



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY MONTHLY NOTES April 2021

April 19, 2021

Hello Again Everyone. There is a lot of information to share this month and rather than hold up the distribution of this communication, some details concerning events will be forthcoming in e-mails.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS; Tim and Stephanie Singley (in March); George & Nicole Swietlicki, and Jeremy Patterson and family this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MAY 8, 2021 —** **WORLD BONSAI DAY** - D&L Nursery in Ocklawana, Florida will be holding an all day event. Please refer to the information I forwarded via e-mail for details. The event starts at 9am.
- MAY 15th -** **OUR NEXT MEETING - Topic: Wiring Bonsai Trees.** Bring your own tree(s) for wiring - or watch another member wire their tree.
- MAY 28-30th** **BSF (Bonsai Society of Florida) Convention** (see below for details.)
- JUNE 19th -** **OUR MEETING - Topic: Ficus Tree Care and Maintenance.** Bring your own tree(s) to work on. If you don't have one, learn from watching other members work on their trees.
- JULY 17th -** **OUR MEETING and Jason's ALL DAY SUMMER FESTIVAL-
Session 1 (of 3) - Pottery Class.** Fee required for class which will be taught by our member Rob Addonizio. See details below for both events.
- AUGUST 21st -** **OUR MEETING - Event: Pottery Class - Session 2**
- SEPT 11 &12th -** **US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION, ROCHESTER, NY** (see below for details)

- SEPT 18th - OUR MEETING - Event: Pottery Class - Session 3.** In addition to planting in the newly created pottery, our member, Ryan Frye will be teaching us about Bonsai companion plants.
- OCT 16th - OUR MEETING AND Jason's ALL DAY AUCTION EVENT**
- NOV 13th - BONSAI SOCIETY OF BREVARD'S ALL DAY AUCTION AND PICNIC**
- NOV 20th - OUR MEETING - Topic: Juniper Care and Maintenance.** Bring your own tree(s) to work on or watch other member work on their tree(s).
- DEC 4 &5th - WINTER SILHOUETTE BONSAI SHOW, KANNAPOLIS, NC** see below for details)
- DEC 18th - OUR CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY.** Held at Jason's. Details to follow at a later date.
- JAN 15, 2022 OUR MEETING: Topic: The Art of Display - in preparation for our own Joy of Bonsai to be held in February.**
- FEB 2022 - JOY OF BONSAI - DATE(S) TBA**

OUR CLUB MEETINGS: All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Jason's Bonsai and Supply, 2745 Audubon Ave, Deland, FL. 32720. Phone: 386-875-3118. Our meetings are scheduled to begin at noon on the 3rd Saturday of every month and to end by 4pm. A demonstration, lecture, workshop, or event is held at every meeting. A regular agenda item is members "Show and Tell". Bring one of your trees; share it's background with us - positives, problems, concerns, advice sought, etc. Members are encouraged to request topics for discussion, workshops, etc. Members are also encouraged to bring a tree to work on during the meeting time. Bring lunch, or, for \$5/ person, Jason will order pizza.

OUR CLUB WEBSITE: KAWABONSAI.COM. There you will find documentation and pictures of past meetings and events, our calendar of events, and links to other bonsai groups and their events. At this site is a direct line to **BSF**, the **BSF Convention**, the **US National Bonsai Exhibition** and the **Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show** noted above.

WORLD BONSAI DAY CELEBRATION AT D&L NURSERY ON MAY 8th: Please refer to e-mail I sent under separate cover.

BCOB (Bonsai Club of Brevard) AUCTION AND PICNIC - details TBA.

JASON'S SPRING FESTIVAL AND OUR MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2021.

Jason's Spring Festival, an event held to celebrate his 18 years in business, was a wonderful event, even though the weather hindered the event and far less people attended than usual. Our club member's bonsai tree display was excellent; ; a "Show and Tell" was conducted of each tree on display. . Two demonstrations were held, both led by Mike Rogers - **Initial Styling, and Styling, Repotting, and Grafting**. Both were, as usual, very educational.

Mike completed **initial styling** on my fairly newly obtained dwarf black olive pre bonsai. Detail was provided including where a cut was best made to help develop the apex and why heavy wire was used to bend the trunk. (I obtained this tree last fall as a "raffle win" at Jason's all day "Auction" event.)



Before.

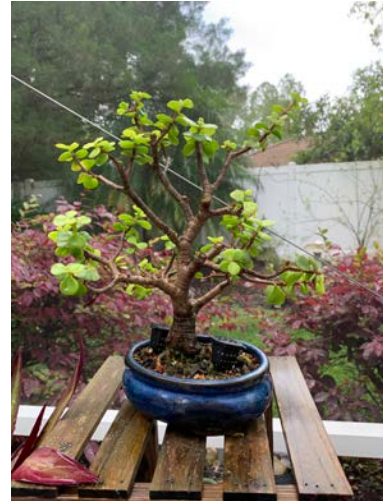


Trunk Wiring.



After

The before picture (on the left below) was taken six weeks ago. During the six weeks it had filled out so much that it was near impossible to see between the “leaves”. The after picture (on the right) was taken this morning. Note the need for fertilizer.



An unexpected bonus was Ben Agresta providing guidance for the styling of my Portulacaria Afra (Elephant Bush) in training (seen above). Trivia #1, according to Ben - Elephants eat them; Trivia #2 - the leaves taste like Granny Apples - true!

Diane Lorber's Parrot's Beak (Tropical Maple) was used for Mike's other demonstration - **styling, repotting, and grafting.**

Diane purchased it in 2011. It was styled with David DeGroot in 2015 at a "Bring Your Own Tree" Workshop at the BSF Convention. It was potted in 2019. Diane advised that after potting Mike had recommended that she remove the exposed root. As the root cuttings do not sprout, Mike suggested that after removal it be grafted onto. She added, "This was two years in the making. Seeing that the tree needed to be repotted and the perfect time of year, it was time to do all of this" (now). "I did a brief trimming, removing some old leaves. Knowing that it needed to be wired and not sure how it would be planted once the root was removed, I decided to hold off. Wise choice!. Mike took it out of the pot, sawed off the root, and separated it from the main root ball. He trimmed the roots of the tree and now seeing a root hidden by the exposed root he decided to turn the front of the tree. He shortened and changed the apex, removed branches, trimmed and wired branches. He repotted it back into the same pot."

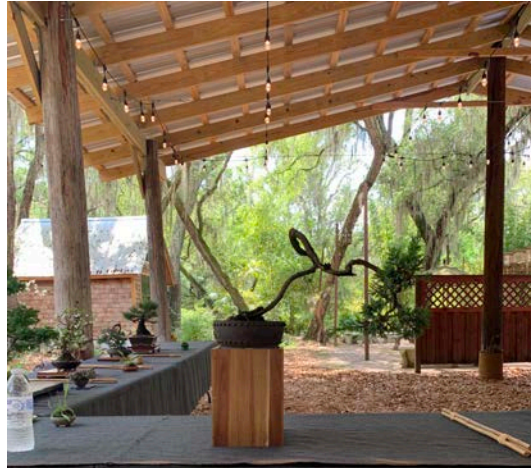
Then, "next he trimmed the roots on the root cutting. He notched the tip. Using a separate Parrot's Beak for the graft, Mike peeled the cambium on two sides of a branch and fitted it into the notch. He then wired it in place tightly and applied wound sealer. The sacrifice branch and root cutting will stay together until they mend and start growing. Stay tuned!"



Top left -original tree prior to demonstration. Top right & bottom left -views of graft. Bottom right original tree styling and repotted



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY CLUB TREE FOR DISPLAY AT BSF CONVENTION: Ryan Frye's "Literarti" styled tree has been chosen by our membership to be displayed.



BSF CONVENTION: Theme: Movement and Style “A discussion of Art and Bonsai”. Register asap as some Workshops were filling up fast and many may already be closed. Consider serving as a volunteer. Clubs receive money for volunteer hours worked by their members. A Volunteer Form is available on line. Don't hesitate to call Mark, our Treasurer and BSF Trustee with questions. The Convention is May 28-30th. Volunteers are also needed on the 27th to help with set up. Only registered individuals may participate in Workshops and observe Workshops and Demonstrations. The Exhibit and Vendor Areas are open to the public, so if you are not able to attend the Convention, stop by and visit these areas.

ALL DAY SJMMER FESTIVAL - JULY 17th - details TBA at a later date. However, there will be demonstrations, food available, etc. This is one of Jason's three planned full day events each year. (The fourth major event is our Club's Joy of Bonsai.)

POTTERY WORKSHOP - 3 Sessions: (Back by popular demand) - **July 17th and August 21st** actual pot development - formation thru glazing led by Rob Addonizio.. our member and owner of Taiko-Earth Pottery. **Sept 18th** - planting if you want and presentation, by Ryan Frye on Companion Plants. **Full cost of Workshop is \$75/ person.** This fee includes all supplies and instruction. Each Workshop participant is given a container of clay; it is the participant's choice as to how many pots they choose to make. **Sessions 1 and 2 are limited to 10 participants.**

US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION, ROCHESTER, NY - September 11th and 12th - draws artists from all over the world. In 2019 I attended demonstrations led by an artist from Japan, and another led by artists from Australia. The fee is nominal. There is a link on our website with information that includes accommodations. In 2019 free transportation was provided from the hotels to the Exhibition Center. The hotels provided transportation to and from the airport. The tree Exhibition Area and Vendor Area are huge and include representation from all over the US.

WINTER SILHOUETTE BONSAI SHOW, KANNAPOLIS, NC - Dec 4th and 5th - There is no registration fee. There are ample accommodations nearby. You do need a car for transportation, or plan on Uber, etc. There is a link on our Website to this event.

JASON'S ALL DAY AUCTION EVENT - Oct 16th. - details TBA for this event that was such a success last year.

Check our Website - **kawabonsai.com**. The Administrator, our own member, and full time college student, Benjamin Lorber, assures it is always up to date.

Our Facebook site: **Kawa Bonsai Society**. (Benjamin and Jason serve as Administrators for this site.)

Our Instagram site: **KawaBonsaiSociety**

And, last but certainly not least.....

CONGRATULATIONS to our members who have been accepted as Exhibitors at the BSF Convention.....

Primary Club Members: **Mike Rogers, Kevin Richardson, and Diane Lober**
and

Secondary Club Members: **Rob Kempinski (BSOB), and Joe Stumpf (NFBC)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne (Florio), Secretary

