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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento  
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**Tuesday January 23rd ABAS Presents Dave Goscinski** Special guest Dave Goscinski, will lead the Pre-Meeting Study Group at 6:00 PM and the regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Pre-meeting will be a hands on styling exercise. The regular meeting will continue the topic of styling with member participation. Dave, originally from the East Coast, relocated to California some 15 years ago to pursue and expand his bonsai passion. He is a talented artist who does everything in miniature. We know him as a vendor who specializes in creating shohin and small interesting figurines, many of which he sculpts himself. He is upbeat and uses his unique way of teaching bonsai styling through audience participation. This promises to be an interesting and different evening.

Shohin bonsai in growing pots will be raffled. Shohin is defined as either 8" or 10" tall depending on who you talk to.

At this meeting we also plan to have a memorial tribute to past member and bonsai enthusiast George Brown who passed away in December.

For Show & Tell let's bring in our deciduous winter silhouettes, any early bloomers, shohins and especially any tree you may have that George Brown contributed his talents to develop.

Paul Holtzen will be showing his version of the Bonsai Formal Display for all of us to enjoy. This is a relatively new feature added to our Monthly Meeting. Anyone wishing to create a display for our meeting should contact Renee, Kathleen or Bob Bugay to get on the schedule..

**At our last meeting December 21st** we celebrated the Holiday Season with our Annual Party. In addition to our Ham & Turkey plus potluck (we have some great cooks in this club!) we had our gift exchange and tree decorating contest. We also had Dino styling a rock planting and we held a Power of One Raffle for a spot on Lotus Bonsai's digging trip to their growing grounds near Oroville. Whew....It was a great night and lots to keep everyone entertained and interested. Here are a few pictures.



## **Our Board for 2017-18**

President – Renee Seely

Vice President – Kathleen O'Donnell

Treasurer – Sylvia Anderson

Recording Secretary – John Cota

Corresponding Secretary – Mark Mendenhall

Members at large – Barbara Kelly, Alex Boyle, Timm Johnson

## **Club News and Announcements:**

**2018 Annual Dues are now due** It's that time of year again. Our annual dues keep our club and excellent programs going for another year. We are fortunate to have our books in good shape so we can provide guest speakers, quality raffles, interesting programs, workshops, bus trips, the list goes on. Sylvia will be at the January Meeting to register all new and returning members for another year. Cash, check and card are all welcome. Dues are \$40 per family or individual and \$25 for students.

**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. This is a private group, you will not be exposed to the greater Facebook community through this group.

**Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Bus Trip 8:00am – 8:00pm** We will be traveling to the East Bay visiting Rick Trumm & Janet Nelson, Dave Chimpky, Boon Manakitivipart, Jonas Dupuich, the Bonsai Collection at Lake Merritt and time permitting the Bay Area Bonsai Associate's Show. There will be buying opportunities at some of the stops. Many of these destinations are not open to the public and have been arranged especially for this tour. **Signups will be open through January to ABAS Members only. You can sign up and pay at our January Meeting or call Sylvia Anderson, (916) 622-4772. The cost is \$40 per person, payable at time of registration.** Drinks and snacks will be provided, bring your own lunch. Volunteers are needed to shop, provide ice coolers and serve as hosts on the bus.

**Beginning February 1, available seats will be open to participants from other bonsai clubs in the area.**

**ABAS Repotting Workshop March 3rd** Our Club will host two repotting workshops this year. The first is January 20<sup>th</sup> (that's before our January Club Meeting) and the last will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both are held at Renee's house. This is a great opportunity to learn an essential skill to Bonsai. The cost is \$10.00 to cover price of materials. Sign up at the January Meeting or contact Renee via email [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net) or phone (916) 929-2106. Materials provided: soil, screen, wire. Participants bring 1 - 2 trees and pots. A review of soil composition, pot selection, and tree development will be discussed related to the trees in the workshop. Members who wish to come and observe are welcome at no charge.



## **2018 Sacramento Area Bonsai Shows**

March 31-April 1, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai, at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are 10AM-4PM each day. Demonstration at 2pm, both days, followed by a benefit raffle.

April 14-15, American Bonsai Association, at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are 10am-4pm, both days. Demonstration at 1:30pm, both days; raffle will follow.

May 5-6, Sacramento Bonsai Club, at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are Saturday, Noon-5pm, and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Demonstration at 2pm, both days, followed by a raffle.

May 19-20, Satsuki Aikokai (Azaleas only), at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are Saturday, 10am-5pm, and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Demonstration at 1:30pm, both days, followed by a raffle.

### **Programs and Topics**

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

**Saturday Jan 20, ABAS Repotting Workshop**

**Tuesday January 23, Monthly Meeting w/Dave Goscinski, Hands on Styling Exercise**

**Fri, Sat, Sun Feb 2, 3, 4. California Shohin Society Seminar, Santa Nella, CA**

**Sat, Sun Feb 17 & 18, GSBF Collection North Mammoth Bazaar, Lake Merritt, Oakland**

**Tuesday Feb 27, Monthly Meeting w/Roger Steel, Japanese Maple**

**Saturday, March 3, ABAS Repotting Workshop**

**Saturday, March 11, SGAC Cleanup Day**

**Sat, Sun March 17-18, SGAC Spring Sale**

**Saturday March 24, ABAS Bus Trip**

**Tuesday March 27, Monthly Meeting w/Bob Bugay, Tree Improvement Program (TIPs)**

**Sat, Sun March 31, Apr 1, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Annual Show, Buddhist Church**

**Friday April 13, ABAS Annual Show Set-up**

**Sat, Sun April 14 & 15, ABAS Annual Show w/Peter Tea, SGAC**

**Tuesday April 24, Monthly Meeting Member Profile – TBA & Mark Mendenhall Home Tour Retrospective**

**Sat, Sun May 5-6, Sacramento Bonsai Annual Show, Buddhist Church**

**Sat May 12, ABAS Pruning & Wiring Deciduous Trees Workshop**

**Sat, Sun May 19-20, Satsuki Aikokai Annual Show, SGAC**

**Tuesday May 22, Monthly Meeting w/John Cota**

**Saturday May 26, ABAS Home Tour**

**Tuesday June 26, ABAS Monthly Meeting, Round Robin Demos, Elections, Power of One**

**Tuesday July 24, Monthly Meeting w/Garrett Ryan**

**Tuesday August 28, ABAS Bonsai Auction and Bazaar**

**Sat, Sun Aug 25-26, Redwood Empire Bonsai Annual Show, Santa Rosa**

**Tuesday Sept 25, Monthly Meeting w/Jennifer Price, Conifer Styling**

**Tuesday Oct 23, Monthly Meeting w/Jonas Dupuich**

**Wed – Sun October 24-28, GSBF Convention McClelland Air Park, Sacramento**

**Tuesday Nov 27, Monthly Meeting w/Boon Manakitivipart**

**December TBA, ABAS Holiday Party**