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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Thursday December 17th, ABAS Holiday Party 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.



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Last Meeting November 24th Our November meeting featured Fall tune-up tips presented by Doc on deciduous trees and Renee on Black Pines. As you might expect this was a very good informational session with our presenters giving us many tips on a variety of fall preparation techniques. Comments and suggestions from our many members rounded out the evening. Thank you to all who participated.



Our pre-meeting seminar covered feeding and various fertilizers as led by John Cota. These sessions are of interest to everyone as we share ideas and personal preferences around the topic of the day. Members are encouraged to share their experiences, both successful and not so successful. We all can learn from our mistakes as well as tried and true methods.

Tuesday January 26th ABAS Meeting Member, Ram Lucas, presents a program on Ryan Neil's Artisans Cup that was held in Portland, Or., September 2015. Ram was one of a very select group of bonsai artists selected to display trees at this very prestigious event. In addition, Renee Seely will present traditional Japanese bonsai repotting techniques as taught by our regional bonsai masters - Kathy Shaner and Peter Tea.

Club News and Announcements:

Spring Show Details are coming together for our Spring Show April 9&10, 2016. Peter Tea will be our headliner. We will need many volunteers in all capacities, please consider donating your time and talents to this significant club event.

2016 Programs and Topics Here's the lineup for 2016. It looks like a great year!!

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

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

Tuesday January 26, Ram Lucas, Artisans Cup Presentation, Repotting with Renee.

Tuesday February 22, Demo by Scott Chadd

Tuesday March 22, Show Preparation and Accent Plants

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

Tuesday April 26, Special Presentation by Gordon Deeg

Tuesday May 24, Ryan Nichols Demo

Tuesday June 28, Summer Party and Club Elections

Tuesday July 26, Jonas Dupuich Demo

Tuesday August 23, Member Presented Program

Tuesday September 27, ABAS Annual Auction

Tuesday October 25, Bjorn Bjorholn Demo