



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday February 24th, Dino has a plan for us! For our next meeting Dino will be styling a 36" tall Japanese maple, "Beni Mako" featuring small leaves and great fall color AND a 22" tall Pygmy Cypress. He showed us the cypress at our last meeting. Both will be raffled at the end of the demonstration. The cypress is in a nice ceramic pot to go with it. If that's not enough, Doc is going to show us some tips to graft deciduous trees and Renee will cover a couple techniques for pines and junipers. It sounds like there will be many opportunities to see and learn for all of us.



For Show and Tell please bring your early spring blooms and winter silhouettes. Examples of winter styling, pruning and wiring would be useful to many members as well.

Tuesday March 24th, Bob Shimon demonstration featuring a Pygmy Cypress

(Cupressus goveniana ssp. pigmaea) Bob Shimon owns and operates Mendocino Coast Bonsai (<http://mcbonsai.com/wp/>) in Point Arena, CA with his son Zach. Their specialties are collected Coast Redwoods, Sierra Junipers and Pygmy Cypress. Bob is active in the Redwood Empire Bonsai Club in Santa Rosa. Their show each August is a 'must see' for every Bonsai enthusiast. Bob plans to do a styling demonstration as always including tips from his vast knowledge of the species



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At our last meeting featuring Peter Tea: Peter Tea brought to us a very tall Monterey Cypress and took us through the styling options and protocol for the Literati or Bunjin style of Bonsai as well as the prescribed styling and horticultural needs for the Monterey Cypress. Peter uses a casual style for his demonstrations that encourages many questions. His answers usually have a touch of our American style of Bonsai included with the traditional Japanese style. At the close of his demonstration he showed us a very unusual wide rimmed Japanese pot that could be used for such a tall tree. He was willing to part with the tree for the raffle but unfortunately not the pot.



Club News and Announcements:

Dues are Due!! Please help us keep our club active and our quality programs coming by renewing your annual membership at the February meeting. Dues are \$40 per family and go directly toward our programs and activities. Treasurer Patti Fletcher will be available to collect your Cash, Check or Credit Card at the meeting.

It's Showtime!! Planning for our annual Spring Show is underway. Several lead positions still need to be filled. Please consider where you can help, check your calendars and be prepared to volunteer at the February Meeting. Renee will have signup sheets for committee needs are as follows:

Raffle: Chair Barb Kelley

Need volunteers to cover raffle ticket sales

Need volunteers for runners

Consignment Sales: Chair John and Ramona Cota

Need volunteers to cover consignment area

Kitchen: Need volunteer to chair kitchen area

Need volunteers to assist with lunch potluck both days

Vendors: Chair Ann Hultgren

Floor monitors: Need volunteers

Front Gate: Need Volunteers

Beginner Workshop: Doc Ward

Publicity: Renee Seely, Kathleen O'Donnell

Show Set Up: Carmen Scott

Dan Robinson Carving Workshop In addition to our Show Demonstrations, Dan will be doing a carving workshop Saturday morning April 11 at 8:00am. There will be only 6 participants, 4 seats have already been taken, contact Renee for a seat or sign up at the meeting if there are still openings.

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Tuesday February 24, Dino – Acer Palmatum & Pigmy Cypress Demonstration

Tuesday March 24, Bob Shimon Pygmy Cypress Demonstration

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

Tuesday April 28, Member Shohin Demonstration

Tuesday May 26, Tree Improvement Program w/ Bob Bugay

Saturday May 30, Home Tour Details to be announced.

Tuesday June 23, Summer Social Dinner

AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION
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56th Annual Bonsai Show
April 11 & 12, 2015



Featuring Dan Robinson
‘The Picasso of Bonsai’,
from Elandan Gardens, Bremerton, Washington
Demonstration each day at 1:30 PM
Free admission & parking

Daily benefit raffle
Large vendor and member sales area
Beginner workshop Sunday 10:00 AM
For information contact Renee Seely
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Saturday 10:00 - 5:00, Sunday 10:00 - 4:00
Location: Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA
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