



# The Bent Twig

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THE AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO

ABAS meets monthly 7 PM the 4th Tuesday - Shepard Garden & Arts Center in McKinley Park  
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## Next ABAS Meeting: Tuesday, May, 27th: 7 PM



Our May meeting will be led by a dynamic duo.

Past ABAS President **John Cota** will be creating a **Saikei** planting for ABAS members. Saikei, which literally translates as "planted landscape" is a descendant of the Japanese art of bonsai. However if you are a purest, John warns, this presentation isn't for you. John intends to have fun with this whimsical art form meant to inspire the artist in you.

Past President and former bonsai nursery owner, **Roger Steele** will lend his knowledge, sense of humor and booming voice to style a **Japanese Black pine**. Come join the crowd.

Both creations will be raffled at the end of the evening.

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During the August 26th meeting, I will be facilitating ABAS's very first "Tree Improvement Program" or TIP.

"What is TIP?" you ask. Imagine, you have a tree sitting on your bench that you have been neglecting because you just can't quite figure out what to do with it...or maybe you just bought a new tree and after getting it home and taking a closer look you have some questions:

- Is there a better front?
- Would it look better with less (or more) branches?
- Should the tree be shorter (or taller)?
- Would a different pot improve its appearance?
- Could I change the style?
- What can I do to make it look better?

If you have asked yourself any of these questions, bring that tree to the August 26th meeting. We ask each member of ABAS to bring in one tree. Each tree will be assigned a number, based on time of arrival (first come, first served). When your tree's number is called, you'll bring it up to the front table and tell us a little about the tree. I'll first do a basic evaluation of the tree and give my suggestions. I'll then open the discussion to the club membership.

Our club has some very creative, innovative individuals who are always willing to help. This program is for all members with trees in any phase of development. We can all learn from the experience and everyone is encouraged to participate. This is also a good starting point for preparing a tree for next year's show.

I have facilitated this program at other bonsai clubs with great results. If you like this format, and feel it's a good learning experience, tell one of your ABAS officers and we may make it a regular event.

Remember, please bring in one tree for ABAS's very first TIP.

*Editorial Note: The advanced notice is purposeful. Take time to look at your trees between now and the August meeting. You can get out of this as much as you are willing to put in! -Kathleen*

## ABAS HOME TOUR Saturday, June 14th

Worth repeating...**To attend** the popular ABAS Home Tour scheduled for Saturday, June 14th from 8:30AM-1PM **you must sign up**. We need a headcount so we can manage traffic flow to our members homes and have a sense of how much food to prepare. The tour will take place the day before Father's Day.

We will caravan to the homes of Don Casselman, Clarence Smith, Chris Hartung, and Steve Egan. Steve's yard will be our final stop where he will host a light lunch that ABAS will contribute toward.

\* You can sign up to attend at a meeting or email Steve at:

[egan.stephen.j@gmail.com](mailto:egan.stephen.j@gmail.com)

## Luau Incentives:

Come enjoy a potluck meal with fellow ABAS members and their guests. In addition to sharing a lovely meal, elections will take place, and we will have a drawing for two key prizes: 1) a slot in Kathy Shaner's daytime workshop scheduled for July 22nd (valued at \$100)

2) a full registration for the GSBF 2014 convention taking place October 30-November 2nd at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. (valued at \$269)

**SAT & SUN: MAY 17th & 18th**

**Satsuki Aikokai Azalea Show  
Shepard Garden & Arts  
Center**

**SAT: JUNE 14th**

**ABAS HOME TOUR - Save the date. We will caravan to Members homes and enjoy a picnic lunch at Steve Egan's home, our last stop.**

**TUES: JUNE 24th**

**ABAS CLUB LUAU**

**This is our annual club potluck and social. Club elections will also be held. Please come with fun in mind, bring food to share, and your own plates and silverware.**

**TUES: JULY 22nd**

**ABAS CLUB MEETING**

**Kathy Shaner will be conducting a daytime workshop for members who sign up to attend. That evening at our 7 PM meeting she will style a tree for raffle.**

**TUES: AUG 26th**

**ABAS CLUB MEETING**

**Bob Bugay will introduce ABAS members to his Tree Improvement Program which became a popular event for the Midori Club.**

**TUES: SEPT 23**

**ABAS CLUB AUCTION**

