



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
March 2015

Tuesday March 24th, Bob Shimon demonstration featuring a Pygmy Cypress
(*Cupressus goveniana* ssp. *pigmaea*) Bob Shimon owns and operates Mendocino Coast Bonsai (<http://mcbonsai.com/wp/>) in Point Arena, CA with his son Zach. Their specialties are collected Coast Redwoods, Sierra Junipers and Pygmy Cypress. Bob is active in the Redwood Empire Bonsai Club in Santa Rosa. Their show each August is a 'must see' for every Bonsai enthusiast. Bob plans to do a styling demonstration as always including tips from his vast knowledge of the species



For March Show & Tell please bring in Spring color, Cypress and Junipers. Trees are welcome that could also use some advice on style or care.

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At our last meeting Tuesday February 24th we were treated to a three ring show of bonsai skills galore. Dino trimmed up and repotted a tall Japanese Maple “Beni Mako” and began styling a Pygmy Cypress in a nice ceramic pot. Both were raffled at the close of the meeting. While Dino was showing off the courage to just ‘go for it’, Doc and Renee showed us and answered all of our questions on grafting deciduous and evergreen conifer trees. We learned about different kinds of grafts, what tools and equipment are needed, after graft care and, most importantly, where grafting is beneficial to overall tree design. Thank you all for your time and talent that was donated for the benefit of our club.

Along with our demonstrators came a tremendous Show and Tell display put on by many of our members. This gives us all the opportunity to see and share trees and styles as a group. Thank you everyone for another great effort.





And the lucky winner of the raffled Pygmy Cypress



Club News and Announcements:

Dues are Due!! Please help us keep our club active and our quality programs coming by renewing your annual membership at the March meeting if you have not done so. Dues are \$40 per family and go directly toward our programs and activities. Treasurer Patti Fletcher will be available to collect your Cash, Check or Credit Card at the meeting.

It's Showtime!! Planning for our annual Spring Show is underway. Please consider where you can help, check your calendars and be prepared to volunteer at the March Meeting. Renee will have signup sheets at the March 24th Meeting.

Dan Robinson Carving Workshop In addition to our Show Demonstrations, Dan will be doing a carving workshop Saturday morning April 11 at 8:00am. We have one spot left, the cost is \$75 and bring your own tree. Contact Renee for the remaining seat.

Spring Home Tour is May 30th This year we will visit the homes of Kathleen O'Donnell, Walt Brainerd, Timm Johnson and Mike & Linda McCurdy. We will meet and carpool from the Safeway parking lot at Alhambra and J Street. The club will provide lunch for everyone at Mike & Linda's.

Thank You's

Kirk and Ellen Evans for providing meeting refreshments at the February meeting and volunteering for March.

Timm Johnson and Renee Seely for presenting a program on bonsai to the Clarksburg Garden Club (March 12)

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Saturday & Sunday March 21 & 22, Garden Center Spring Sale

Tuesday March 24, Bob Shimon Pygmy Cypress Demonstration

ABAS Spring Show Saturday April 11 & Sunday April 12, 2015 featuring Dan Robinson

Tuesday April 28, Member Shohin Demonstration

Tuesday May 26, Tree Improvement Program w/ Bob Bugay

Saturday May 30, Home Tour Details additional details at the March meeting.

Tuesday June 23, Summer Social Dinner



AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION SACRAMENTO



56th Annual Bonsai Show April 11 & 12, 2015



Featuring Dan Robinson
'The Picasso of Bonsai',
from Elandan Gardens, Bremerton, Washington

Demonstration each day at 1:30 PM

Free admission & parking

Daily benefit raffle
Large vendor and member sales area
Beginner workshop Sunday 10:00 AM
For information contact Renee Seely
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Saturday 10:00 - 5:00, Sunday 10:00 - 4:00
Location: Shepard Garden and Arts Center
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