



# THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento  
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**Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> Jerry Braswell Presents.** Jerry Braswell is a master craftsman equally known for creating custom wooden display stands 'diaza' for Bonsai, and for viewing stones 'Suiseki'. For our July meeting, Jerry is making the drive in from the foothills outside Sacramento to share his vision of "The Art of Viewing Stones" in a talk and slide show specifically designed for ABAS members. You won't want to miss this event! A lucky raffle prize winner will take home this beautiful bonsai stand.





Anyone in need of a daiza made for a stone or a custom bonsai stand may bring your stone or bonsai pot size to discuss options with Jerry at the break.

Doc will continue his program for the 6:00pm Study Group.  
Please bring in your viewing stones for Show & Tell.

**At our last meeting Tuesday June 27<sup>rd</sup> Member 4-fecta and social** At our last meeting we combined what was the annual luau and elections into a ‘sort of’ social and Member 4-fecta featuring John, Renee, Doc and Timm talking about and working on their favorite tree cultivars. Members traveled from station to station or just had a nice time talking to our many friends. All the while Dino was putting his commentary on the progress at the tables. It was a fun night with lots of activity and learning for everyone. Here are a few pictures.





### **Our New 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

Past President - Dino Pappademos

And a special thank you to our outgoing Board Members, Patti Fletcher and Doc Ward

**New Member Study Group** Renee will host a study group, BYOB (Bring Your Own Bonsai), for new members at her home on Saturday, August 19, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. She will have a host of talent to assist with all your needs including Timm, Phong and Kathleen. She even has a cool garage if the hot weather continues. There will be donuts, coffee and bottled water provided. Bring your own snacks and lunch if you like. You'll need your tools, the club will have wire for small projects. Sign-ups will be taken at the July Meeting.

## **Club News and Announcements:**

**SGAC Representative** We have an opening for our club's liaison to the Garden Center. Our current representative has moved away from the area. Meetings are monthly at the Center. Our club has a responsibility to provide a representative to maintain our status with the Center. We will ask for a volunteer at the July Meeting. Please consider helping out with this role.

**SGAC Fall Sale** It's not too early to plan for the Garden Center Fall Sale Saturday and Sunday October 7&8. We have an opportunity to sell items to raise funds to help pay our share of our costs to operate and rent the Garden Center. We will need a chairperson to lead the effort which includes setup and tracking the sales, which can be consignment. If interested please see a Board Member.

**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.

**Capital City Bonsai Show** The Capital City Bonsai Show is a collaborative show put on by all four Sacramento Area Bonsai Clubs to raise funds to support the GSBF Gardens primarily at Lake Merritt in Oakland. We have this show when the GSBF Convention is not in our area. This year the show is on October 21 & 22 at the Garden Center. John Cota has volunteered to be our club's representative on the Planning Committee. John is actively looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteer from our club that would like to participate in the show planning process. Please consider helping out if you are interested. It's a great opportunity to meet bonsai friends from other clubs.

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

**Tuesday July 25, Jerry Braswell Suiseki viewing stones**

**Tuesday August 22, Oaks with Steve Cozens**

**Sat & Sun August 26&27, Redwood Empire Bonsai Society, Annual Show, Santa Rosa**

**Tuesday September 26, ~~Doc Ward, Root Over Rock, this has changed.~~**

**Sat & Sun October 7 & 8, Garden Center Fall Sale**

**Sat & Sun October 21 & 22, Capital City Bonsai Show at the Garden Center**

**Tuesday October 24, Creating Saikei with John Cota, this has changed.**

**Thur-Sun October 26-29, GSBF Convention, Riverside, CA**

**Tuesday November 28, Ron Anderson, Black Pine or Juniper Demo**

**Thursday December 21, ABAS Holiday Party.**