



THE BENT TWIG

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August 25th Meeting to feature Juan Cruz presenting on the Literati Style Our meeting Tuesday August 25th will feature a demonstration by our Sacramento native Juan Cruz. Juan will style the pine shown below with emphasis and commentary on the Literati (Bunjin) style. Juan started his bonsai career right here in Sacramento with ABAS. The year was 1995. He moved to the Bay Area and joined the Midori Bonsai Club. At Midori, he took workshops from Kathy Shaner and became inspired to pursue the art. He further developed his skills in Japan at Mansei-En bonsai nursery in Bonsai-Cho, Omiya. Juan is currently active with the Golden State Bonsai Federation.



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At our last meeting Tuesday July 22nd We presented our Member Trifecta featuring Timm Johnson on Azalea summer care, Doc Ward on leaf pruning and defoliation and Roger Steele on Black Pine candle pruning and care. I think everyone learned something they didn't know about each subject and many of us learned a lot! We didn't have a demo tree to raffle so Dino picked out two very nice azaleas that were raffled at the close of the meeting.





Beginner Topic Sessions We have many new members who are also new to bonsai. To help welcome them and pass along needed information, the board will provide beginners informational meetings at 6:30 just before each regular meeting. The first session held July 22 covered typical soil mixes with John and Dino. Now we all know this topic can be an endless discussion of contradictions, however our two presenters did a good job of covering the basic mixes and why we use them. In August Doc will cover tool care and Dino will show us how to pick a good bonsai tree from the nursery. If you have additional topics you would like covered please tell a Board Member and we will get them on the list.



Juan Cruz Workshop In addition to his demonstration for our meeting Tuesday, Juan will be offering a workshop during the day of August 25 prior to our meeting. It will be at Renee's house, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The cost is \$50.00 for each participant. Bring your own lunch, tools, wire, tree, etc. Silent observers are welcome at no charge. Contact Renee as to last minute openings or silent observer details.

Club News and Announcements:

Cache Creek Stone Collecting Trip Clarence Smith is planning another stone collecting trip to cache creek on July 31st. If anyone is interested in going, let him know by way of email (clarenci@icloud.com) or phone call (916)391-1862). Great opportunity to collect high quality stones!

Name tags We will be set up at the August meeting to make name tags for anyone who does not have one. We have several new members that would appreciate everyone wearing their name tags. Please be sure to wear yours to all meetings and events.

It's getting to be Auction time! Our annual auction will be during our September meeting as usual. It's not too early to prepare your trees for the sale. Sellers will be limited to 10 items, same as last year. As a reminder, the club reimburses the sellers for 80% of the auctioned value with the club paying for sales tax (8.75%) and the balance supporting club activities. For the successful bidder, the auctioned price is the final price. No taxes are added.

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

August 22 & 23, Redwood Empire Bonsai Association Show, Santa Rosa, CA

Tuesday August 25, Juan Cruz workshop.

Tuesday August 25, Bonsai Artist Juan Cruz will cover the Literati Style.

Tuesday September 22, Annual Club Auction, setup 5:30, auction begins 6:30.

October 24 & 25, Capital City Bonsai Show, Shepard Garden Center

Tuesday October 27, Member Shohin Challenge

Tuesday November 24, Fall Tune Up with Doc Ward

Thursday December 17, Holiday Social. This is one of two purely social meetings for the club.

Saturday & Sunday April 9 & 10, 2016. Our Spring Show