



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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What's Next?

History of Bonsai with John Cota

On Tuesday, July 23rd at 7PM ABAS Past-President John Cota will provide members with an informative and entertaining presentation that will include the history of bonsai and the regional influences on the evolution of the art and hobby today.

Election Results

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A professionally styled collected Juniper belonging to the Judd's

ABAS Home Tour

Article by Doug Hamby

When Patti and I had the opportunity to participate in the ABAS Bonsai home tour on Saturday, June 15th it's no surprise we signed up! We are new to bonsai and try to attend workshops, demonstrations and meetings whenever possible in order to learn from others in our area.

Thanks go to Renee Seely, Ed Slomovic and Gary & Lucy Sakaishi-Judd who opened up their homes and fantastic Bonsai collections for members to enjoy and learn from. We were able to see different watering systems, unique shading methods and several different ways to display bonsai and accent plants.

Patti and I elected to carpool with Timm Johnson, in part so we could ask questions and listen to others discussing bonsai techniques and methods. There were five of us with both Marty and Joelle in our carpool. We had some very lively discussions with all participating which made the journey go very fast even with some distance between homes.



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2013 Events

TUESDAY, JULY 23

ABAS monthly meeting 7 PM

John Cota: History of Bonsai

SAT & SUN, AUG 24-25

Redwood Empire Bonsai Show

Veteran's Hall • Santa Rosa, CA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

ABAS monthly meeting 7 PM

Hideko Metaxas: Principles

of Displaying Bonsai

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Club Workshop (repot/style)

Maruyama's Bonsai Nursery

8:30AM - Noon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ABAS Annual Club Auction

Preview 6 PM • Bids start 7PM

SATURDAY, SEPT 28

Club Workshop (repot/style)

Maruyama's Bonsai Nursery

8:30AM - Noon

SAT & SUN, OCTOBER 5-6

Garden Center Annual Sale

Shepard Garden & Art Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

ABAS monthly meeting 7 PM

Bob Hilvers: Guest Lecturer

THURSDAY - SUNDAY

OCT 31 - NOV 3 Burbank, CA

GSBF Convention XXXVI

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER, 26

ABAS monthly meeting 7 PM

ABAS Member Panel: Pine

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Annual ABAS Holiday Party

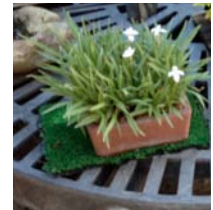


Aloha and thank you to John & Ramona Cota and all the volunteers and attendees who made the Luau a success!

Our first stop was at Renee Seely's home. Renee has an outstanding collection of bonsai displayed in a manicured yard that is thoughtfully organized to give each plant the right light and conditions. Renee has small plants as well as larger trees, young and very old. All of her bonsai are on shelves with automatic watering to each plant. We noticed that the larger plants had more water spouts in their pot. It all works off a timer that she has set to go off twice a day. Her plants are spaced so they do not encroach upon one another and are displayed as individuals. Renee has used a combination of 30% & 50% shade cloth for her entire collection. It was an excellent example of how to provide proper shade for your bonsai and how to install a custom watering system. Renee showed visitors some thread grafts she has started and also explained why there was rebar in another tree.



Our next stop was Ed Slomovic home in Carmichael. Upon entering Ed's yard we admired the natural feeling of his space. Ed had filtered sunlight but no shade cloth. Ed has used the trees all around the perimeter of his yard to shade his bonsai collection. His bonsai are nicely displayed on terraced benches. Many of his plants sits on outdoor carpet. Ed explained that the carpet holds water and increases humidity. High humidity benefits the health of his bonsai collection. Ed waters his plants by hand. Ed's mid-century modern house had an outstanding collection of Asian antique furniture. At one point I think there were at least half a dozen of us in his bedroom admiring a new hand-carved piece Ed had recently purchased.



Our last stop was in Rocklin at the home of Gary & Lucy Sakaishi-Judd. They have a beautiful park-like setting on the side of a hill. We were also served lunch and refreshments which was very welcomed on a warm day. We were somewhat lucky as we got to see a deer and her fawn next to their driveway as we were leaving. Gary said they had to put up fencing to keep the deer from eating all his bonsai plants. (They were getting trimmed automatically and much too often.) They have a very large collection and well-manicured garden. Their Bonsai are arranged by species with some being irrigated but most being watered by hand. The walk through their yard was like wandering through a large, public attraction! The hundreds of plants displayed in different settings and in different places gave us many ideas.

Our lunch was delicious, as was the punch – Thank you, Lucy. Relaxing in their workshop and seeing their many suiseki and other collectibles was great fun. We are quite certain we could never care for so many plants; congrats to Gary & Lucy.

Would we like to attend again? Yes, as soon as possible! We had a wonderful time and want to thank everyone who was responsible for putting the home tour together.

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