



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

November 2020

December 7, 2020

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank Diane Lorber for graciously agreeing to take the minutes of the November Meeting in my absence.

Mike Rogers, President, opened the meeting.

TRIBUTE FOR ALAN CORVER: A tribute was held for Alan Corver, a long time Floria bonsai enthusiast, and member of BSF, who recently lost his teenage daughter, and who's wife and other daughter have been injured, in an auto accident. Mike, Jason, and Diane, shared stories about their knowledge and personal experience with Alan and his family. Information on the "Go Fund Me" was shared.

JOY OF BONSAI: It was decided, because of COVID restrictions, and potential problems with travel, to hold Joy of Bonsai but limit it to one day. The decision was made to also showcase one of Florida's Bonsai Artists - Mike Lane. The event will have a bonsai tree display, two Workshops ;and two Demonstrations, an auction of demonstration trees, a silent auction, a raffle(s), and a few vendors. Rob Addeniso, our member, will be one of the vendors. The time of the event will also be limited; it will be from 10am to 4pm. Vendors are currently being sought.

KAWA BONSAI WEBSITE: kawabonsai.com — our webmaster, Benjamin Lorder, keeps it up to date with pertinent information, not only KAWA activities/reports but related events as well. Check it our regularly!

BSF (Bonsai Society of Florida). CONVENTION: Check their website for registration information for the Convention being held in May (Memorial Day weekend).

KAWA Christmas Party: Will be held during our regular meeting date - December 19th. It will begin at 11am. Dinner will be served at noon. Jason is providing a turkey. Members are requested to bring a dish, dessert, condiments, soft drinks/coffee/tea. Families are welcome. Members are requested to contact MaryLou DeVane as to how many will be in attendance with you and what you will be bringing. Her telephone number is: 386-237-7712. Covid restrictions will be maintained. Members are requested to wear a mask if still required. Hand sanitizer will be available. Food will be served by a few of our members (rather than as in the

past, when we served ourselves). The serves will be wearing gloves in addition to masks. Social distancing will be maintained. A bonsai related white elephant gift "exchange" will be held for interested members. The wrapped gift should cost \$15.00-\$20.00. We had a lot of fun last year and I anticipate even more fun this year! Please call MaryLou or I with any questions. My cell phone is: 973-727-3088. You may also text me and I will get back to you the same day.

For those of you that may not know (as I last year).....

A Bonsai White Elephant Gift Exchange is the placing of all gift wrapped bonsai related gifts on a table. The first person to take a gift chooses which gift they want. It is then opened so that everyone can see what it is. The second person can then choose a gift from the table OR the gift the first person took. Etc, Etc. Etc. (The person from whom the gift was taken gets to choose another gift - either from the table or from someone else.). All of the gift exchange rules will be discussed before the gift exchange begins.

I hope everyone can attend this event and help celebrate our respective holidays and THE END of this unbelievable year - 2020!

Workshop: Slate Forest - Part 1 was held by Kevin Richardson - the slate preparation. Part 2 will be held in January. Part 2, the planting of the forest, will be open to persons, for a fee, who were not able to participate Part 1. Details can be obtained from Jason.

Jeanne (Florio)
KAWA Secretary