



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

December 26, 2019

Hello KAWA Members and Friends,

I hope that your Holiday - Hanukkah or Christmas was a good one.

Our Christmas Party was a great success. 21 persons were able to attend. We set up tables under the pole barn, every member brought a dinner dish or dessert (we had enough food for two parties). The weather was very good; God was good to us - it didn't start raining until the party ended and almost all "clean up" was done. Our Secret Santa was fun.

I would like to thank everyone for their willingness to bring a dish/dessert and to those that were able to help with set up and clean up. A special thank you to Jamie Madeya who helped with all those last minute needs during setup.

In a few short words - "OUR PARTY WAS GREAT!" And we missed those of you who were unable to attend.

We had a brief meeting before our meal. Agenda items were as follows:

DUES ARE DUE for 2020: So if you did not pay at the party. Please send your dues to:

Gerry DeVane
39 Bud Field Drive
Palm Coast, FL. 32167.

Dues are: \$31.00 - individual
 \$36.00 - couple
 \$16.00 - if you belong to another Bonsai Club that is your primary club.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCHLEY'S BONSAI AND SUPPLES NURSERY....

1. **Tea & Bonsai - Winter Retreat** - Saturday, January 11, 2020; 10am-4pm. Hosted by Nancy Flynn and Jason. The focus is on the interconnective practices of a Tea Ceremony and Bonsai. The Traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony will be held in the morning, followed by a free vegan lunch prepared by Ms. Flynn, after which Jason will offer a Bonsai 101 class. The class will provide each student with a tree and tools and instruction and guidance. Cost is \$85.00. Check Jason's website or call him for details. (Our club will not be providing assistance at this event.)
2. **Winter Bonfire & Bonsai Night - Winter Silhouette** - Saturday February 1, 2020, 12pm-6pm. (See flyer on next page). KAWA Members are again being asked to display our

trees. PRIORITY for this event is the display of deciduous trees. If you do not have any, then display your conifer. Please call Jason with type of tree and size asap. KAWA members, please be prepared to assist at this event.



3. **Joy of Bonsai** - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 3, 4 & 5, 2020.

PURCHASE OF BLUEBERRY BUSHES - as soon as Jason receives dates from the owners of the fields that we can go he will let us know.

NEXT KAWA MEETING - Saturday, January 18, 2020, 12pm - 4pm @ Jason's Bonsai Nursery, Deland. Agenda Items to include:

1. Identification of KAWA members' assistance at **Winter Bonfire and Bonsai Night**
2. Identification of education topics, speakers, workshops, working sessions for **KAWA 2020 Meetings**. (Goal: develop a calendar for the year.)
3. **JOY of Bonsai** - there is much planning and follow up that now needs to be a priority. This includes:
 - a. Reminding vendors that you know that space is limited and they need to register asap.
 - b. Deciding what asian hors d'oeuvres we can serve Friday evening. We have limited cooking space, so we will need items that can be served cold or kept in crock pots. One suggestion made at our Christmas Party, during an informal discussion, was sweet and sour meatballs. Traditionally, the Hors d'oeuvres have been provided by our membership for Joy of Bonsai registrants for Friday. These are "nibblies", not dinner! So, not only make suggestions, but think about what you would like to provide.
 - c. Bonsai tree display - our members and others
4. **Our bonsai topic of discussion** will be "**Preparing a Tree for Winter Silhouette**". Bring the tree(s) you are considering displaying at the Winter Bonfire and Bonsai Night. Assistance/recommendations will be available.

Joy of Bonsai Preparation to date include:

Flyers, with a registration form, have been sent to vendors who previously attending Joy of Bonsai events. In addition, other potential vendors have also been contacted. A list will be available at our January meeting

Flyers were sent to Bonsai Clubs in Georgia and the Carolinas advertising Joy of Bonsai. A copy of these clubs will also be available at our next meeting.

Flyers were also sent to the 8 BSF Trustees and will be sent to all BSF clubs before the end of the year.

Joy of Bonsai is listed as an upcoming event on the BSF website.

ABS has been notified.

Arrangements have been made for discounted rates at the Downtown Marriott in Deland for participants seeking overnight accommodations.

"Plot layout" for workshops, bonsai tree display, demonstrations, etc have been identified - details will be provided at our next meeting.

Mike Cartrett will be attending as a vendor and guest artist.

The initial schedule for the Joy of Bonsai has been posted on both Jason's and our website.

We only have a few more months to finalize details for this major 3 day event, so be prepared to offer recommendations and identify that which you think you would be best at as a volunteer in preparing for this event as well as volunteering at the event. (I hope I haven't scared you off! (: !). But seriously, we have a great club that with members that have bonded together - we are going to do a GREAT job!!!

Jeanne Florio, Secretary