



The Bent Twig

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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

It's ABAS Dues Renewal Time! Dues Are Due

Get current! If you haven't done so already, please pay your dues at our next meeting!

Paying dues has also gotten more convenient. ABAS dues can now be paid by cash, check, or credit card! Dues are \$40 per household, per year.

Club dues pay the expenses incurred to provide the fun and ambitious schedule we've all come to enjoy.

BJORN BJORHOLM - Quality Artist - Quality Material

ABAS Meeting Tuesday, February 25th at 7 PM



In a coordinated effort with Golden State Bonsai Federation, American Bonsai Association, Sacramento has arranged to bring acclaimed bonsai artist Bjorn Bjorholm to Sacramento. As most of you know, Bjorn has been studying under contemporary Japanese bonsai master Keiichi Fujikawa in Osaka, Japan since 2008.

Matching the quality of material to the quality of artist is often a challenge. Bjorn will be working on a collected CA juniper that ABAS has been saving for a special occasion. Thanks go to Greg McDonald who has been nurturing the tree for us.

If you haven't done so already you may check Bjorn out at: <http://bjorvalabonsaistudio.com> His visit is co-sponsored by GSBF. For Show and Tell, members are asked to bring trees they have won in prior raffles. Trees with a beautiful winter silhouette or those flowering or just budding out also make great Show and Tell additions.

January's Thread Grafting Presentation a Home Run!!!



Photos: Clarence Smith

Below: Renee and Carmen with trees at various stages in the process. Carmen's records on each tree are in the foreground.



The thread grafting demo by Carmen Scott and Renee Seely was a delight! It was thorough and demystified a process that can seem intimidating. Their goal was to encourage other members to give it a go.

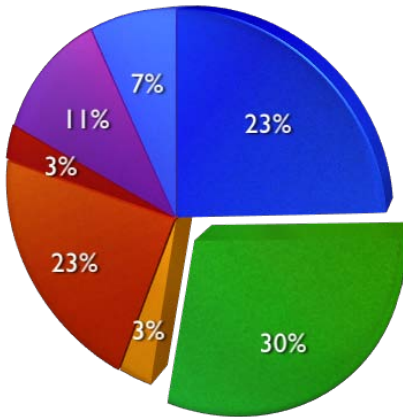
Want more Bjorn?

If you can't get enough Bjorn you'll have a second bite at the apple. The Gold Country Bonsai Club is having Bjorn do a demonstration on a wonderful old Utah Juniper at their club meeting on Thursday, February 27th at Burkes Junction in Cameron Park from 6pm-9pm. This is a special mid-size juniper from the mountains that is going to be something special when Bjorn completes his work and they raffle the tree.

Pass the clip board....Your Suggestions!

At our January we asked and attendees responded.

Survey Results:



3% want fewer outside experts

3% want ABAS to supply trees for members to work at a meeting

7% want ABAS to raffle or auction off workshop spots with visiting professionals

11% want ABAS to increase funds spent on raffle prizes and raw material for demos

23% want ABAS to hold 3 to 4 beginning to intermediate workshops a year

23% want hands-on meetings: members bring their trees, senior members help them

30% want ABAS to increase the number of visiting bonsai professionals at our general meetings.

2014 Bonsai Events

SAT-SUN: FEB 22nd & 23rd
Mammoth Bazaar at the GSBF
Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

TUES: FEB 25th
ABAS monthly meeting 7 PM
Internationally known Bonsai
Artist Bjorn Bjorholm will be
our guest artist. Don't miss out
on this presentation!

THURS: FEB 27th
Bjorn will do a demo at the Gold
Country Bonsai Club meeting
6 PM at the El Dorado Senior
center at 937 Spring St.
Placerville, CA.



SAT: MAR 15th
ABAS Annual BusTrip
Depart: 7:30 AM promptly -
Return Time: around 6:30 PM
Rally/Return Location: Shepard
Garden & Arts Center. See the
ABAS website for details.

Destinations include:
The private collection of Frank and
Barbara Bardella, Lone Pine
Gardens Nursery, California
Carnivores, Momiji Maple Nursery
and West Coast Oasis Bamboo
Garden

SAT & SUN: APR 12th & 13th
ABAS ANNUAL SHOW
Kathy Shaner will be our
headliner. Please set time
aside to participate. More on
our website.

Also at our January meeting Doug and Patti put on a great Mexican-themed food spread!



Member Sales - 20 % Club Commission Policy



Members may bring trees and other bonsai items they wish to sell to monthly meetings. ABAS will take cash, checks or credit cards for these items.

The ratio of providing members with

80% of the sale price, and the club taking 20% from which we pay taxes, is a consistent policy. It applies to trees and other items sold at club meetings, the spring show or annual auction.



AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION,
SACRAMENTO

55th Annual Show
April 12 & 13, 2014

Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA



Demonstration 1:30 PM both days by
internationally respected bonsai master, Kathy Shaner.



Large Vendor Sales Area
Member Consignment Sales
Daily Raffle includes demonstration trees

Doug Ward's maple photo by Don Van Dale

For more information: abasbonsai.org