



## The Bent Twig

*Dedicated to the learning, enjoying and promoting of bonsai*

### **Dino Pappademos – President’s Message**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all members of American Bonsai for the opportunity to serve again as President of our terrific club. Also, I would like to formally express the appreciation of the entire club to out-going president, Paul Holtzen and his board for all the dedication and hard work they contributed over the past two years. Their enthusiasm for bonsai and their innovative ideas helped to provide demonstrations, workshops and shows that benefitted us all in improving our skills and our desire to grow better trees.

The new board has already met and has put plans in motion to continue the excellent progress our club has been making. For now, however, I just wanted to call your attention to the scheduling of our annual Bonsai Auction. Because of the busy year, we've scheduled the auction for next month on Tuesday, August 28th. Details and times are printed in this issue of our newsletter, but I just wanted to remind you to participate both as a seller and a buyer. This is an excellent chance for all of us to rotate trees in and out of our collection. Remember, the better the tree, the better the price.

Here's to another excellent year for all of us!

### **Power of One – GSBF Convention**

The club will again purchase one full registration (early bird registration) for the Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention which will take place in Sacramento this year on October 25<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>. All members who have paid their dues and volunteered at a club activity are eligible to win a raffle for this registration. The raffle will take place at the July luau meeting and you must be present to win. We ask that the winner write an article about their experience at the convention for the newsletter or present their experience at a later club meeting.

### **Annual Luau**

Our annual Luau will take place on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> so please join us. This event is always fun and there will be great company, food and entertainment. The club will provide the main dish and members are asked to bring side dishes, dessert and your plates and utensils. The club will also provide door prizes so please join us for a night of relaxation and fun and the opportunity to get to know other club members. Join us at 5:30 for decorating. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**ABAS Auction – August 28<sup>th</sup>**

The club will host our annual member auction, in place of the monthly meeting, on August 28, 2012 at the Garden Center. Set up will begin at 5:30 and sellers may bring their trees and other bonsai items between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to preview trees between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and the auction will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Paul Holtzen and John Cota will be our auctioneers so it will be an entertaining evening which we hope will move swiftly. Auction materials may include beginner, novice and advanced plant materials as well as pots, tools, Suiseki viewing stones and other bonsai related items!

No matter what your skill level, this is a wonderful opportunity to acquire new trees at reasonable prices. If you are ready to say goodbye to some of your trees, please get a seller number from our new Treasurer, Renee Seely. Seller numbers and forms will be available at the Luau and are currently available on the website. Seller numbers must be obtained 24 hours in advance of the sale and no seller numbers will be issued the night of the auction.

If you can volunteer to help at the auction, please come at 5:30 p.m. on the night of the auction. We will need help with the back holding area, runners to move auctioned items to the back room, cashiers as well as two people to write up sales as they occur on the auction floor.

**Refreshments**

Richard Kowalsky has volunteered to bring refreshments in August; but please remember that we will have a larger than usual audience, so everyone is invited to bring refreshments to share with members and guests.

**Newsletter**

We anticipate some changes in the newsletter this year. Now that Renee has built and is maintaining a wonderful website for ABAS, the newsletter will be posted on the website and we will send out a monthly reminder together with a link to take you directly to the website. For those members who do not have access to the internet, we will continue the current delivery method.

**New Board of Directors**

President: ..... Dino Pappademos  
Vice President: ..... Kathleen O'Donnell  
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