



KAWA BONSAI SOCIETY

MONTHLY NOTES

February 2024

Meeting of February 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Rogers.

New Member: Tim Tilton joined during Joy of Bonsai; he was not able to be present at today's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: None; Mike reminded everyone that Mark Ceskavich had stated that he would "fill in" until JOB was over; the Treasurer position is open. Mark has offered to provide a thorough orientation, Contact Mike or Mark if your are interested. Reggie Arsenault said he would like to know more; he has berry involved with a number of nob=profit organizations

Report of 2/17/24 Board Meeting: Mike advised that it is recommended b Mark Ceskavich that we have a person responsible for membership; this would assist the Treasurer by maintaining s record of membership, This would not be a Board position. No other business discussed.

BSF Trustee's Report: None this month; Trustee is visiting another club in District 6 this month.

KAWA 2024 Programs and Field Trips: Jason Schley, VP, advised that he and Eddie Danow planned the following:

Programs:

March - Angelica Ramariz presentation -artist fee \$200.

April - Schley's bonsai and Supplies Spring Fling event; Members 20% off; Members display our trees. Darryl and Diane will be asked to set up display. Demos will be held.

May - Forest Class by Jason -artist fee \$150. Any cost to workshop attendees will be shared at a later date.

June - Introduction to the Art of Display - Ryan Frye - artist fee \$50.

July - Root Over Rock - Part II - Jason - no discussion of fee — goal is to have persons who attended Part I attend this follow-up class

August - Black Olive Demo - Jason - artist fee \$70.

Sept - "Bring Your Own Tree" Workshop - artist and fee TBA

Oct - Soil Science, Seasonal Fertilization, Micronutrients, Ph, etc - Jason - artist fee not shared

Nov . Deciduous Care - no artist or fee identified

Dec - Christmas Party - again with White Elephant. Members voted to pay Jason for the cost of the Brisket he will purchase. Coordinator needed for organizing food members will donate.

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Jan - Preparing trees for JOB exhibit - including mossing - artist not identified

Field Trips. (As many tips as possible will be scheduled on a Sunday as that is Jason's day off)

Pontoon Boat Trip - Feb 25th, Club will pay for boats; members pay for own lunch.

No dates have been identified as yet for the following:

March - Leu Gardens - some members suggested during the Camellia event (NOTE: was held in January_

April - Big Tree Park in Longwood

May - Bulow State Park. (Live oak)

June - Turtle Stage Park

July - 4th of July Cookout

Also suggested:

World Bonsai Day at D&L in May

Multiclub Picnic in October in Brevard Co.

EFG Orchids

Weigert's Nursery

Mike Lane

"Get together" with Forest, Tallahassee and VillagesClubs

Schley's Bonsai & Supplies Upcoming Events:

April 20th - Spring Fling (see info above. (This event will be held on our meeting day, We will still have a meeting, Members are asked to display trees and assist with the event.)

Joy of Bonsai 2024: Report:

There was minimal discussion. Concerns expressed were need for more club membership participation, the planned auctions and raffles were not held; It rained on Sunday. Ryan Frye requested that we have a sign(s) in the exhibit asking attendees not to touch the items on exhibit as items were moved about,

Recommendations for JOB 2025:

Increased Club Member participation

Exhibit Signs - Do Not Touch

A Plan B - pre Jason

A Sponsor Ad Book to include schedule of events, artist info, etc - per Jeanne

Each display include information about tree, as species, years in training, owner - per Abner Cruz

An evaluation form to be completed by attendees with recommendations for future speakers - per Jeanne

Upcoming Programs and Events: Mike shared...

Forrest Bonsai Club - 1st Bonsai Exhibit - Feb 24th - 11am to 3pm

BSF Convention - Mary 24-26th. Trees for Exhibit must be submitted by April 7th - submission form on website. **** New BSF Website is up

Questions and Answers: None

Other:

Congratulations to Mike Rogers who had a tree accepted for display in Epcot

Some members requested that we bring the same tree four times a year to work on to learn/reinforce season care. It was suggested this be started in April, I.e, - April, July, Oct, and Jan; this tree(s) could potentially be an exhibit tree for JOB 2025. Members present approved.

“Show and Tell” was held

Program: Native Hackberry: It's specific growth habits, challenges and rewards working with the species - Jason

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Pontoon Boat Ride Field Trip: was held on February 25th; two boats were hired; 12 club members participated, A fun trip. Pictures have been posted on the Kawa Facebook page - Kawa Bonsai Society.

We thank all the members from other Bonsai Clubs who helped make JOB 2024 a success! We hope to again see you at JOB 2025.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th, noon to 4pm. Our guest speaker will be Angelica Rameriz. Don't forget to bring a tree(s) for “Show and Tell” and to work on.

‘Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Florio Secretary
Kawa Bonsai Society