



The Bent Twig

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March 2012

March Meeting Tuesday, March 27th at 7pm



Sam Adina will be styling an olive tree Tuesday night.

ABAS club member, Sam Adina, will be our guest demonstrator. Don't miss this chance to see Sam's artistry at work and maybe win the demo tree!

Sam Adina came to the US from the Philippines in 1982. He has been practicing the art of bonsai a relatively short period of time, about 13 years. While he enjoys working with a variety of trees, he is especially fond of working with Sierra or California junipers, Black pines and Olives.

Sam joined the Modesto Club about 12 years ago. When their sensei George Fujita retired about 8 years ago, having observed Sam's gift for seeing unique qualities in each tree, he passed on the "scissors" to Sam as sensei of the Modesto Club. Sam also belongs to Yamato Bonsai Kai, San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club, Sacramento Bonsai Club, and the American Bonsai Assn of Sacramento. Sam has studied under Johnny Uchida and Boon Manakitivipart.

Refreshments will be provided by Brenda and Wayne Schermerhorn.

Presidents Message

by: Paul Holtzen



One of the things that makes our club so special to me is all of the great, talented bonsai artists that we have. And better yet, they're willing to come to our club and share their expertise. Last month Scott Chadd created a wonderful forest of Japanese maples in a very interesting and entertaining program. Modesty prevents me from saying who won the forest in the raffle...

This month Sam Adina, Sensei for the Modesto Bonsai Club, will be here sharing his techniques for styling olives.

Next month, Larry White, a very talented artist from the San Jose area will be here styling a magnificent collected boxwood that someone will take home from the raffle.

Our club raffles are growing in success. Not only are they an effective fund raiser for our club, but the trees raise the overall quality of the trees in our members' collections. That's a win – win situation for us all.

Next month, April 14 & 15 is our annual Spring Show. Our show is our biggest event of the year but it doesn't happen by itself! We need volunteers to make it work. Sign up at the March meeting or email me at pbholtzen@sbcglobal.net to volunteer. Everyone should plan on helping to set up on Friday afternoon, April 13. We especially need someone to supervise our kitchen area this year. Many thanks to Marilyn and Myrt, who have done this for as long as I can remember. But, they deserve a break, and its time for someone else to step up. We also need volunteers for the raffle, set up, tear down, sales area, front gate, and much more! We should all be already preparing the trees we plan to show. Clean your pots, apply moss, and put the final styling touches on the trees.

We will have two workshops each day of the show: a beginner Bonsai Basics workshop will be taught by club members and an intermediate/advanced workshop, "Bring your own tree", will be taught by our headliner, John "J.T." Thompson each day. Sign-ups at this meeting or email me.

Paul



AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO

General Meeting, February 28, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by president Paul Holtzen.

The program: Scott Chadd creates a Japanese maple forest.

General Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report – John Cota

The club has a total of \$9352

Announcements:

Workshops

March 3rd – Styling and Care of Satsuki Azaleas

Ann Hultgren and Dolores Rauh, teach this class on styling and care of Satsuki Azaleas. Only 3 people are signed-up; must have at least 6. Ann Hultgren announces that the class will take approximately 3 hours.

April 21st – Boxwoods with Roger Steele.

Roger shares one of the trees that he collected for this workshop. The trees will be worked on over several classes. There are 5 spots; sign-up sheet is in the back

March 17th – Bob Shimon

There is one spot available in a Bob Shimon workshop at Bob Washino's home in Davis. Contact Renee Seely if you are interested.

Home tour - Don Brown

Don Brown reports that the home tour is planned for June 9th. There will be 7 collections on display - some all day and some morning or afternoon only. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March, April, and May meetings. The list of collections will then be sent to participating members; they can plot their own course and visit as many or few as they choose.

Bus Trip

Amanda Atkinson volunteered to chair the bus trip; Kitty Gerwig will assist.

Paul Holtzen recognizes the presence of Dan Buckley. Dan is one of the founding members of our club.

Show and Tell

Olive – Chuck Palmer

Madrone – Chuck Palmer

Trident maple clump style – Don Brown

Purple plum in flower – Don Brown

Several small maple groves – Doc Ward, states that some were experiments from Bonsai Today.

European hornbeam forest – Paul Holtzen

Trident maple forest on a slab, created at a Scott Chad workshop – Bill Burns

Japanese maple grove – Timm Johnson

Camellia in flower – Timm Johnson

Quince, Texas Scarlet – John Cota

Crabapple, Indian summer – John Cota

Shimpaku juniper (raffle prize from last meeting) – Steve Egan

Steve brought this tree to get assistance on how to proceed with styling. Roger Steele gave some suggestions on starting the process toward creating a bonsai.

Respectfully submitted, March 8, 2012.

Renee Seely, Secretary

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 and 25 - Garden Center Spring Sale

Contact Kitty Gerwig, chairperson, for details kathrynLg@hotmail.com.

March 27th - General Meeting

Sam Adina demonstrates his artistic talent styling an olive. Sam is a rising star in our bonsai community and olives are a subject for which he is especially well known.

April - Annual Bus Trip

Amanda Atkinson and Kitty Gerwig will organize the bus trip this year. Details to be posted when available.

April 14th and 15th - Annual ABAS Spring Show

Our 53rd Annual Spring Show is here! Show hours are Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Demonstration each day at 1:30 PM by John Thompson followed by a raffle of bonsai (including the demonstration tree) and bonsai related material.

We have large vendor area with club member trees, pots, etc. For club members who wish to sell items on consignment, please contact John Cota [@bonsaithis@aol.com](mailto:abonsaithis@aol.com). To obtain a Seller's Sheet and complete instructions, visit our website: abasbonsai.org and click on the Spring Show link. Deliver your items along with two (2) copies of your seller sheet(s) to the consignment area Friday evening or Saturday morning. It is very helpful for sellers to deliver items to the sales area Friday evening or Saturday morning before the show opens.

Also, volunteers are needed for room monitors, raffle runners, manning the entrance station, and raffle ticket sales. There will be sign up sheets at the February and March meetings. There is a potluck lunch each day so if you intend to participate, please bring a dish to share. For information contact Greg McDonald: Gregandleanne@comcast.net or by phone at 530-642-2521.

Members planning to show trees may want to [review Bob Bugay's hand-out](#) on preparing trees for show. There will also be an article in the February 'Bent Twig' summarizing his January meeting presentation.

April 21th - Workshop - Styling a collected Boxwood

Roger Steele provides members a great opportunity to work on old and well developed pre-bonsai material - urban collections. Roger has practiced bonsai for 20 years. During this time he studied with Kathy Shaner, Ryan Neil, and other notable instructors. Roger shares his knowledge by teaching classes for our club as well as a workgroup of 5 students that have been meeting for 6 years. He believes that material is the most important part of bonsai and is always on the lookout for quality material - not only for himself but to share with others. The cost of this workshop is \$35.00 and will be at Roger's home in Fair Oaks.

Sign-up sheet and details available at the February and March meetings.

April 24th - General Meeting

Larry White, Midori Bonsai Club of San Jose, will transform a beautiful old collected Boxwood. He will bring several Boxwoods from his private collection to share.

May 23 - General Meeting

Bob Shimon, Mendocino Coast Bonsai, will present the program. Bob's artistry with California natives is well known to members of our club and the entire bonsai community. The program is yet to be determined.

June 9 - Annual Home tour

There will be 7 collections on display, some open all day and some morning or afternoon only. Interested members should sign up at the March, April or May meeting. A list of the collections, with addresses, will then be e-mailed to participants. Members can plot their own tour choosing as many or as few collections as they wish to visit. Contact Don Brown/Andy Volkerts
atdwb100@frontiernet.net

June 26 - General Meeting

Club members, Paul Holtzen and Greg McDonald will conduct their yearly workshop for defoliating and wiring deciduous trees, primarily native oaks. Members, bring your trees!

July 24th - Annual Luau

July is time to get together for good food and good company. The Luau is a potluck with the main course and drinks provided by the club and members sharing a side dish and/or dessert. As the date approaches, details will be provided.

August 28th - General Meeting

Club member, Timm Johnson, presents a program on olive defoliation. Members, bring your olives!

September 25 - General Meeting

Ted Matson presents the program. Ted is one of the most highly respected teachers and demonstrators in the bonsai community. Demonstration material is to be determined but will most likely be shohin. Details to follow.

October 23 - General Meeting

There will be no program this meeting. Club members will be working on the GSBF Convention 2012 which opens on Wednesday, October 24th.

November 27 - General Meeting

A program for this meeting is pending. Details to follow.

December - Christmas Party

