



The Bent Twig

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ABAS Meeting: Tuesday, April 24th with guest bonsai artist Larry White

Larry's love of Bonsai began in 1993 when his wife, Karen, bought him a small juniper bonsai as a Father's Day gift. He realized that there had to be special way to prune and style bonsai, so he checked out a book from the local library to learn more. In that book, he saw what actual bonsai looked like and immediately had to have more of these beautiful plants for himself.

Larry took his first bonsai classes from Johnny Uchida at San Lorenzo Adult School, and then joined Midori Bonsai Club in early 1994 and is now President of this exceptional club. Johnny told him that old junipers could be found and collected from the wild and be used as bonsai material. The first Midori meeting Larry attended, a collecting trip to the Mojave Desert was announced, and he was all over it. He partnered with another member, Doug Philips, and together they collected trees for years. Along with desert and mountain collecting, Larry also enjoys urban collecting and has collected many different species of trees. His current collection is about 75% collected trees, and he has personally collected the majority of them.

Larry has practiced the art of bonsai diligently for the last 18 years. He has taken many "Master" level workshops and has given many bonsai demonstrations. Over the years, he has found that he likes junipers (especially Procumbens Junipers), oaks, redwoods, and cypress. He really enjoys working on Boxwoods and has studied their development into a classic California "Oak Style" tree, which is the subject he will be sharing with us at the April 24th meeting.

Larry lives in Sunnyvale, California with his wife Karen and his two teenage children Steven and Crystal. His other interests include the designing and creation of custom gold leaf glass signs. See some of his work at: <http://www.walljewelry.com/>





Another of Larry White's impressive trees.

Our bus trip chairperson, Amanda Atkinson, asked me to send this update on our annual bus trip.

THE BEST OF THE BAY TOUR!

Itinerary: Yabusakis Dwight Way Nursery, GSBF Collection North, Johnny Uchida's Grove Way Nursery, and other stops along the way.

Date: Sunday, April 29.

Place: Meet at the Garden and Arts Center

Time: 08:00 AM

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Bring: Your lunch and money to spend! This is a great opportunity.

Club will provide: coffee and donuts for the morning and wine for the afternoon

Please contact Amanda at amanda_atkinson@yahoo.com or phone (916) 647-7461.

As time is getting short, please sign-up with Amanda as soon as possible. There are 40 seats available. The last chance will be at the April meeting.



President's Message
by Paul Holtzen

Once again congratulations to all of us on a great Spring Show. Special Thanks to Greg for organizing a beautiful exhibit of trees and to Bob Bugay for helping improve the quality of our tree prep and display. I had several comments from people that our trees looked better than ever! Thanks to Greg for seeing that we got new show backdrops. They are a huge improvement. Special thanks to Ken for planning and organizing the construction of the backdrops and to Tina for sewing all the fabric. Thanks to everyone else who spent time working on the project. Thanks to Marilyn, and Kathy and their helpers who insured that we ate well during the show. Thanks to Ramona, John, Bill, and everyone else who helped with the sales area. We had a very successful sale! Thanks to Renee and Timm for a smoothly run and profitable raffle. Thanks to Barbara and Jill for the tree labels. Thanks to everyone who volunteered as gate sitters and floor docents at the show. Anytime one attempts a list someone will be accidently overlooked so a big thanks to the whole club. Congratulations on a job well done!

Let's pledge to continuing to make our show better each year!

Paul

Some trees displayed at our 2012 Spring Show:





Guest artist John Thompson working on Boxwood
During Saturday's demonstration.



April 24th - General Meeting

Larry White, Midori Bonsai Club of San Jose, will transform a beautiful collected Boxwood. Larry has practiced the art of bonsai for the last 18 years. He has taken many "Master" level workshops and has given many bonsai demonstrations. Over the years, he has found that he likes junipers (especially Procumbens Junipers), oaks, redwoods, and cypress. He really enjoys working on Boxwoods and has studied their development into a classic California "Oak Style" tree. This is the subject he will be sharing with us at the April 24th meeting. [Click here](#) to read more about Larry and see pictures from his collection.

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May 23 - General Meeting

Bob Shimon, [Mendocino Coast Bonsai](#), will present the program. Bob's artistry with California natives is well known to members of our club and the entire bonsai community. Bob will be styling a beautiful Sierra Juniper.

June 9 - Annual Home tour

There will be 7 collections on display, some open all day and some morning or afternoon only. Interested members should sign up at the March, April or May meeting. A lists of the collections, with addresses, will then be e-mailed to participants. Members can plot their own tour choosing as many or as few collections as they wish to visit. Contact Don Brown/Andy Volkerts at dwb100@frontiernet.net

June 26 - General Meeting

Club members, Paul Holtzen and Greg McDonald will conduct their yearly workshop for defoliating and wiring deciduous trees, primarily native oaks. Members, bring your trees!

July 24th - Annual Luau

July is time to get together for good food and good company. The Luau is a potluck with the main course and drinks provided by the club and members sharing a side dish and/or dessert. As the date approaches, details will be provided.

August 28th - General Meeting

Club member, Timm Johnson, presents a program on olive defoliation. Members, bring your olives!

September 25 - General Meeting

Ted Matson presents the program. Ted is one of the most highly respected teachers and demonstrators in the bonsai community. Demonstration material is to be determined but will most likely be shohin. Details to follow.

October 23 - General Meeting

There will be no program this meeting. Club members will be working on the GSBF Convention 2012 which opens on Wednesday, October 24th.

November 27 - General Meeting

A program for this meeting is pending. Details to follow.

December - Christmas Party

Details to follow.



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Please note: The Amador Bonsai Society Show scheduled for May 5th has been cancelled. There will be a show In Jackson on June 23rd and 24th.