



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Please join us on Wednesday December 10 for our annual Holiday Social Event Join fellow ABAS members for an awesome potluck, gift exchange, bonsai tree decorating contest, and the opportunity to just socialize for an evening. Invite your friends and family. Turkey and ham are provided by ABAS. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as, a plate and flatware for yourself and your guest(s). The bonsai tree Christmas decorating contest and gift exchange are optional but lots more fun if everyone participates. To participate in the gift exchange, bring a bonsai related wrapped gift, value not to exceed \$20.00. There will be a special prize for the decorated bonsai tree voted best by the audience. Doors open at 5:30 PM for decorating and table set up, drinks and finger food at 6 PM. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM.



Peter Tea featured at our ABAS Meeting Tuesday January 27, 2015 Peter Tea is located in San Jose, and has been involved in the Bonsai community for many years studying primarily under Boon Manakitivitpart initially and later under Mr. Junichiro Tanaka at Aichien Bonsai Garden in Japan. Peter provides many services for your bonsai education and tree improvement efforts. Peter is a member and past president of the Midori Bonsai Club in San Jose. For our Demonstration he is rumored to be styling and

teaching us about the Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus Macrocarpa*) native to California's Monterey Peninsula. This is an unusual bonsai subject that will be raffled at the close of the meeting. Peter posts a bonsai related blog at: <http://peterateabonsai.wordpress.com/>



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ABAS Black Pines with Roger Steele At our last meeting Tuesday, November 25 Roger Steele showed us the required November care for Black Pines. This is the time of year for needle maintenance, thinning and major styling. February is repot month and July is candle pruning to maintain a compact structure to your tree. Roger pointed out pines (and many other of our trees) continue strengthen at the top reaching for the sun while sacrificing strength at the lower portions of the tree. Foliage thinning at the top is the standard counter action for this tendency and promotes a more even top to bottom presentation to the tree. Also at this meeting was a spectacular show and tell display by our many talented and dedicated members. Thank you all for bringing this part of our meeting to a grand stage. We can all see and learn many details from an active show and tell session.



Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Wednesday December 10, Holiday Party

Tuesday January 27, Peter Tea Monterey Cypress Demonstration

Tuesday February 24, Dino – Acer Palmatum Demonstration

Tuesday March 24, Bob Shimon Pygmy Cypress Demonstration

ABAS Spring Show Saturday April 11 & Sunday April 12, 2015

Spring Show Headliner Dan Robinson

Some more of Dan's work

