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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday February 28th ABAS Presents Peter Tea This month Peter will provide us with an in-depth lecture on conifers. Peter has been a good friend to American Bonsai members and readily shares his extensive knowledge of Bonsai through lectures, demonstrations and conversations while he attends many of our club activities. This promises to be an informative meeting and I'm sure everyone will learn something new as well as reinforce our current thoughts on conifers.



Bring in your trees!! For February's pre-meeting we will continue our discussion on deciduous maintenance and introduce fall pine maintenance. We encourage our newer members and beginners to bring in your trees. This will be a hands-on approach to questions and concerns. Remember the Pre-Meeting begins at 6:00pm.

Show and Tell for the February meeting, bring us your favorite conifer. For Peter Tea students, bring a tree that you are working on with Peter.

Raffle for February meeting: One spot in a Peter Tea workshop (value \$100.00) on April 29 at Renee Seely's home, bonsai pots and a stand from the estate of Paul Oeschek

At our last meeting Tuesday January 24th Sam Adina provided us with a styling demonstration on a very mature Hinoki Cypress. Sam's skills were apparent as he worked the somewhat lanky tree into a more structured and traditional Bonsai shape.



In addition to Sam's demonstration Sylvia Anderson gave us a pictorial presentation on her experiences at the GSBF Convention last October. Sylvia won the registration in the Power of One raffle held last July.

We had a great Show & Tell featuring Winter Silhouettes and we started our Pre-Meeting 1 hour programs this month considering deciduous care. Doc will continue this program throughout the coming year.





If that's not enough, we also had some great raffle prizes for everyone to win.



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Pre-Meeting Workshop now begins at 6:00pm We began our expanded version of the Pre-Meeting Workshop for our members in January. This has been a popular addition to our Club's offerings especially for new and intermediate skilled members. So we are taking it to greater heights with the leadership of Doc Ward and other experienced members helping out as needed. Doc will be covering seasonal care and maintenance as we go through the year. February will be on pines. Remember to join us at 6:00pm before the regular meetings.

Wednesday Bonsai Classes available to Members Doc Ward also conducts a weekly bonsai class at his house each Wednesday. As a group the team takes on various tree 'challenges' and projects. They work on solving specific problems and review good practices for cultivating the best bonsai possible. This is a daytime class open to all members of ABAS. Contact Doc at docsbonsai@gmail.com for more information.

Club News and Announcements:

2017 Dues were due at the January Meeting Please see our Treasurer Patti Fletcher at the February meeting to get your membership in order for the coming year's great programs and activities. Your dues make possible guest demonstrations, the home tour and much more. As a member you are able to sell items at all regular meetings, at the Garden Center Sales, our Annual Show and our Annual Auction. You also get the first shot at workshops, bus tours and all other activities for Club Members. Not to mention we will custom make a name badge so everyone will know you. Dues are \$40 per year and \$25 per year for students.

Repotting Workshops The repotting workshop originally scheduled for February 11 has been moved to Saturday March 4th. See Renee to sign-up at the February Meeting or contact her at breadcrumb@comcast.net The cost is \$10 to cover materials.

ABAS Home Tour will be Saturday June 10th. Tina Yates is busy putting together another great home tour of our member's bonsai collections. Save the date, details will follow.

ABAS on Facebook Join us on our very own ABAS Facebook Group Page. Join in the conversation, view and post photos & videos, ask questions and get answers. The more participants the better the resource can be. If you are not a member go to Facebook and search 'American Bonsai Association, Sacramento' and ask to be approved as a member.

ABAS Annual Bus Trip Saturday April 22nd to the Second Annual Fundraising Event for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Gardens. Here are the details:

12 hour bus trip departing the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center at 8:00 AM and returning at 8:00 PM.

Trip highlights: Visit the Clark Bonsai Collection, the first Central California Regional Bonsai Exhibit.

9:00am - 12:00pm Shohin workshops

9:30am - 5:30pm Bonsai and bonsai material sales

10:30am - 1:30pm David Nguy demonstration (tree auctioned at 1:30pm)

12:00pm - 1:30pm Shohin round robin demonstrations (demo trees auctioned at 1:30pm),

1:30pm - 4:00pm Live auction of Ray Thieme collection and other selected bonsai from local and statewide artists.

Cost is \$48.00 per person. Visit the event website at

<http://www.clarkbonsaicollection.com/koen-nai-no-bonsai.html> We must have a commitment from 40 people by March 15 to book the bus. For reservations mail check made out to ABAS to: Patti Fletcher, 3901 Don River Ln., Sacramento, CA 95834. For more information contact Renee Seely (916) 929-2106 or via email breadcrumb@comcast.net.

Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, Spring Festival, March 25, 26 Donate garden items, plants, bonsai, bonsai related material or sell on consignment. Details and forms on our website <http://abasbonsai.org/activities.html>

Meeting Refreshments Please remember to bring something for the refreshment table at our regular meetings. It's nice to have a snack at 'halftime' while we talk bonsai with our member friends.



Programs and Topics Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details <http://abasbonsai.org/index.html>

Tuesday February 28, Peter Tea gives us a presentation on Conifers

Saturday March 4, Repotting workshop at Renee's

Sat & Sun March 25 & 26, Garden Center Sale

Tuesday March 28, Show Prep and display components led by Carmen Scott & ABAS Members, Accent Plants w/ Ann Hultgren

Sat & Sun April 1&2, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Annual Show, Sacramento Buddhist Church.

Saturday & Sunday April 8&9, ABAS Annual Show featuring Jonas Dupuich.

Tuesday April 25, Timm Johnson tells us everything about Azaleas

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Saturday and Sunday May 6&7, Sacramento Bonsai Annual Show, Buddhist Church

Saturday and Sunday May 20&21, Satsuki Aikokai Annual Show, Garden Center

Tuesday May 23, ABAS Annual Auction

Saturday June 10, ABAS Annual Home Tour, details to follow.

Tuesday June 27, Annual Luau, Election of Officers, 'Power of One' Drawing.

Tuesday July 25, Jerry Braswell Suiseki viewing stones

Tuesday August 22, Oaks with Steve Cozens

Sat & Sun August 26&27, Redwood Empire Bonsai Society, Annual Show, Santa Rosa

Tuesday September 26, Creating Saikei with John Cota

Sat & Sun October 7 & 8, Garden Center Sale

Tuesday October 24, Doc Ward, Root Over Rock

Thur-Sun October 26-29, GSBF Convention, Riverside, CA

