



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday August 23rd John and Doc Special Demo's This month John will style a Kiyohime Yatsabusa Japanese Maple while Doc will show us his carving skills on a Korean Hornbeam simulating a lightning strike. This promises to be an exciting and informational meeting with something for everyone. Both trees will be raffled at the close of the meeting. Here is the Korean Hornbeam demo tree.



In addition to the demo trees, John will be bringing some great trees for the raffle. He has provided a the pictures to get us in the raffle mood.



Raffle – Icee Blue Juniper



Raffle – Maple



Raffle - Manzanita



Raffle - Honeysuckle



Raffle – Tam Juniper

For Show & Tell bring us your Junipers, Pines and other conifers.

And if that's not enough, our Pre-Meeting workshop at 6:30 will feature John discussing the selection parameters to picking a front for your bonsai.

Our last meeting July 26th featured Jonas Dupuich Jonas led a discussion centered around everything you might want to know about the Yaupon Holly. He brought in a finished example to show us where he was going with the styling. He covered growth habits, trunk development, branch ramification and wiring techniques. The demonstration tree has good potential and coupled with the suggested techniques from Jonas will soon be a fine example in one lucky collection. The tree was raffled at the close of the meeting. Jonas is the author of many bonsai related articles that can be found on his website: <https://bonsaitonight.com/> Steve Cozens was the lucky winner of the Yaupon Holly.



Power of One Raffle

At our July meeting we also had our 'Power of One' raffle to members in good standing that have contributed to Club activities in some way this past year. The prize was a paid registration to the upcoming Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention to be here in Sacramento at the end of October. Sylvia Anderson was the lucky winner.

Passing of the Gavel

The Club presented Dino with a thank you gift, a very nice display stand, as a token of our appreciation for serving the last 4 years as our President. Thank you Dino, we came a long way with your leadership. As part of the 'passing of the gavel', Dino presented the official ABAS Briefcase to our new President Renee Seely.



OUR BOARD – 2016-17

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Corresponding Secretary – Mark Mendenhall

Members at large – Barbara Kelly, Doc Ward, Timm Johnson

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A Message from our new President Renee Seely

At this time of changing leadership in our club it is good to look back and thank all those who have devoted their time and energy to promoting the mission and goals of the American Bonsai Association, Sacramento. Not only the presidents, Dino Pappademos, Paul Holtzen, Dolores Rauh, of recent, and all those who served as president before, but also the individuals who have taken time from their personal lives to serve on the board of directors and the devoted club members who work behind the scene to make sure our club continues to function as a strong, viable group. Like bonsai, our club continues to develop on a strong foundation that has developed over time. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve as president.

Looking forward, our new board has great ideas to provide members with opportunities for learning bonsai techniques, acquiring good materials, and for inspiration to fuel your creativity. The board is working on the schedule for 2017. In addition to our monthly meeting programs, it will include the pre-meeting seminars focused on basic bonsai techniques, workshops for developing skills, the annual bus trip, the home tour, etc. We welcome suggestions from members about programs, speakers, etc., they would like to see included. It will be an exciting year!

Club News and Announcements:

Meeting Refreshments Please consider bringing in refreshments for one or more of our upcoming meetings. I think we all enjoy these snacks during the meeting but they don't happen by themselves. The Club provides funds for the items, we just need volunteers to do it. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the next meeting.

Programs and Topics

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Sat 8/20 & Sun 8/21, Redwood Empire Bonsai Show, Santa Rosa

Tuesday August 23, Kiyohime Yatsabusa Maple Styling (John) & Korean Hornbeam Carving (Doc) with extra raffle prizes.

Tuesday September 27, ABAS Annual Auction

Tuesday October 25, Bjorn Bjorholm Demo

Thursday – Sunday October 27 - 30, GSBF Convention, Double Tree Inn, Sacramento

Tuesday November 22, Bob Bugay Tree Improvement Program (TIP's)

December, Annual Holiday Party, Gift Exchange, Tree Decorating Contest

Kathleen and Renee are working on the 2017 Program Calendar. Any suggestions please contact them soon.