



# KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY MONTHLY NOTE

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Hello Everyone.

I, and I know that I speak for our entire membership, hope that this finds you all safe and well at this critical time in our lives. PLEASE let Mike, Jason, Gerry, or I know if you or any of your family members are ill.

It was a sad decision to postpone Joy of Bonsai, however, it obviously was the right one to make. Plans are in the infant stage for rescheduling it in early 2021.

A few members met during our scheduled meeting time on March 21st (some were working, and many, including me, were already practicing self-quarantine so we were not in attendance). Mike and Jason had their joint demo videotaped, It is available on U-Tube.

Previously, as we were having Joy of Bonsai this month, we had decided NOT to have a monthly meeting in April. However, as Joy of Bonsai was postponed, a few days ago Board Members voted as to whether or not to have a meeting. The major voted to NOT have a meeting this month. Jason plans to again videotape a demo; Mike has said he plans to join him. Details will be provided.

This is me personally speaking now. I know that there are persons who do not believe that this virus is a bigger or worse threat than previous virus or flus. However, I do. I strongly believe that if we all, who are not working, stay home except for essential outings, as a doctor appointment or a needed trip to a pharmacy or grocery store, that we can contain this virus. I believe that if more people had complied that it would not be at the stage it is now. As Louise Leister said in a Facebook post, "this virus.... Has impacted so many lives in so many ways! Our daily activities no longer are possible. Together we can beat this if we all band together and lay low for April! Together America can do what we do in times of crisis! .....be safe my friends and help someone instead of bitching. This is hurting everyone of us!"

Governor DeSantis had said he did not want to close down our state; he believed that Floridians were responsible people who would stay at home if not working, maintain social distancing, etc. Well, many have not, so our crisis is much greater now. The Governor, as you must know, has now had to order an official "Stay at Home" order effective tomorrow at midnight. I believe that there is now a good chance that we will need to self quarantine through May because of the noncompliance of some individual with the CDC guidelines. Let's all be compliant and attempt to convince others to be so.

The BSF (Bonsai Society of Florida) Convention is scheduled in Orlando - May 22-24. Check their website periodically to determine if it will be able to be held or cancelled.

Please take care and be safe.

Jeanne