



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday July 28th we will feature a Summer Bonsai Maintenance session. We'll have a trio of veteran members discussing summer maintenance and preparation for the fall period. Doc Ward will showcase deciduous trees including defoliating techniques, Roger Steele will continue work on the Tom Schaal legacy Black Pine and Timm Johnson will cover Azalea nurturing and hot weather care. Several items are being collected by your Board for the raffle. If you have anything extra to contribute to the raffle please bring it along. The sky is the limit for Show & Tell. Bring any tree you like.

Board Elections were June 23rd. The current Board was re-elected for another year. Michael and Linda McCurdy accepted the nominations to Member-at-Large so we have a full Board as listed below. Thank you to everyone on our Board for working to make this the best club in Sacramento.

OUR BOARD

President – Dino Pappademos
Vice President – Renee Seely
Treasurer – Patti Fletcher
Recording Secretary – John Cota
Corresponding Secretary – Mark Mendenhall
Members at large – Steve Egan and Doc Ward, Michael McCurdy,
Linda McCurdy.

At our last meeting Tuesday June 23rd We hosted our annual Summer Fiesta. John Cota did a great job organizing and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you all.



August Meeting to feature Juan Cruz presenting on the Literati Style Our meeting Tuesday August 25th will feature a demonstration by our Sacramento native Juan Cruz. Juan will style the pine shown below with emphasis and commentary on the Literati (Bunjin) style. Juan started his bonsai career right here in Sacramento with ABAS. The year was 1995. He moved to the Bay Area and joined the Midori Bonsai Club. At Midori, he took workshops from Kathy Shaner and became inspired to pursue the art. He further developed his skills in Japan at Mansei-En bonsai nursery in Bonsai-Cho, Omiya. Juan is currently active with the Golden State Bonsai Federation.



Juan Cruz Workshop In addition to his demonstration for our meeting Tuesday, Juan will be offering a workshop during the day of August 25 prior to our meeting. It will be at Renee's house, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The cost is \$50.00 for each participant. Bring your own lunch, tools, wire, tree, etc. 3 people have already signed up, 3 slots remain. Let Renee know if you are interested (breadcrust@comcast.net). First come, first serve. Silent observers are welcome at no charge. Renee will have a signup sheet for any available slots at the July meeting.

Ram Lukas, ABAS Member to show 2 trees at the Artisans Cup in Portland, Oregon this September. This is a huge honor. Congratulations Ram!!



Ram Lukas, *Picea abies* 'Nidiformis' (Roseville, CA)

Ram Lukas, *Acer palmatum* 'Kashima' (Roseville, CA)

Club News and Announcements:

Beginners Information Classes We are putting together plans to launch a series of beginners informational sessions starting in July to cover various topics like soils, fertilization, sun exposure, watering, pot selection, repotting, basic styles and tools. The first session will be about soils and will be at 6:30 Tuesday July 28 before our regular meeting at the Garden Center. John Cota and Dino will share their personal preferences with new members. The board is currently working on the future topic list for these sessions. Please let us know what you'd like to learn about.

Cache Creek Stone Collecting Trip Clarence Smith is planning another stone collecting trip to cache creek on July 31st. If anyone is interested in going, let him know by way of

email (clarenci@icloud.com) or phone call (916)391-1862). Great opportunity to collect high quality stones!

Name tags We will be set up at the August meeting to make name tags for anyone who does not have one. We have several new members that would appreciate everyone wearing their name tags. Please be sure to wear yours to the meetings and events.

It's getting to be Auction time! Our annual auction will be during our September meeting as usual. It's not too early to prepare your trees for the sale. Sellers will be limited to 10 items, same as last year. As a reminder, the club reimburses the sellers for 80% of the auctioned value with the club paying for sales tax (8.75%) and the balance supporting club activities. For the successful bidder, the auctioned price is the final price. No taxes are added.

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

<http://abasbonsai.org/index.html>

Tuesday July 28, Summer Maintenance Member Forum for Deciduous, Pine and Azalea.

August 22 & 23, Redwood Empire Bonsai Association Show, Santa Rosa, CA

Tuesday August 25, Juan Cruz workshop.

Tuesday August 25, Bonsai Artist Juan Cruz will cover the Literati Style.

Tuesday September 22, Annual Club Auction, setup 5:30, auction begins 6:30.

October 24 & 25, Capital City Bonsai Show, Shepard Garden Center

Tuesday October 27, Member Shohin Challenge

Tuesday November 24, Fall Tune Up with Doc Ward

Thursday December 17, Holiday Social. This is one of two purely social meetings for the club.

Saturday & Sunday April 9 & 10, 2016. Our Spring Show