



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! Pay your dues at our January 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! JANUARY MEETING

Carmen Scott



Renee Seely



Tuesday, January, 28th!

For our January meeting, ABAS Treasurer Renee Seely, and ABAS member Carmen Scott, will join forces to demonstrate a skill they hope you will feel empowered to replicate for the betterment of your own trees. Thread grafting is, in my opinion, an under used technique that can be used for improving the aesthetics of a tree's root spread, branch structure and placement. The demonstration tree, a varietal maple, will be our raffle prize.

For Show and Tell, members are asked to bring trees from their collections that have had limbs or roots grafted, or trees with a beautiful winter silhouette.



The Bjorn Identity...sign ups

At our January meeting, members will have a final opportunity to sign up for the workshop with Bjorn Bjorholm that will be held during the day on Tuesday, Feb 25th, at Renee Seely's home. That evening in February, he will be here to do our club demo.



Pass the clip board....Suggestions anyone?

We will also be passing around a clip board so members can suggest activities or programs they'd like to see.

Examples *might* include:

- hold 3 or 4 beginner to intermediate workshops a year
- increase the number of visiting professional bonsai artists
- have fewer experts: rely more on ABAS members to lead meetings
- conduct hands-on meetings where members bring their own trees to work on with advice from senior members
- have ABAS purchase trees for members to work on at a general meeting
- increase the money spent on raffle prizes and on raw materials for demos
- raffle or auction off a workshop spot in a session with a visiting professional.
- keep things as they are. ABAS is in good balance as is.
- Other?

Member Sales - 20 % Club Commission Policy

Beginning at our March meeting, members may bring trees and other bonsai items they wish to sell. ABAS will take cash, checks or credit cards for these items.

The process:

- 1) The seller must be a current dues paying member.
- 2) The seller provides the club Treasurer with an inventory sheet clearly listing the trees/items they wish to sell and the price. Obviously the items will need to be marked correspondingly.
- 3) The seller will receive 80% of his/her sales. The seller will receive their percentage from the Club's Treasurer at the close of the meeting when possible. There may be times when a meeting runs overtime and we'll need to vacate the Garden Center. In those circumstances, the Treasurer will mail a check to the seller.
- 4) The club will pay the sales tax out of the remaining 20%. What's left of the proceeds goes into ABAS' account.

The ratio of providing member's 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.

2014 Bonsai Events

TUES: JAN 28th

ABAS monthly meeting 7 PM
Renee Seely and Carmen Scott
will demonstrate thread grafting

SAT - SUN: JAN 18th -19th

BIB SHOW for info:

<http://bayislandbonsai.com>

FRI - SUN: JAN 31st - FEB 2nd

The Shohin Seminar - Santa Nella
www.calshohin.org/

SAT-SUN: FEB 22nd & 23rd

Mammoth Bazaar at the GSBF
Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

TUES: FEB 25th

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Internationally known Bonsai
Artist Bjorn Bjorholm will be
our guest artist.

Check him out at:

<http://bjorvalabonsaistudio.com>

*His visit is co-sponsored by GSBF.
Bjorn has been studying under
contemporary Japanese bonsai
master Keiichi Fujikawa in Osaka,
Japan since 2008.*

Mark your calendar!

Our Annual Bus Trip will
take place in March.
Details to come!!!



Hummm...Come
January to learn what
Linda and Dino were
discussing.