



# The Bent Twig

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Dedicated to learning, enjoying and promoting of bonsai.

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## Our August demonstration tree!



Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> ABAS Meeting featuring **Jim Gremel** styling this field-grown Shimpaku juniper...a meeting you won't want to miss!  
This is going to be a nice addition to any collection.

*Refreshments provided by Blanche Bradley.*



Close-up of the shimpaku's trunk.

## UPCOMING BONSAI EVENTS

**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Viewing/Bidder Sign-Up begins at 1pm ~ Auction starts at 2pm  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**ABAS Annual Auction**

**Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7pm featuring JIM GREMEL

**Monthly ABAS Meeting**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Veterans Memorial Building, 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday.  
Demonstrations 1:30-3:30 both days by bonsai master Kathy Shaner.

**Redwood Empire Bonsai Society Show**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Plan to donate to this annual event, and better yet...come and help out!

**Sheppard Garden Center Fall Sale**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10am-5pm Saturday and 10am-4pm Sunday. Demonstrations both days at 1:30.

Representing the American Bonsai Association, Sacramento Bonsai Club, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai and the Satsuki Aikokai Association.

**Capital City Bonsai Show**

*Feel free to copy and distribute the flyer on the next page.*

# Bonsai Auction



Sunday August 21  
Shepard Garden and Arts Center  
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**  
Viewing/bidder sign up 1 PM  
Sale starts at 2 PM  
More info at [abasbonsai.org](http://abasbonsai.org)

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## Presidents Message

By: Paul Holtzen



Thought I'd cool everyone off with a picture of my oak last winter!

August is a busy bonsai month! Sunday August 21 is our annual bonsai auction. This is the first time holding it on a Sunday afternoon instead of a weekday evening. Let's hope it works out. We still need volunteers to help with the auction, especially runners and back room staff, so let me know soon if you can help

Tuesday August 23 is our regular monthly meeting and its one you won't want to miss. The talented Jim Gremel will be our guest styling a wonderful small shimpaku juniper that was field grown in the yamadori style by Steve Price of Lone Pine Gardens. Bring whatever money you have left over from the auction to buy raffle tickets because you're going to want to take this one home! Saturday and Sunday, August 27 & 28 is the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society annual show at the Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Rosa, Ca. This, in my opinion, the best bonsai show put on by any club anywhere (but we're gaining on them). They usually have a great members sales area and rumor has it that this year the owners of a couple of the best collections in REBS are putting some really nice trees in the sale!

I enjoy it when I get to visit other people's bonsai collections. One thing I often notice is that most people don't feed or water their trees enough. Don't be afraid of over watering. If you're using the correct, free draining, non-organic, bonsai soil it is impossible to water too much, especially in our hot climate.

Try to get into the habit of feeding your trees regularly, too. Feed at least every other week at a minimum during the growing season. Your trees should be a vibrant green and growing, not weak looking and stunted.

~ Paul

