



# The Bent Twig

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## 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Show Update

Here's an update on the latest needs and show information:

- Bring clean white sheets to cover the show pedestals. Please call Greg and tell him if you can bring some white sheets.
- Set up will be Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Ryan Neil will teach an advanced workshop on both Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. This will be a "bring your own tree" workshop. The cost is \$50 for club members (\$75 for non members) and class size is limited to 5 per day – so sign up with Paul as soon as possible to reserve a spot.
- A beginner class will be offered Saturday and Sunday and the cost is \$10. All materials needed for the class will be provided by the club.
- If you have one or know where there is a special Dan Buckley tree – please contact Greg.
- The lawn signs for the show are missing, please call Dolores or Paul if you know where they are located.

## Tree Identification Information

If you are planning on showing a tree that you have not shown before, we need information for the tree identification tag. Please e-mail us (at [jwbek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwbek@sbcglobal.net)) and give us your tree's common name, botanical name, year training started (not years in training) and your initials. **Please get this information to us by May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## Seller's Number for Show

If you plan to sell plants at the May Show, please call Ann Harris as soon as possible and request a seller's number. Ann may be reached at 455-8385. No numbers will be issued within 24 hours of the show or at the show. Each seller will also have to fill out the attached Spring Show 2010 Seller's Sheet.

## Amador County Bonsai Society By Dolores Rauh

Actually it was a half-day trip! It takes about an hour to get to Jackson. My friend Elaine, and I made a flying trip to view the Amador Bonsai Club Show on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is one of three shows the club puts on and this was a flower show, so we had a double and came home with a bonsai – the demo tree – and some wonderful perennials from the flower show.

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Dan's demo was on a one gallon Mugo Pine from Calaveras Nursery.



It was very healthy and even had a Praying Mantis egg case on one branch which will be cut off after it "hatches".

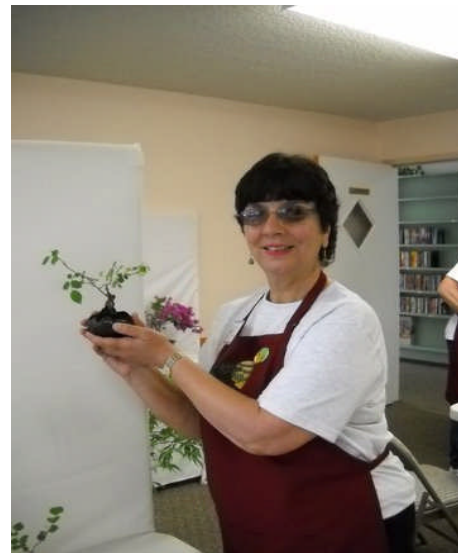
Below are pictures of some of the display trees.



Best in Show with two ribbons.



After initial pruning, the roots were checked.



Marie Baisley with her mini-rose bonsai

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This was a beautiful show and I look forward to their main show on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ridge Road Garden Center.



Demo tree winner!!

### Nomination of New Officers and Board Members

Myrt Rust, Steve Meyer and Simon Lau are preparing the new slate of officers this year's election.



Please contact one of them if you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve as an officer, board member or newsletter editor.

Positions include: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, board members and newsletter editor. The new slate of officers will be announced at the May meeting and elections will be held in June. Please think about serving in one of these positions to help our club remain strong and active.

### May 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Vince Owyong will present a demonstration on air layering at the May meeting – so don't miss it. This is the best time of year to air layer. For newer members, this technique can allow you to create a better root system or a new bonsai pretty quickly. Air layering supplies will be provided. If you have a tree you would like to practice this technique on, please bring it to the meeting.

## Home Tour



Roger Steel is chairing the home tour and the date of the tour has been set for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The trip will start at the Garden Center if parking is available that day. Addresses, maps, and specific times will be provided soon. Suffice it to say there will be good morning snacks and coffee, great friends with common interests, and very interesting collections. Below is a picture of a sculpted front yard and wait until you see the bonsai in the back.



Above is Carolyn's Victorian and you can't imagine all there is to see besides her collection. If you want to attend the tour, please RSVP by calling Roger Steel at 916-863-0985 or e-mailing him at [rogersteel@comcast.net](mailto:rogersteel@comcast.net). Our home tour hosts have requested an approximate number so they can prepare their areas.

## May Care Tips

May care tips include the following:

- Remove or shorten shoots that hide or cover flower buds on satsuki azaleas. Do not remove the flower buds.
- Keep a close eye on junipers, spruce, cedars, fir, etc. and pinch new growth to keep the foliage compact.
- Remove weeds from pots before they become established. Remember, scotch moss and baby tears, although pretty, are weeds. Liverwort is especially bad because it interferes with water penetration.
- This is a good time to propagate by air layering.
- Both deciduous and evergreen trees may still be **carefully** repotted.

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### **ABAS Calendar of Club Events:**

- **May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. ABAS Show Set Up.**
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> American Bonsai's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Show. Hours are 10 – 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 10 – 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Demonstrations on both days by Ryan Neil.**
- **May 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Air Layering demonstration by Vince Owyong. Air layering supplies will be provided.**
- **June 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Greg McDonald demonstration.**
- **July 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Luau.**

### **Calendar of General Bonsai Events:**

- **May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Satsuki Aikokai of Sacramento's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Show. Saturday 10 – 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 – 4 p.m.**
- **June 26<sup>th</sup> Amador County Bonsai Society at the Ridge Road Garden Center in Jackson.**

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