



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday April 28th, American Bonsai Association of Sacramento will hold an Auction featuring items donated to the club by the late Dan Buckley. Items include pots, stands, scrolls and books. Our meeting is open to anyone to attend but you must be a member of ABAS to bid on auctioned items. Our treasurer will be on hand to sign up any new members prior to the auction on Tuesday.

For April Show & Tell please bring in Spring color and any trees Dan Buckley helped style or were obtained from him.

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At our last meeting Tuesday March 24th Bob Shimon gave us the scoop on care and styling of Pygmy Cypress trees. His Mendocino Coast Bonsai specializes in these trees and collected Coast Redwoods and Sierra Junipers. Bob heavily styled a very nice cypress which was raffled at the close of the meeting. In addition to Bob's demonstration we were treated to yet another spectacular Show & Tell presented by our own members. Thanks to all for making this a very informative and entertaining meeting.

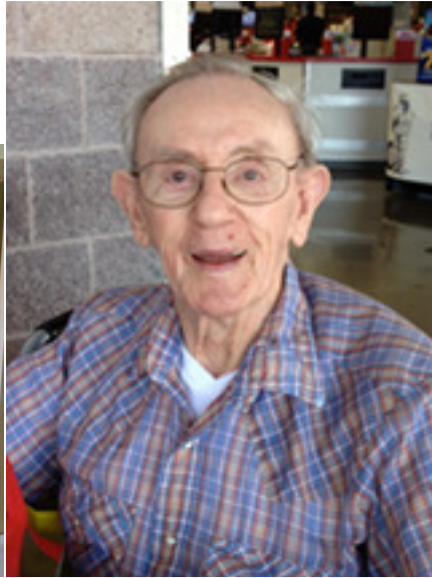


Club News and Announcements:

ABAS Founding Member Dan Buckley (1923-2014) passed away last year. Here is the article posted on the Golden Sate Bonsai Association's Website.

In 1960, **Dan Buckley** was American Bonsai Association, Sacramento's second President. His dedication to ABAS and the art and hobby of bonsai continues to contribute and inform us all. The gifts he gave us can be seen in the bonsai, saikei, and bonkei publications he helped create in the late 1960's, the classes he provided to those who are now our more senior members, and in his numerous acts of kindness over the years that helped give this club its quality of spirit. Early on, Dan's vision of 'Bonsai as Art' drove him to step up the quality of our displays. While serving as Program Chair in 1963, Dan Buckley and Ken Buchanan created and donated the first backdrops which were used for years afterward at annual shows.

Dan was a kind, accomplished, and fascinating man with a wide range of interests. Those in our club knew him as an editor of the Garden section, with stints at both The Sacramento Bee and The Sacramento Union newspapers, but he was also a world-class yachtsman, mountain climber, ski patroller, author, and friend.



Spring Show 2015 featuring headliner Dan Robinson from Bremerton, Washington State was a great success. As Paul Holtzen proudly stated “Our show gets better every year”. We can all be proud of the overall presentation and tree quality. Of course our most important asset are our members seen “Talking Bonsai” to anyone and everyone interested in our passion. Thank you all for making this a great 56th annual show.





Spring Home Tour is May 30th This year we will visit the homes of Kathleen O'Donnell, Walt Brainerd, Timm Johnson and Mike & Linda McCurdy. We will meet and carpool from the Safeway parking lot at Alhambra and J Street. The club will provide lunch for everyone at Mike & Linda's. Additional details and a sign-up sheet will be made available at the April 28th Meeting.

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

<http://abasbonsai.org/index.html>

Sat & Sun April 25 & 26 - Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Show

Tuesday April 28, Dan Buckley's gift to ABAS, an auction of his bonsai items for club members only.

Sat & Sun May 2 and 3 - Sacramento Bonsai Club, 69th Annual Bonsai & Suiseki Show

Sat & Sun May 16, 17 - Satsuki Aikokai of Sacramento, Annual Bonsai Show

Tuesday May 26, Tree Improvement Program w/ Bob Bugay

Saturday May 30, Home Tour Details above.

Tuesday June 23, Summer Social 'Fiesta'