



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY MONTHLY NOTES

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds you all well and safe.

Welcome New Members: Greg Fisher, Luis Lugo,, Larry Massie, and Spencer Phelpe.

For those of you unable to attend, we did not have a meeting this month; but we had one GREAT function our Barbecue and Auction.

Barbecue and Auction Report: We complied with all of Deland and the CDC's Covid requirements and had a very successful function. It was a lot of fun, the food was good, the weather remained good, and we achieved our goals - to have an EXCELLENT FUNCTION AND TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER. Thank you to the North Florida (Jacksonville), Orlando, and Brevard County Clubs for attending and helping to make this a success.

Darryl Padgett was a true jack of all trades and master of all! He set up, cleaned up, and helped serve amongst other things. Chris Denton was a very good auctioneer; he has a strong, clear voice and knows his subject matter well. Mark Ceskavich should get an award for not only selling food and raffle tickets, but signing up four new members and maintaining a record of the live and silent auctions without any help! (None was available.) Gerry DeVane took the food tickets, and MaryLou DeVane and Ryan Frye served food. Mike Rogers, Jason Schley, Diane Lorber, Rob Addionizio, Barry Markey, Al Wilson, David Gennari, Joe Strump, Lou Corea and I were all busy helping, selling and purchasing. (I apologize to anyone I missed; with masks being worn it is difficult to recognize some persons.)

Our food choices were plentiful and all very good: Jason provided the brisket and hamburgers, Mike, a Brussel sprout plus cold salad, the Wilsons, macaroni and cheese, Rob, an asian cold slaw, Mark, coleslaw, MaryLou and Gerry, a fantastic crunchy ramen antipasto salad, Darryl, baked beans, and Lou and I, potato salad and cold drinks. MaryLou, Mark, and Mark and Ryan provided homemade desserts. Rolls and condiments were also provided by members.

Thank you to all Club members who donated or brought a bonsai or related item for the raffle or one of the auctions. You helped make this event a resounding success. We made a little over \$1000.00; good seed money for our next Joy of Bonsai Event.

It is noteworthy to mention that Jim and Mary Rolick, in addition to donating some bonsai books and memorabilia brought a ficus, that Jim had purchased years ago from Tom Zane, It was the highlight of the live auction. Jim and Mary, did not stay due to the Corvid restrictions. We miss you, Jim and Mary, and hope to be able to have you both join our meetings soon

For those members who were unable to attend, we hope to see you next month!

Pictures of the event are available on our website.

Chris Denton - sad news, Chris has accepted a job offer in Texas and will be moving shortly. This was his last meeting for awhile. The good news is that Chris plans to remain a member of KAWA, and whenever in the area (he has family here), he will attend our meetings. I know I speak for all of us in wishing you the best of luck Chris.

Jason Schley - congratulations on being interviewed by the Florida Bonsai Documentary Crew - the day of our event no less!

US National Bonsai Exhibitions - this 7th exhibition has been rescheduled for September 11-12, 2021. This event is held in Rochester, NY.

Bonsai Society of Brevard's MultiClub Picnic - SAVE THE DATE - November 14, 2020. This great multiclub event is a bring your own food picnic with a raffle, and live and silent auctions. Donations and items for auction are welcomed.

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020, Noon to 4pm at Schley's Nursery, 2745 Audubon Ave, Deland. Demonstration TBA. Don't forget to bring a "show and tell" and tree to work on/seek advice about.

Upcoming Meetings and Demonstrations/Events:

Forest on Slab - There will be a three part workshop- Forest on Slab - starting in November. Kevin Richardson will lead the November Workshop session during which workshop participant's task will be preparation of a slab itself. Part two and three will be held in January and February of 2021 and will be led by Mike Rogers. During these sessions preparing for planting and actual planting will occur. The Workshop cost will be \$50/person and will include the slab, soil and muck. Each workshop participant will have to bring their own eye protection. Plant material will be an additional cost or the participant may bring their own. Trees for planting should not be more than 3ft high; however, size is dependent upon the size of the slab made by the workshop participant. If trees are purchased at Schley's Nursery there will be a deep discount. Ideal trees are hornbeam, maples, Chinese elms, junipers, and pines. Club members not wishing to participate in the workshop can watch the demonstrations and advice given to workshop participants. This event is open to members of other clubs.

Joy of Bonsai - initial planning is underway. Tentatively set for February 2021.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Florio
KAWA Secretary

