



THE BENT TWIG

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On Tuesday, August 26th, our own Bob Bugay will present a new type of demonstration at our monthly meeting. He will be introducing the “Tree Improvement Program” or TIP. At this meeting, everyone is invited to bring one of their trees that they feel challenged with. During the program, Bob or another experienced member will offer suggestions to improve the design or even the health of the tree. About 5 minutes of helpful suggestions will be offered on each tree. As members come to the meeting that night, they will be given a number and their trees will be reviewed in numerical order. This is the first time we will try this type of program and we encourage everyone to bring one of their problem trees for some good advice!

On Tuesday, September 23rd, we will be holding our annual Auction! This is a wonderful annual event where you can pick up some beautiful trees, sometimes at great prices. It's also an excellent opportunity to rotate the trees in your collection, selling some of the ones you're ready to let go to a new home. Set-up is at 5:30, viewing at 6 PM and the auction will begin at 6:30. Information on forms and procedures will be emailed to all members soon.

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On Tuesday, July 22nd, one of our favorite bonsai experts, Kathy Shaner, joined us for an excellent demonstration on a 20 year old Kishu Juniper. Over the years, this tree has been developed into a very nice form and Kathy used her considerable talent to transform it even further and take it to the next level. This demonstration reinforced our knowledge of the basics, and introduced some of the more intermediate and advanced techniques that helped everyone bring some extra refinement to their own trees. The lucky winner of the beautiful result was Bill Burns. Congratulations, Bill!

