



# The Bent Twig

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**May 2012**

Monthly Meeting: May 22nd



## **May Demonstration**

Bob Shimon, [Mendocino Coast Bonsai](#), presents the program. Bob's artistry with California natives is well known to members of our club and the entire bonsai community. This evening he will style a Sierra juniper.

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## Presidents Message by: Paul Holtzen



My turn as ABAS president is quickly nearing the end. Election chair Kathleen O'Donnell has done a great job presenting us with a slate of candidates which is being sent to you with this newsletter. Please look it over and feel free to nominate someone (or yourself) if you wish. Our election will be held at our June meeting and new officers will take over at the Luau in July. Thank you to all the candidates. The future of our club is bright.

It was with great pleasure that I announced last meeting that the board voted to award Lifetime Membership to Marilyn Irvine and Myrt Rust. These two ladies set a great example for volunteering to keep our club strong. Congratulations and Thanks to Myrt and Marilyn!

Paul



**Styling a collected Boxwood in the 'oak' style by Larry white.  
By Renee Seely**



Larry explains that he was inspired by our native oaks and found collected boxwoods a great subject with which to express this inspiration. For an oak style to look natural a large specimen is required. Collected boxwoods are great subjects since they have large trunks and small leaves. Since boxwoods have been a popular landscape plant for many years, large, old, trees are available to those who keep a watchful eye.



Newly collected trees are cut back hard and allowed to bud out. When repotting, remove soil at the base of the tree. The true nebari may be below the soil line. Repot in pure pumice. The tree should be cut back to  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of what the tree height will be when finished. As the tree buds and new branches grow, they must be wired first to go up and then arch down. Wire must be applied when the new branches are young and flexible. Put lots of exaggerated movement in the newly wired branches.



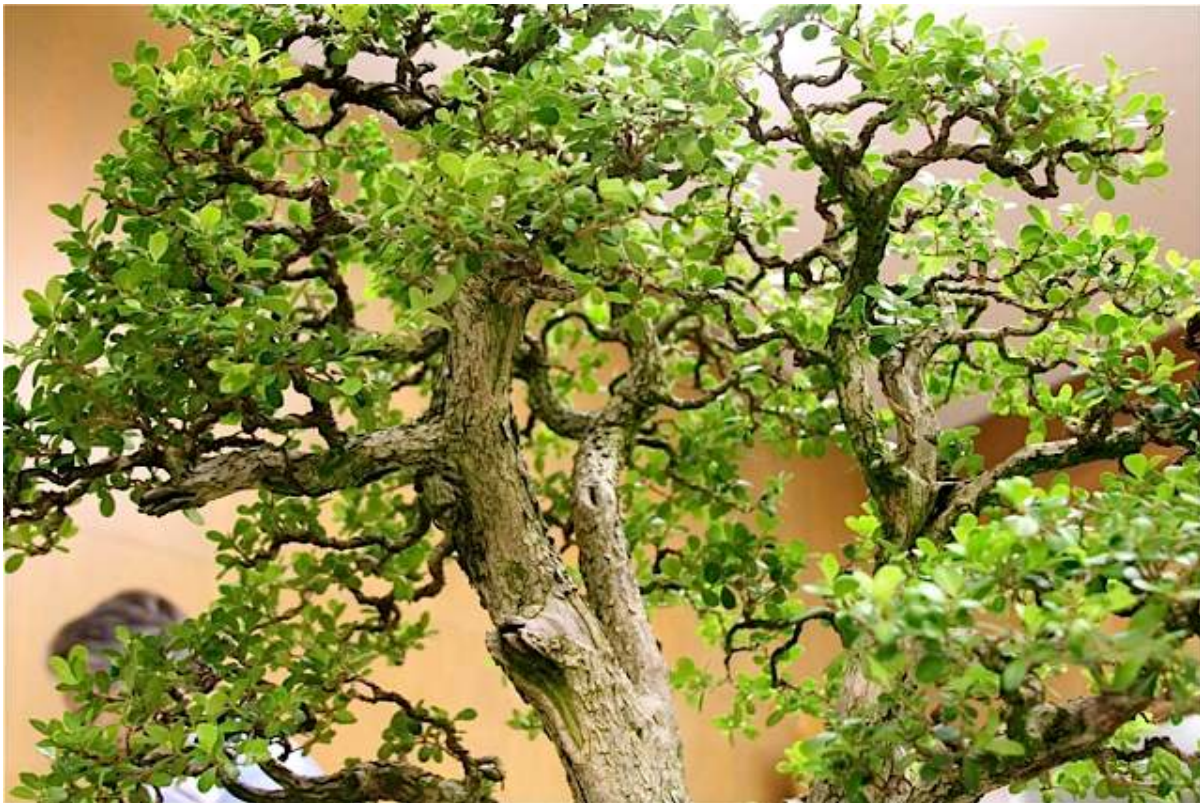
The blunt ends of the cut branches (old branches) are eventually carved to transition into the new branches. As with oaks, the foliage will be on the ends of the branches unless a new branch is desired. The process of wiring and cutting back is repeated until the desired effect is achieved.



To bring big branches down and get the desired arch, do not wire. Put a brace under the branch about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way and then pull down the tip with wire (attached to the pot or another branch).



Larry wires the demonstration tree. The wire is applied to the ends of the branches. The branches should exit the trunk at an acute angle. Apply wire in the direction of the twist.



Pruning may be done any time during the growing season except autumn. Do not prune right before winter; the tree must have foliage for winter. Fertilize with miracle grow and fish emulsion.



*Photos by Clarence Smith and Carolyn VanHoecke*

**AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO  
General Meeting, April 24, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by president Paul Holtzen.

The program: Larry White styling a boxwood in the oak tree style.

General Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report – John Cota

The club balance is \$8358.00 (does not include proceeds from spring show)

Announcements:

Home tour - Don Brown

The home tour is June 9<sup>th</sup>. Address will be provided to those who sign up.

Bus Trip - Amanda Atkinson

The bus trip is canceled. The minimum number of people did not sign up.

New Members

Contact Bill Burns for nametags and new member packets.

Paul Holtzen announces that Marilyn Irvine and Myrtle Rust have been awarded lifetime memberships for their dedication to ABAS.

Show and Tell

Blue Oak – Bob Bugay.

This tree was collected by John Thompson and acquired by Bob in 1999. Bob noted that the tree is much happier since he moved from San Jose to Auburn.

Kingsville Boxwood – Clarence Smith

This tree was purchased from Fred and Dolly Fazio

Butterfly Maple – Dino Pappademos

Shigitatsu sawa Maple – Dino Pappademos

Satsuki Azalea, exposed root style – Dolores Rauh

Olive – Ann Hultgren

Purchased from Larry White at the Mammoth Bazaar 10 years ago.

Hawthorn – Ed Slomovic

Purchased from the Magic Plant Kingdom in 1993.

Boxwood – Roger Steel

Boxwood – Brenda Schermerhorn

This is one of the trees from Roger Steel's workshop last weekend.

Grape – Roger Steel

This is an example of material that Roger collected for his workshop next year.

Dan Buckley's White Pine – John Cota

John brings this beautiful pine to share at various stages of restyling. This is a true white pine imported from Japan.

The winner of Larry White's demonstration tree is Ann Hultgren. Congratulations Ann!

Respectfully submitted, May 18, 2012.

Renee Seely, Secretary





# American Bonsai Association, Sacramento - 2012 Election Ballot

You?

**You for President, VP, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary, Recording Secretary or Member-At-Large?**  
 Tell Ann Harris 916-455-8385 if you're interested in running. It's not too late to enter the race. Only ABAS members that are present at the June meeting may vote, so please be sure to attend.



**Note:** Past President Paul Holtzen will automatically remain on the board.



Here's the slate of candidates so far:

**At the June meeting, Vote for one (1) candidate each for President, VP, Treasurer, Correspondence, Recording Secretary:** Check the box or write-in a candidate with their permission



**Dino Pappademos**  
*(A former ABAS President)*  
**for President**

Write-in President:



**Kathleen O'Donnell**  
*(former ABAS board member)*  
**for Vice President**

Write-in Vice President:



**Renee Seely**  
*(former ABAS board member)*  
**for Treasurer**

Write-in Treasurer:



**Barbara Kelley**  
*(former ABAS board member)*  
**Correspondence**

Write-in Correspondence Sec.



**Del Bane**  
*(member since 2010)*  
**for Recording Secretary**

Write-in Recording Secretary:

**Member-At-Large:** (listed in alphabetical order)  
**At the June meeting, Vote for three (3) from the following, or with their permission write in your candidates name below.**



**Bill Burns**  
*(incumbent)*  
**for Member-At-Large**



**John Cota**  
*(A former ABAS President)*  
**for Member-At-Large**



**Tim Johnson**  
*(A former ABAS President)*  
**for Member-At-Large**



**Doc Ward**  
*(incumbent)*  
**for Member-At-Large**

Write-in Candidates (with their permission) for Member-At-Large:

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## **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 lists 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 at [dwb100@frontiernet.net](mailto:dwb100@frontiernet.net)

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## **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**

Details to follow.



*Starring Bonsai Masters...*

- Ryan Neal
- Kevin Wilson
- David Nguy

*October 25<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento!!*

**Registration opens July 1<sup>st</sup>**