



The Bent Twig

A Monthly ABAS Publication - December, 2013

THE AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO

ABAS meets monthly 7 PM the 4th Tuesday - Shepard Garden & Arts Center in McKinley Park
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*ABAS is a Golden State
Bonsai Federation member club*

Would **You** be willing to be the ABAS Hospitality chair? Dino would love to hear from you: frdino@frontiernet.net



The biggest responsibility includes bringing refreshments to our monthly meeting for members to enjoy.

It's now in the budget, so our club Treasurer will immediately reimburse you for costs up to \$50 per meeting!

Come One and All - ABAS Holiday Potluck - Thurs: Dec, 19th
Open at 5:30 PM for set-up • Drinks and finger food at 6 PM • Dinner begins at 6:30 PM.



For the potluck, ABAS members are asked to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert that would serve 6 - 8.

Everyone is to supply their own plate and silverware.

ABAS will supply a prize for the best holiday-decorated bonsai so please bring a festive tree.

Those who wish to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a bonsai related wrapped gift valued at \$20.

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Thursday, December, 19th!

Most of all bring your appetite and good cheer! Main courses are covered. There will be tamales, ABAS will provide the turkey and the Satsuki club will bring a ham.

Our November meeting featured the talents of generous ABAS members who donated their time.



Thanks go to John, Paul, Doc and Dino who styled trees that were then raffled.

Photos by Renee Seely



The Bjorn Identity...

Interested ABAS members are invited to contact me to join in a hands-on work-study session with Bjorn Bjorholm while he is here in February.

While it's still not too late to get booked in an all day workshop that will be held Monday, February, 24th, it's the early birds that will get the worm!

Participating students will supply their own trees and tools. While you may not work on every tree you bring, it's always a good idea to bring at least 3 or 4 trees with you when attending a workshop.

Bjorn's fee is \$ 650 for a full day workshop. Students equally share in covering the cost of the workshop. To clarify, there will be no less than 6 students and no more than 8 participating and contributing to cover the cost of the class. (i.e. \$108 each if 6 students, and \$81.25 each if 8 students)

For lunch, typically students order sandwiches or a pizza and drinks and then all chip in to treat the visiting artist to lunch. The cost of lunch is not included in the fees mentioned above.

ABAS and Gold Country Bonsai applied for a grant from GSBF to help off set the travel expenses in getting Bjorn to Northern California. Bjorn has been studying under contemporary Japanese bonsai master Keiichi Fujikawa in Osaka, Japan since 2008.

You can learn more about Bjorn and preview some of his instructional videos by visiting this site: <http://bjorvalabonsaistudio.com>

Note: If we can't make our minimum of 6 ABAS participants, we'll consider welcoming non-members. To book a slot or ask questions please contact me.

Thanks,
Kathleen koandh@icloud.com



ABAS Year-end

THURS: DEC 19th

Annual ABAS Holiday Party
Potluck Dinner. see article for info

Coming Bonsai Events in 2014

SAT - SUN: JAN 18th -19th

BIB SHOW for info:

<http://bayislandbonsai.com>

TUES: JAN 28th

ABAS monthly meeting 7 PM
Renee Seely will lead a hands-on thread grafting session.

FRI - SUN: JAN 31st - FEB 2nd
The Shohin Seminar - Santa Nella

www.calshohin.org/

SAT-SUN: FEB 22nd & 23rd

Mammoth Fundraiser 2014 at the
GSBF Bonsai Collection at Lake
Merritt. For info:

www.bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com

TUES: FEB 25th

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Internationally known Bonsai

Artist Bjorn Bjorholm will be
our guest artist. Bjorn's visit is
made possible in part through a
GSBF grant. Check him out at:

<http://bjorvalabonsaistudio.com>

ABAS Treasurer's Report

ABAS Treasurer, Renee Seely provided this summary of our 2013 finances to date. It does not include costs for the holiday party.

Current Net Worth = \$9414

For the year 2013 to date:

Income = \$13,498

Expenses = \$11,789

Net Income to date = \$1,709

Audit performed on September 17th, 2013, by Ann Harris. "ABAS accounts are accurate and recorded using standard bookkeeping methodology."

Peter Adams Remembered



English bonsai artist and teacher, Peter Adams was known for his ability to look at raw material, then visualize and illustrate how a tree might look as finished bonsai. Peter, who is survived by his wife Kate, passed away peacefully in his sleep this November.

Ann Harris won the Mendocino Pygmy Cypress and illustration pictured here when Peter Adams was here for an ABAS demo in 2011.

