



# THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento  
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**Tuesday August 22nd Steve Cozens, All about Oaks (Quercus)** Steve Cozens is our resident expert on Oaks of all kinds. You won't want to miss his talk and brief demo covering 3 types of oaks, similarities and differences, propagation of oaks, pruning, styling and seasonal care. If we're lucky he will have some acorns for us to take home and start our own tree. Steve has also donated this beautiful Coast Live Oak for our raffle grand prize. Thank you Steve!



Doc will continue the Pre-Meeting Study Group series on seasonal care at 6:00pm.

For Show & Tell, Bring us your Oaks and any trees in fruit or bloom.

**Our Last Meeting July 25<sup>th</sup>, Jerry Braswell** We had Jerry Braswell come down from the foothills to give us his perspective on viewing stones, Suiseki and a briefing on his extensive fine woodworking skills for both Bonsai Stands and Daiza for Suiseki. We had a full house and the program was excellent. Here are a couple pictures.



Jerry is available to create the perfect stand for your stone or bonsai.

Doc talked about deciduous and pine trees at the Pre-Meeting Study Group, We had a tremendous Show and Tell display and Paul was the lucky winner of the Bonsai Stand donated by Jerry. Thanks to all for a great evening.



## **Our New Board for 2017-18**

President – Renee Seely

Vice President – Kathleen O'Donnell

Treasurer – Sylvia Anderson

Recording Secretary – John Cota

Corresponding Secretary – Mark Mendenhall

Members at large – Barbara Kelly, Alex Boyle, Timm Johnson

Past President - Dino Pappademos

**New Member Study Group, Date Change** Renee will host a study group, BYOB (Bring Your Own Bonsai), for new members at her home on Saturday, September 16, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. She will have a host of talent to assist with all your needs including Timm, Phong and Kathleen. Renee even has a cool garage if the hot weather continues. There will be donuts, coffee and bottled water provided. Bring your own snacks and lunch if you like. You'll need your tools, the club will have wire for small projects. Sign-ups will be taken at the August Meeting.

## **Club News and Announcements:**

**SGAC Representative Member Steve Egan** Thank you Steve for fulfilling this club obligation to the Garden Center and keeping us informed of all the happenings at the Center.

**SGAC Fall Sale** The Fall Sale is Saturday and Sunday October 7&8. Renee will lead the charge and will need some help to setup and staff the table during sale hours. We are asking each member to find something in your garden shed or plant collection to donate to the club for the sale. The items will help raise funds to pay our share of the costs to operate and rent the Garden Center. Members may also sell items on consignment. Please bring your items to the sale Saturday morning or to our September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Garden Center Cleanup Day Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – Noon** The Garden Center is planning a cleanup day Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Cleanup will include the courtyard garden, storage cabinets, dusting, kitchen etc. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to this effort 8:00 - Noon.

**ABAS on Facebook** Join us on our very own ABAS Facebook Group Page. Join in the conversation, view and post photos & videos, ask questions and get answers. The more participants the better the resource can be. If you are not a member go to Facebook and search 'American Bonsai Association, Sacramento' and ask to be approved as a member. This is a private group, you will not be exposed to the greater Facebook community through this group.

**Capital City Bonsai Show** The Capital City Bonsai Show is a collaborative show put on by all four Sacramento Area Bonsai Clubs to raise funds to support the GSBF Gardens primarily at Lake Merritt in Oakland. We have this show when the GSBF Convention is not in our area. This year the show is on October 21 & 22 at the Garden Center. John Cota has volunteered to be our club's representative on the Planning Committee. John is actively looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteer from our club that would like to participate in the show planning process. Please consider helping out if you are interested. It's a great opportunity to meet bonsai friends from other clubs.

**Programs and Topics Upcoming events:** Please refer to our website for more details <http://abasbonsai.org/index.html>

**Tuesday August 22, Oaks with Steve Cozens**

**Sat & Sun August 26&27, Redwood Empire Bonsai Society, Annual Show, Santa Rosa**

**Saturday September 16, New Member Study Group at Renee's**

**Tuesday September 26, Doc Ward, Root Over Rock**

**Sat & Sun October 7 & 8, Garden Center Fall Sale**

**Sat & Sun October 21 & 22, Capital City Bonsai Show at the Garden Center**

**Tuesday October 24, Creating Saikei with John Cota**

**Thur-Sun October 26-29, GSBF Convention, Riverside, CA**

**Tuesday November 28, Ron Anderson, Black Pine or Juniper Demo**

**Thursday December 21, ABAS Holiday Party w/Dino doing a Rock Planting!**