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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday January 24th ABAS Presents Sam Adina This month our Special Guest will be our local artist Sam Adina styling a beautiful Hinoki Cypress. Sam is a past Sensei of the Modesto Bonsai Club and has presented demonstrations at shows and club meetings throughout California always with rave reviews from those in attendance.



In addition to Sam's demonstration member Sylvia Anderson will present a short program on her 'Power of One' experience at the GSBF Convention.

For Show & Tell Bring us your winter silhouette deciduous trees.

And for our Pre-Meeting workshop, Doc Ward will begin our 1 hour Mentor Program for beginning and intermediate Club Members starting at 6:00pm. More program information later in this newsletter.

At our last meeting Thursday December 15th The ABAS Annual Holiday Party If you weren't there you missed a great time with some delicious ham and turkey along with some special side dishes all prepared by our members. We had a gift exchange with some very nice bonsai items and a holiday decorated tree contest. A fun time was had by all.



OUR BOARD – 2016-17

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Pre-Meeting Workshop now begins at 6:00pm January begins our expanded version of the Pre-Meeting Workshop for our members. 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. January will cover Fall and Deciduous Care. February will be on pines. The plan is to develop these programs through the first year and modify as needed which will create a strong basic program for future presentations. Remember to join us at 6:00pm before the regular meetings.

Congratulations to Doug Hamby, Elected President Sacramento Bonsai Club Doug, also a member of ABAS, has been elected President of the oldest Bonsai Club in the United States! Congratulations!! Doug succeeds Gary Judd who has served not only as President, Sacramento Bonsai for countless years but has put forth untiring energy into the total Sacramento Bonsai scene. Gary also began the Capital City Bonsai Association of Bonsai Clubs to lend support to the GSBF Collection North at Lake Merritt in Oakland. Thank you Gary and Doug for your continued service to our passion.

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 are due at the January Meeting Please see our Treasurer Patti Fletcher at the January 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.

ABAS Annual Auction moved to our May Meeting

It's time to begin selecting trees in your collection as possible candidates for our Annual Auction to be held at our regular May 23 Meeting. This date change was made to better align the auction with our Annual Show for promotion purposes and to allow us to present trees for auction in fresh spring foliage rather than declining fall foliage. We also want to encourage members to submit items for auction that are considered quality trees or material. Stock trees and seedlings can be sold during the year at any meeting, our annual Show and both Garden Center Sales. Details for sellers and times will be published later this Spring.

Repotting Workshops We have scheduled two repotting workshops, Saturday January 21 and Saturday February 11, at Renee's 9:00-2:00. Sign-ups at the January Meeting. The cost is \$10 to cover materials. For information contact Renee Seely at breadcrust@comcast.net or call (916) 929-2106. Information is also on the ABAS website.

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.

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>

Saturday January 21, Repotting workshop at Renee's

Tuesday January 24, Sam Adina Styles an Hinoki Cypress

Sat & Sun Jan 28 & 29, Bay Island Bonsai Show,

Saturday February 11, Repotting workshop at Renee's

Sat & Sun Feb 18 & 19, Bonsai Garden Lake Merritt Annual Mammoth Fundraiser

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

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

Around Sunday April 30, ABAS Annual Bus Trip, details to follow.

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, Tentative Date for the ABAS Annual Home Tour

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