



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

January 20, 2020

Hello KAWA Members and Friends,

Our first meeting of the year, this past Saturday, January 18th, introduced some major changes for us.

Gerald DeVane, our Treasurer for the past 15 years, who has been asking for a replacement, received a late Christmas present; **David Gennari**, was elected our new **Treasurer**.

BSF (Bonsai Society of Florida), has redistricted the Florida Bonsai Clubs; effective immediately, **Mark Ceskavich**, who's primary club is the Central Florida Bonsai Club (Orlando), and also a member of our Club, will be **our new BSF Trustee**. Joe Stumpt, our former Trustee, who's primary Club is the North Florida (Jacksonville) Club, will be remaining a member of our club. He is the Trustee for the North Florida Club.

Welcome to our new members: John Cook and his son Joshua and David Gennari.

KAWA DUES: if you have not yet submitted your dues, please do so stat. 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.

Gerry will be accepting dues for the next few weeks until the transition of Treasurer is complete.

PURCHASE OF BLUEBERRY BUSHES - Dates Jason has obtained are Sunday, January 26th and Sunday, February 9th. The bushes are in 65 gallon drums. If you are going, you need to bring a shovel and saws all. Cost of each bush is \$12.50. The nursery is in Brooksville. Members going can leave from Jason's at 9am or go on their own and meet Jason there. Please let Jason or me know the date you are plan on going.

BSF BONSAI STYLING COMPETITION - if you are interested in participating in this event you must let Mike and Jason know stat! Time is running out for the initial phase of this completion that will result in a state-wide winner being chosen at the BSF Convention in May 2020. The

state winner will receive \$1000. For furthering his/her Bonsai education and will be provided with the opportunity to be a demonstrator at the 2021 BSF Convention.

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

1. **Winter Bonfire & Bonsai Night - Winter Silhouette** - Saturday February 1, 2020, 12pm-6pm. (See flyer below). 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. Demonstrations will be offered by Mike Rogers, Chris Denton, and Rob Addonizo. **Please call Jason with type of tree and size asap. KAWA members, please be prepared to assist at this event and please wear your club shirt and name tag.**



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

There is much planning and follow up that now needs to be a priority. This includes:

a. **VENDORS** - please inform potential vendors that you know that space is limited and they need to register asap if they have not already done so.

b. **FRIDAY EVENING HORS D'OEUVRES** - **Mark Ceskavich and Diane Lorber** will be coordinating this event. We have limited cooking space, so we will need items that can be served cold or kept in crock pots. Mark has graciously offered his kitchen for foods that need to be kept hot. (He lives close by.). Traditionally, the Hors d'oeuvres have been provided by our membership for Joy of Bonsai registrants for Friday. So we need to know what you will bring. These are "nibblies", not dinner! Desserts are welcome.

c. **REGISTRATION DESK** - **Mary Rolick** will coordinate the attendee registration booth. This booth has to be covered continuously, i.e., Friday afternoon and all day Saturday and Sunday, so a number of members are needed to volunteer for this responsibility.

d. **REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR VENDORS AND EVENT ATTENDEES** - Volunteers will be need a few weeks before the event to prepare these packets (envelopes) for distribution when the vendors and attendees arrive.

e. **NURSERY GROUNDS AND SET UP FOR EVENT** - **David Gennari** will coordinate. Rob Addonizio, Mark Ceskavich, and Darryl Padgett will be assisting. Additional assistance is needed. This responsibility includes helping vendors set up.

f. **BONSAI TREE DISPLAY** - **Louise Leister** has agreed to assume this responsibility. Diane Lorber and I will assist her.

g. **OTHER NEEDS FOR VOLUNTEERS** - include:
Checking accuracy of attendance at workshops
"Spotters" to assure all persons present are registered attendees.
Nursery Bonsai Tree Security

h, **"ADVERTISING" TO DATE** -

Vendors (direct contact): In November, via e-mail, I sent information and a registration form to those known vendors who had attended past Joy of Bonsai events; the same information was sent to potential new vendors that were recommended as of that date. **As we still have some vendor space available**, please let me know asap of anyone else you wish to recommend as a potential vendor.

Attendees:

Direct Club Contact: In November I notified, via e-mail, Bonsai Clubs that I could locate in Georgia, Alabama, and North and South Carolina of the Event. In addition, every BSF Trustee was contacted. All were referred to our website. I will be again contacting all clubs with our updated information.

Media Postings: In 2019 - **BSF Website**
KAWA Website
Schley's Bonsai Nursery Website

As of this week -

BSF Facebook page

The Rookie Bonsai Facebook page

(thank you Chris Denton)

Flyers:

In 2019

Schley's Bonsai Nursery Events

Stores in St. John's and Flagler Counties

(thank you Mary Rolick)

KAWA Club Shirts - at Schley Nursery Events, and BSF Picnic

If you know of other advertising methods or sites, or have been advertising, please let me know asap.

i. Demonstrations: During the three days will be done by **Mike Cartrett**, and our own **Mike Rogers** and **Jason Schley**.

j. Auctioning - of "demonstration trees" will occur.

k. Discounted dinners for attendees at local restaurants ??? - pursuing this possibility was suggested at our meeting. Does anyone know of any restaurants in the area that might be willing to provide a discount?

Any other ideas? Please share with Mike, Jason, David, or I. Or bring your ideas to the next meeting,

KAWA MEETING PROGRAMS FOR 2020 - suggestions made to date are 'Needle Pruning' and "Root over Rock". Please send Jason a text with your recommendations. This will be again discussed at our next meeting.

BSF UPDATES/FUTURE EVENTS - Reported by Joe Strump and Mark Ceskavich....

a. BSF 2020 CONVENTION - will be held over Memorial Day weekend - May 22-24. Registration will be posted on the BSF Website February 15th. It will include Workshops, Demonstrations, Vendors, a Bonsai Tree Exhibit, Auctions and more.

Club member volunteering is recommended. Clubs receive a monetary reward for club member hours of volunteering. This helps increase Club available funds for speakers.

Club Night - during which each attending club prepares a tree for exhibit will occur again.

Vendor Area will be 2X as large as in past years with larger aisles which will enable better walking and viewing area for conference attendees. It will be on the second floor this year.

b. BSF Visiting Artists Program segment of the BSF website has been redesigned. It now separates artists into three categories, National, Florida, and International. Please refer to the website, Mike Rogers, or Jason Schley for an explanation as to how BSF Clubs can obtain speakers through this list.

KAWA MEETING SNACKS

February — you know who your are (I didn't record name)

March - MaryLou DeVane

Thank you to Diane Lorber who supplied brownies at this meeting.

OUR PROGRAM: CARE OF DECIDUOUS TREES - MIKE ROGERS

We were joined for this program by members of Jason's Beginners Bonsai Class. Mike presented an excellent lengthy and detailed demonstration with two separate specimens including wiring and repotting.

NEXT KAWA MEETINGS - **Saturday, February 15, 2020**, at noon.

Saturday, March 21, 2020, at noon

NOTE: WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING IN APRIL AS WE HAVE JOY OF BONSAI SCHEDULED. OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN MAY.

Any member wishing to purchase a shirt (\$15), Club Apron (\$13) or Club name tag (\$8.50) please let me know. I can have them for you for Jason's Winter Event on February 1st if you let me know stat, or definitely by our next meeting.

Jeanne Florio (Secretary)