



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

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Tuesday April 24th, Member Profile Clarence Smith Please join us for a very special evening celebrating the many years and countless hours of devoted time, experience and skill put forth for our club by our long time member and friend Clarence Smith. Clarence will help us celebrate the event by bringing in and sharing his special trees and his other passion Suiseki Viewing Stones. You may or may not know, Clarence is also an accomplished photographer and all of the Gallery Pictures of our show trees posted on our website are his donation to the club archives.



Clarence with his trademark hat.

And to round out the evening we will have a retrospective photographic presentation by your newsletter editor, Mark Mendenhall, featuring 3 years of ABAS Home Tours. With the next installment of the Home Tour scheduled for May 26, this will surely encourage everyone to attend.

The Formal Tree Display will feature one of Clarence's trees as well.

For the Pre-Meeting series at 6:00, John will have some pictures and a lively talk on his collecting trip to Oroville with Scott Chadd. John won the trip through our Power of One raffle at our Holiday Party. We'll have some time during the Pre-Meeting to offer help on your trees too. Bring them in for some suggestions and answers to your questions.

For Show and tell, let's see those Azaleas and any trees you may have that Clarence has contributed to the design.

At our last Meeting, Tuesday March 27, Bob Bugay continued his Tree Improvement Program. Bob takes us through design considerations, pot selection, tree care and a variety of other useful information using the trees brought in by members as the discussion anchor. This discussion is always entertaining.



Kathleen, Renee and Lucy talked about Companion (accent) plants for our Pre-Meeting Study Group. We had a great Show & Tell featuring many of the trees brought in for TIPs.



Bob presented his version of the Formal Tree display featuring a very nice display stand he recently acquired.



Saturday March 24th was our Annual Bus Trip We had a great trip to several bonsai displays and nurseries starting off with Boon's and then Dave Chimkey's home gardens in Hayward, Then off to Jonas Dupuich's in Alameda and finishing off at the Collection North at Lake Merritt and the BABA Show at the Lake Merritt Garden Center. It was a full day of bonsai and friends. Here are a few pictures.



Boon's



Dave's



Jonas's



Most of the Group

Our Board for 2017-18

President – Renee Seely

Vice President – Kathleen O'Donnell

Treasurer – Sylvia Anderson

Recording Secretary – John Cota

Corresponding Secretary – Mark Mendenhall

Members at large – Barbara Kelly, Alex Boyle, Timm Johnson

Don't forget our Annual Show April 14&15!! Setup Friday evening with the show featuring Peter Tea Saturday and Sunday 10:00 – 4:00 Here are the demo winner's from Peter at our show in 2016.



Club News and Announcements:

ABAS on Facebook Join us on our very own ABAS Facebook Group Page. Join in the conversation, view and post photos & videos, ask questions and get answers. The more participants the better the resource can be. If you are not a member go to Facebook and search 'American Bonsai Association, Sacramento' and ask to be approved as a member. This is a private group, you will not be exposed to the greater Facebook community through this group.

Club Board & Officer Elections Paul Holtzen has volunteered to be our Election Slate Lead. He is tasked with presenting a slate of potential Board Members and Officers at the May Meeting for elections in June. Now is the time to contact Paul if you are interested in serving our club in a leadership role. Paul will also solicit nominations from the floor at the May Meeting. As many of you know, clubs typically have several key members who perform most of the tasks at hand. New volunteers are always welcome and we have positions specifically designed to introduce new members to the various responsibilities.

2018 Sacramento Area Bonsai Shows

May 5-6, Sacramento Bonsai Club, at the Sacramento Buddhist Church,
2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are Saturday, Noon-5pm, and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Demonstration at 2pm, both days, followed by a raffle.

May 19-20, Satsuki Aikokai (Azaleas only), at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are Saturday, 10am-5pm, and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Demonstration at 1:30pm, both days, followed by a raffle.

Programs and Topics

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details
<http://abasbonsai.org/index.html>

Friday April 13, ABAS Annual Show Set-up

Sat, Sun April 14 & 15, ABAS Annual Show w/Peter Tea, SGAC

Tuesday April 24, Monthly Meeting Member Profile – Clarence Smith & Mark Mendenhall with a Home Tour Retrospective

Sat, Sun May 5-6, Sacramento Bonsai Annual Show, Buddhist Church

Sat May 12, ABAS Pruning & Wiring Deciduous Trees Wokshop

Sat, Sun May 19-20, Satsuki Aikokai Annual Show, SGAC

Tuesday May 22, Monthly Meeting w/John Cota

Saturday May 26, ABAS Home Tour

Tuesday June 26, ABAS Monthly Meeting, Round Robin Demos, Elections, Power of One

Tuesday July 24, Monthly Meeting w/Garrett Ryan

Tuesdat August 28, ABAS Bonsai Auction and Bazaar

Sat, Sun Aug 25-26, Redwood Empire Bonsai Annual Show, Santa Rosa

Tuesday Sept 25, Monthly Meeting w/Jennifer Price, Conifer Styling

Tuesday Oct 23, Monthly Meeting w/Jonas Dupuich

Wed – Sun October 24-28, GSBF Convention McClelland Air Park, Sacramento

Tuesday Nov 27, Monthly Meeting w/Boon Manakitivipart

December TBA, ABAS Holiday Party