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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento  
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**Tuesday March 28th ABAS Presents Carmen Scott and Ann Hultgren** This month Carmen will lead us in a Demonstration/Discussion on creating 3 Point Displays pairing trees with accent plants, stands, scrolls and stones. Carmen has been our lead set up person for our recent shows so we know what great presentations she creates for our trees. Come see her go through and explain the steps to creating these works of art.



**This month's Pre-Meeting**, beginning at 6:00 pm, will feature our own Ann Hultgren working with her extensive collection of accents plants. She will have a wide selection to show us along with tips on potting them for show display. Bring a small pot and Ann will send many of us home with our own accents plant.

For Show and Tell bring in your great trees along with stands and other companion display items so we can see and maybe use them in the crafting of our demonstration displays.

**At our last meeting on Tuesday February 28th** Peter Tea gave us a wonderful presentation/lecture on conifers. His talk was thorough, informative and creative. We learned many basic bonsai techniques including timing our work to the seasons for various cultivars and determining when a tree is ready to be worked. It was a packed house!!



Doc continued his seasonal care Pre-Meeting Workshops finishing with deciduous and moving on to conifers.

Thank you to all our members who bring in goodies for our break time. These snacks make everyone feel welcome to our club.



The Show and Tell at the February meeting was stunning. I believe the pictures tell the story best. Enjoy.



## **OUR BOARD – 2016-17**

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## **Club News and Announcements:**

**2017 Dues were due at the January Meeting** If you haven't paid your dues please do so at the March Meeting. Your dues make everything possible for our club activities.

**It's Show Time!** Remember our ABAS Annual Show is Saturday and Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Setup will be Friday evening April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your trees, stands and other display items, along with yourselves, on Friday so we can setup and organize another great show. Please send or give tree information for trees you plan to show (common & scientific name) to Jill Willet [jwbek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwbek@sbcglobal.net) at least one week before the show. On or before March 31<sup>st</sup> please. There will be signup sheets for Floor Monitors, Front Gate Monitors, Raffle Ticket Sales and Consignment Sales Duties at the March Meeting.

**ABAS Home Tour will be Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 am.** Tina Yates has put together an excellent home tour of member's homes. This is a very popular club event giving everyone the opportunity to see some really great trees and also see how other members display and 'bench' their collections. Member's homes for the tour are Dino Pappademos, Phong Nguyen, Don & Barbara Casselman and Tina Yates. A light lunch will be provided by the club at Tina's house. Signup sheets will be available at the March Meeting.

**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.

**ABAS Annual Bus Trip Saturday April 22nd** to the Second Annual Fundraising Event for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen Gardens. Here are the details:

12 hour bus trip departing the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center at 8:00 AM and returning at 8:00 PM.

Trip highlights: Visit the Clark Bonsai Collection, the first Central California Regional Bonsai Exhibit.

9:00am - 12:00pm Shohin workshops

9:30am - 5:30pm Bonsai and bonsai material sales

10:30am - 1:30pm David Nguy demonstration (tree auctioned at 1:30pm)

12:00pm - 1:30pm Shohin round robin demonstrations (demo trees auctioned at 1:30pm),

1:30pm - 4:00pm Live auction of Ray Thieme collection and other selected bonsai from local and statewide artists.

Cost is \$48.00 per person. Visit the event website at

<http://www.clarkbonsaicollection.com/koen-nai-no-bonsai.html> We have covered our commitment for the minimum 40 people and there may be spots left to be purchased at our March Meeting.

**Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, Spring Festival, March 18 & 19** The sale was a great success with our club table bringing in more than enough sales to cover our minimum to the Garden Center. Thank you to Kitty Gerwig, Ed Slomovic, Kathleen O'Donnell, Renee Seely, Richard Kowalski and all our members who donated time and items to sell for this fundraising cause.

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

**Tuesday March 28, Show Prep and display components led by Carmen Scott & ABAS Members, Accent Plants w/ Ann Hultgren**

**Sat & Sun April 1&2, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Annual Show, Sacramento Buddhist Church.**

**Saturday & Sunday April 8&9, ABAS Annual Show featuring Jonas Dupuich.**

**Tuesday April 25, Timm Johnson tells us everything about Azaleas**

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**Saturday and Sunday May 6&7, Sacramento Bonsai Annual Show, Buddhist Church**

**Saturday and Sunday May 20&21, Satsuki Aikokai Annual Show, Garden Center**

**Tuesday May 23, ABAS Annual Auction**

**Saturday June 10, ABAS Annual Home Tour, 8:00 am.**

**Tuesday June 27, Annual Luau, Election of Officers.**

**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, Creating Saikei with John Cota**

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

**Tuesday October 24, Doc Ward, Root Over Rock**

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

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

**December Date TBA, ABAS Holiday Party.**