



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY

MONTHLY NOTES

January 2024

Meeting of January 20, 2024

Meeting Call to Order: by Mike Rogers, President

Welcome New Members: Mike introduced Karen Duffy who has been a member for quite a while, but whom due to her teaching schedule at DSC has not been able to previously attend meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reminded everyone that we are seeking a new Treasurer. Mark Ceskavich has offered to serve as Interim Treasurer until Joy of Bonsai. Mark, a former club Treasurer will provide a orientation to the presto who assumes this role. This position is a Board position. **Mark** advised that as of today we gave 48 members. He also provided the number of registrants for JOB and each of it's Workshops as of today.

BSF Trustee's Report: Mark advised that the new BSF website is now up. The BSF Convention is being held May 24-26th at the Florida Hotel in the Florida Mall in Orlando. Guest Artist's for this 50th Year celebration are: Headliners: Walter Pall, from Germany, who will be assisted by Jennifer Prince (he was her mentor), Mauro Steinberger, from Italy, In addition Florida Artists Ed Trout, and Reggie and Cosette Perdue will be participating.. Club Night will again be held ob Saturday night; there is ho theme this year. Club trees are again being sought; the submission form will be posted on the website with the deadline for submission. Hotel and Volunteer registration is now available. General registration and Workshop registration will be posted in the near future,

Kawa 2024 Programs and Field Trips: Jason Schley said he and Eddie Danow are currently working on planning them for the entire year. A priority is an educational and fun Pontoon Boat Trip on the St John's River. The boats hired will be from the Highland Fish Camp.. Jason said he will Captain one boat; if we have another, , Greg Fisher said, with enough advance notice he will pilot he other.

Jason and Eddi8e are also exploring a trip to Weigert's Nursery. Car pooling would be necessary. Person's who drive would be paid for a full tank of gas. This would be an all day trip. A few members asked if it would be possible to also stop at Mike Lane's.

Schley's. Bonsai and Supplies Upcoming Events: Jason said he plans to have a Workshop every month on the first Saturday of the month. All Workshops are \$45 plus the cost of a tree, or \$90 if you bring your own tree. There is a \$10 fee to observe. Planned to date are:

Feb - Ed Trout - Bald Cypress
March - Jason - Black Pine
April - TBA
May - Abner Cruz - Neea Buxifolia

JOB 2024 Update: Mike and Jeanne addressed the need for additional club member participation; more volunteers are needed. Items for both the live and silent auctions and raffles are needed (these are scheduled to be held both Saturday and Sunday.). Space is still available in some Workshops, Rob Kempinski President of BCOB will be filling the demo spot on Sunday morning, The Vendor will be charging \$12 per meal; she will be collecting the money directly i.e., we will to be doing presales.

Upcoming Programs and Events:

BSF Convention - Memorial. Day Weekend

Questions and Answers: None

Other: Mike asked for approval for \$2500 maximum to purchase supplies for a 12X10 shed for us (our supplies would no longer be kept in Jason's trailer). Jason can purchase all of the supplies (wood, etc) to build the shed for \$1500. The shed will have the same kind of roof as Jason's pole barn, The shed will be built by club members who are able to volunteer their time. The remaining \$1000 will be used to purchase shelves; it is not anticipated that the full amount will be needed.

"Show and Tell" - was held.

Program: 8 Club Members participated in the Club level BSF Scholarship Styling Contest. Congratulations to the winner Eddie Danow!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Florio, Secretary
KAWA Bonsai Society.

