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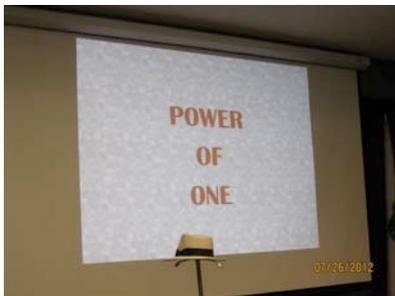


The Bent Twig

Dedicated to the learning, enjoying and promoting of bonsai

Power of One – GSBF Convention

Timm Johnson, winner of last year's Power of One GSBF Convention registration gave members a brief overview of last year's convention with a wonderful power point presentation. We all experienced what happens at a state convention – including a view of workshops (trident maple, shimpaku, black pine and crape myrtle to name a few of the 16 workshops) as well as a snapshot of the show trees and demonstrations. Thanks for sharing your experience with us Timm!



Congratulations to Vince and Kathy Owyong – the winners of the Power of One drawing for 2012. They will receive one full registration to the Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention which will be held in Sacramento from October 25th to October 28th. We look forward to

hearing about their experience at the convention at a later date.

Annual Luau

Our annual Luau took place Tuesday, July 24th and everyone had a terrific time. Thanks to Ramona and John Cota for chairing the event and to all the folks who helped decorate, set up and make the dinner a success.



American Bonsai Association Sacramento



Paul remarked that our trees have gotten better and better and our shows have improved under the show chairmanship of Greg McDonald. Paul thanked all members for their support over the past two years and offered congratulations to the new club officers:

Dino Pappademos – President
Kathy O'Donnell – Vice President
Renee Seely – Treasurer
Del Bane – Recording Secretary
Barbara Kelley – Corresponding Secretary
Members at Large: Timm Johnson, John Cota, Doc Ward, and Paul Holtzen

Greg McDonald presented outgoing President Paul Holtzen with a gift from the club – a beautiful bonsai stand. Greg thanked Paul for his hard work and for being a great example of bonsai excellence.



Outgoing President Paul Holtzen was honored and thanked for his stewardship of the club during the past two years.



ABAS Auction – August 28th

The club will host our annual member auction, in place of the monthly meeting, on August 28, 2012 at the Garden Center. Set up will begin at 5:30 and sellers may bring their trees and other bonsai items between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to preview trees between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and the auction will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Paul Holtzen and John Cota will be our auctioneers so it will be an entertaining evening which we hope will move swiftly. Auction materials will include beginner, novice and advanced plant materials as well as pots, tools, Suiseki viewing stones and other bonsai related items!

No matter what your skill level, this is a wonderful opportunity to acquire new trees at reasonable prices. If you are ready to say goodbye to some of your trees, please get a seller number from our new Treasurer, Renee Seely (call Renee at (916) 929-2106 or e-mail her at breadcrust@comcast.net). Seller numbers and forms are currently available on the website. Seller numbers must be obtained 24 hours in advance of the sale and no seller numbers will be issued the night of the auction.

If you can volunteer to help at the auction, please come at 5:30 p.m. on the night of the auction. We still need help with the back holding area, and runners to move auctioned items between the selling floor and the back room.

Refreshments

Richard Kowalsky has volunteered to bring refreshments in August; but please remember that we will have a larger than usual audience, so everyone is invited to bring refreshments to share with members and guests.

Shepard Garden and Arts – Fall Sale

The Shepard Garden and Arts Center will hold it's annual Fall Sale on October 6th and 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. Participation is expected from all clubs which use the Center so there will be a huge variety of items for sale – from plants to jewelry to various art works. For more information, please go to the Garden Center website: <http://www.sgaac.org>.

ABAS will not host a table this year, but members are invited to take items to the center if they wish to sell anything. There will be no club fee deducted from member sales so all money will stay with the member.

Newsletter

Our newsletter delivery system will change in August for members who have access to the internet. The newsletter will be posted on the website and members will be sent an e-mail reminding you that the newsletter is ready to view and giving you a link which will take you directly to the website. Those members who do not have access to the internet will continue to receive the newsletter in the mail.

Upcoming Activities

August 28 th	ABAS Annual Auction
September 25 th	ABAS Club Meeting – Ted Matson Demo
October 23 rd	ABAS Club Meeting – Prep for GSBF
October 25 th	GSBF Convention

