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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday January 26th ABAS Meeting Member, Ram Lucas, presents a program on Ryan Neil's Artisans Cup that was held in Portland, Or., September 2015. Ram was one of a very select group of bonsai artists selected to display trees at this very prestigious event. You can learn more about the Artisan's Cup here: <http://www.theartisanscup.com/>

In addition, Renee will present traditional Japanese bonsai repotting techniques as taught by our regional bonsai masters - Kathy Shaner and Peter Tea.

Our Pre-Meeting workshop topic will be a discussion on fertilization lead by John Cota. Everyone is welcome to participate in the 30 minute session beginning at 6:30. Future topics are described later in this newsletter.

For Show & Tell please bring in your Winter Silhouette Deciduous Trees. This is the special time of year to see what our trees are really made of. Of course any early bloomers are always welcome.

Our last meeting December 17th, ABAS Holiday Party Fellow ABAS members joined together for our annual Holiday Party. We enjoyed roasted turkey and ham provided by the club complimented by a variety of pot luck items from our members. This is mostly a social event sprinkled with holiday theme Bonsai Tree Decorating and a gift exchange. Many members thought this was the best dinner we've had in years. The conversations were lively and the food was excellent. Thank you to all who participated.



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Tuesday February 23, Scott Chadd Demonstration Our February meeting will feature our well known local bonsai artist Scott Chadd working to create one of his forest plantings. Scott is the owner extraordinaire of Lotus Bonsai Nursery near Placerville. His demo's are always entertaining and educational for all levels of the art of Bonsai.

Pre Meeting Workshops Originally these workshops were intended to help beginning Bonsai enthusiasts learn the many aspects of the hobby by providing basic information to build and care for our collections. As the discussions have evolved we see there are many ideas being brought forth by experienced and intermediate members creating a great sharing forum for everyone. We hope to build on the success of this program presenting narrowly defined topics for discussion and idea sharing by everyone. The programs success will depend on everyone's participation. Future planned topics are:

January-fertilization

February- growing container selection

March-show pot selection

April- pest control and soil health

May-shade cloth and collection benches & displays.

Club News and Announcements:

2016 Dues are due! Dues for the 2016 year are due and payable at the January meeting. Your \$40 per family dues support our ongoing club activities, guest demonstrations, bonsai activities in California and allow member sales at our annual auction and at most meetings.

Spring Show Details are coming together for our Spring Show April 9&10, 2016. Peter Tea will be our headliner. We will need many volunteers in all capacities, please consider donating your time and talents to this significant club event. Sign up sheets will be available at our January Meeting.

Clark Bonsai Collection, Fresno, Ca The 1st Annual Clark Bonsai Collection Celebration at the newly established Bonsai Gardens at Woodward Park, Shinzen Japanese Garden in Fresno will be April 16-17, 2016. For more information visit: <http://www.shinzenjapanesegarden.org/index.html>

Meeting Refreshments Please consider bringing in refreshments for one or more of our upcoming meetings. I think we all enjoy these snacks at halftime but they don't happen by themselves. The Club provides funds for the items, we just need volunteers to do it. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the next meeting.

Officer Nominations Its time to start thinking about next year's club officers. We are looking for a Nominations Chairman to bring a slate of officer candidates to the general members at our May meeting for elections in June. If you would like to be the Chairman or would like to serve on the Board in any capacity see Dino please.

Repotting Workshop Renee will be hosting repotting workshops on Saturday 1/30 and Saturday 3/5. Cost for materials is \$10. See Renee to sign up.

2016 Programs and Topics Here's the lineup for 2016. It looks like a great year!!

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Tuesday January 26, Ram Lucas, Artisans Cup Presentation, Repotting with Renee.

Tuesday February 22, Forest Planting demo by Scott Chadd

Tuesday March 22, Member Panel covering Show Preparation and Accent Plants

Saturday & Sunday April 9 & 10, 2016. Our Spring Show w/ Headliner Peter Tea

Tuesday April 26, Special Shohin Presentation by Gordon Deeg

Tuesday May 24, Ryan Nichols Demo

Tuesday June 28, Summer Luau (Italian Style) and Club Elections

Tuesday July 26, Jonas Dupuich Demo

Tuesday August 23, Member Presented Program

Tuesday September 27, ABAS Annual Auction

Tuesday October 25, Bjorn Bjorholm Demo

**AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION,
SACRAMENTO**



57th Annual Bonsai Show
April 9th & 10th, 2016



Presenting:

Peter Tea

“An American Bonsai Artist”

Tree styling each day at 1:30 PM

Free admission and parking

Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Shepard Garden and Arts Center
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA

Beginner's workshop Sunday at 10:00 AM

Daily benefit raffle

Large vendor and member sales area

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