



The Bent Twig

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Christmas Party

We thank John and Ramona Cota for coordinating another great party. We also thank all the folks who brought beverages and cooked and brought the main dishes as well as those who brought all the wonderful side dishes and deserts. Thanks to all who came and Happy New Year to everyone!



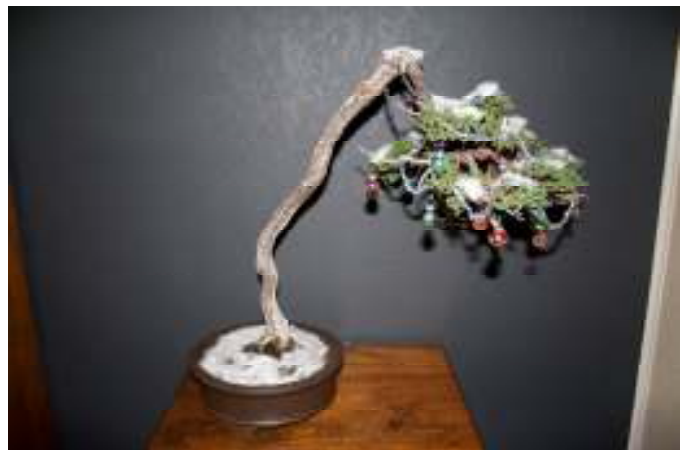
American Bonsai Association Sacramento



The gift exchange was popular



The tree decorating contest was also a hit!



Club Dues - 2013

Please remember to renew your dues at the January or February meeting. Dues are \$40 and you may pay Renee Seeley at the meeting or mail your dues and the renewal form to her at 1636 Vallarta Circle, Sacramento, 95864. The renewal form will be available on the website and will be mailed to all members.

Your annual dues will provide ABAS members with an incredible year of bonsai experiences. The schedule of guest artists this year is especially exciting and your dues help the club bring these

talented artists to our monthly meetings. Payment may be made at the meetings with cash, checks or credit cards.

January Club Meeting

Our January guest artist will be Scott Chadd from Lotus Bonsai Nursery. Scott will be discussing branch selection and wiring techniques. He will also bring 10-12 trees to practice the techniques discussed, and these trees will be raffled at the end of the evening. **Please remember to bring your tools if you wish to participate in styling and wiring.**

Copies of Michael Hagedorn's book – Post Dated – will be available at meetings starting in January. As you know, Michael will be our guest artist at the Spring Show and this book is a tale of his experiences in Japan as an apprentice to a bonsai master.

February Club Meeting

Bob Bugay will discuss pot selection and the preparation of your tree for the annual show at the February meeting. Bob is very knowledgeable about these topics, so don't miss this meeting. The club will also host a show preparation workshop at Maruyama Nursery on the Saturday (March 2nd) following the ABAS meeting, and Bob will be available to help members prepare their trees for the show.

March Club Meeting

The March club demonstration will be presented by David Nguy. Mr. Nguy studied in Japan with Masahiko Kimura and he is a very talented bonsai artist from Southern California. David will work on a California juniper which will be raffled after the demonstration. We are very fortunate to have scheduled Mr. Nguy for our guest artist, as he doesn't usually appear in the Sacramento area.

Annual Spring Show

The following members have volunteered to chair committees at our annual show:

- Greg McDonald – Exhibit Chair

- Ann Hultgren – Vendor Chair
- John and Ramona Cota – Member Sales Chair (Bonsaithis@aol.com)
- Renee Seely – Raffle Chair (breadcrust@comcast.net)
- Clarence Smith – Show Photographer (csbonsai@macnexus.org)
- Marilyn Irvine and Myrt Rust – Kitchen
- Kathleen O'Donnell – Program Chair
- John Cota, Doc Ward, Paul Holtzen – Tree Selection

All of these committees will need folks to help so there will be many more opportunities to volunteer. Please see one of the chairpersons if you wish to work on a specific committee.

Garden Center Spring Sale

The Garden Center Spring Sale will be held March 23rd and 24th. Volunteers to help at the sale are needed and we will let you know who will chair the event in the next newsletter. If you wish to sell garden or bonsai related items, please see Renee Seeley at the January or February meeting for a seller's number, or e-mail her at breadcrust@comcast.net.

Refreshment Schedule

The following members have volunteered to bring snacks to the monthly meetings. Please feel free to help out and bring something additional during any of these months.

- January – Ann Harris
- February – Pam and Howard Gallegos
- March – Marilyn Irvine
- April – Kathy O'Donnell
- May – Paul Holtzen

Calendar of General Bonsai Events:

- February 23rd and 24th Mammoth Fundraiser at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland.
- February 26th ABAS Meeting with Bob Bugay
- March 2nd Show Preparation Workshop at Maruyama's Nursery, 8:30 – 12:00.
- March 23rd and 24th – Garden Center Spring Sale.
- March 26th ABAS Meeting with David Nguy.
- April 6th and 7th Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Annual Show at the Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Church (2401 Riverside Blvd).
- April 13th and 14th ABAS Annual Show with Michael Hagedorn.
- May 4th and 5th Sacramento Bonsai Club's Annual Bonsai and Suiseki Show at the Betsuin Buddhist Church.
- May 18th and 19th Satsuki Aikokai of Sacramento's 40th Annual Show.

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