as well as volunteer during the event held on November 9th. Our own member (and Vice President), Louise Leister, was the guest artist. She presented "The Art of Bonsai Display" including a critique of our bonsai on display. Our member, Chris Denton, provided a demonstration. Jason provided free food for all attendees and Asian Tea provided by Nancy Flynn. Jason also donated three bonsai as raffle prizes.



*Thank you to Darryl Padgett for the photos.*

### **New Members**

Darryl Padgett (who joined during set up day for the Fall Festival and found himself working VERY hard) and William Chapin (who joined during the event). **Welcome!!**

## **Joy of Bonsai**

A great deal has been happening this past month. Arrangements have been made for discounted rooms at the Courtyard Marriott in historic downtown Deland. A partial vendor list has been developed and registration forms have been sent out. Flyers are in the process of being developed, the guest artist, a Master, Robert Mahler, has been confirmed to hold three workshops, a demonstration, and lead a critique of the Bonsai display. Florida artists have been contacted to participate and asked to do demonstrations. Florida clubs and those in nearby states are being notified as well. A draft of the three day event schedule and a registration form for participants have been developed. **BUT** a great deal more has to be done and volunteers are needed to help with planning.

## **BSF Styling Contest**

The state wide winner will receive \$1000 to use in some way related to Bonsai - as their education. Participants can not be a professional. The process for this contest is as follows: Each club choses two members to participate in a contest with members of the other clubs in their district. (In our case, we are in District 2, as is the North Florida Bonsai Club in Jacksonville.) The one winner of the contest between the North Florida Bonsai club and us then goes as the District winner to the BSF convention and competes with the winners of the other state districts. Full details are available on the BSF Website - <https://bonsai-bsf.com/>.

## **KAWA Treasurer Position**

A reminder that our current Treasurer is looking for someone willing to take over this position. He will orient this individual. The treasurer also maintains an up to date membership list.

## **November 16, 2019 Meeting**

12-4pm at Schley's Nursery in Deland. Following the meeting a Blueberry demonstration will be held. Don't forget to bring one or more of your bonsai for a "show and tell". I (Jeanne) will have the name pins and T-Shirts, etc that anyone ordered and has not picked up yet. Jason will order pizza or wings - cost \$5 for any member who would like participate. Subs can also be ordered - price TBD. Coffee will be served and Diane Lorber is bringing a dessert.

## **Additional Information related to the relationship between KAWA and Schley's Nursery**

By the first of the year it is hoped that we will have a "True" Newsletter and there will be a link between our Newsletter and Schley's Bonsai Nursery Newsletter.

## **KAWA's Relationship with BSF..... and it's Newsletter**

KAWA is a member of BSF. Every KAWA member is a member of BSF. \$15 of our yearly dues is sent to BSF. BSF publishes a Newsletter periodically; it is available at their website. Also available is a list of events in Florida and nearby states, and a list of all Florida Clubs belonging to BSF. Check out their website!

## **KAWA Promotion/"Advertising" Efforts**

In addition to being noted on the BSF website, we have our own website - [kawabonsai.com](http://kawabonsai.com) maintained by our member Benjamin Lorber, who is maintaining it while a full time college student. We have an Instagram page maintained by our member, Ryan Frye. Louise Leister and Jason Schley maintain our Facebook group - KAWA Bonsai Society. Jason has a Facebook page also — Schley's Nursery and Supplies.

*-Jeanne Florio (Secretary)*