



THE BENT TWIG

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On Tuesday, July 22nd, one of our favorite bonsai experts, Kathy Shaner, will join us for an excellent demonstration on a 20 year old Kishu Juniper. Over the years, this tree has been developed into a very nice form, but Kathy will use her considerable talent to transform it even further and take it to the next level. This demonstration will not only reinforce our knowledge of the basics, but will also introduce some of the more intermediate and advanced techniques that will help everyone bring some extra refinement to their own trees. The meeting and demonstration will be held at the Shepherd Garden & Arts Center at McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Boulevard in Sacramento. The evening will begin at 7 PM and will conclude by 9. Kathy's finished product will be raffled at the end of the demonstration, together with some other excellent raffle prizes. You won't want to miss this one!

On Thursday, August 14th, the members of the Board will meet at the home of Renee Seely for their monthly meeting, 7 PM.

On Tuesday, August 26th, our own Bob Bugay will present a new type of demonstration at our monthly meeting. He will be introducing the "Tree Improvement Program" or TIP. At this meeting, everyone is invited to bring one of their trees that they feel challenged with. During the program, Bob or another experienced member will offer suggestions to improve the design or even the health of the tree. About 5 minutes of helpful suggestions will be offered on each tree. As members come to the meeting that night, they will be given a number and their trees will be reviewed in numerical order. This is the first time we will try this type of program and we encourage everyone to bring one of their problem trees for some good advice!

On Tuesday, September 23rd, don't forget that we will be holding our annual Auction! This is a wonderful annual event where you can pick up some beautiful trees, sometimes at great prices. It's also an excellent opportunity to rotate the trees in your collection, selling some of the ones you're ready to let go to a new home. Set-up is at 5:30, viewing at 6 PM and the auction will begin at 6:30. Information on forms and procedures will be emailed to all members soon.

Our annual Luau was a great success in June. There was great food, we elected a new Board of Directors and we had some big winners in two different special raffles.



The winners of our raffles are pictured below with our club president, Dino Pappademos



Don Casselman was the winner of our free Convention Registration prize and Ann Harris won the free registration for the Kathy Shaner workshop in July. Congratulations!

OUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD

President – Dino Pappademos

Vice President – Renee Seely

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Corresponding Secretary – Mark Mendenhall

Members at large – John Cota, Steve Egan and Doc Ward.