



THE BENT TWIG

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This Month's Meeting May 24, Ryan Nichols – Disease Prevention

Here are some quotes from Ryan's website: <http://www.backtotherootsbonsai.com>

After earning a degree in Ornamental Horticulture at Cal Poly in 2010, Ryan became aware of a large gap between plants and people. Ryan quickly learned that with the right information and the appropriate tools, people could turn declining plants and landscapes into healthy, and thriving sustainable gardens.

From childhood drawings to professional landscape designs, there has always been a common thread of art and creativity in Ryan's life. As a young child, Ryan learned the importance of aesthetic design growing up in his mother's flower shop. After high school Ryan left plants behind but held tight to design as he studied architecture while working part-time for a local architect. Soon after Ryan began to study landscape architecture to incorporate his two passions, plants and design. A year later a collapsing economy would throw a curve ball, forcing Ryan to leave design and focus on plants. In 2010, after earning a degree in horticulture, Ryan anxiously awaited the day he could return to design when a friend of his asked him if he had ever heard of the art of bonsai. When a simple Google search turned into several hours of research, Ryan was hooked. Through his internet research Ryan ran across Ryan Neil, a 6 year returning apprentice of the world renowned bonsai master Masahiko Kimura. Ryan immediately began studying with Ryan Neil and was amazed at the level of quality and craftsmanship that could be accomplished with focused study and dedication. For Ryan, the art of bonsai became a harmonious blend between plants and design, which allowed him to get BACK TO HIS ROOTS, and the rest was history.

Most recently Ryan was awarded first place in the 2014 Joshua Roth New Talent Competition.



Ryan Nichols



Shohin Collection, Deeg

Our Pre-Meeting workshop this month will feature a discussion on shade cloth and bench placement in your bonsai garden.

And Show and Tell can feature whatever is looking great in your collection. Please share with our members.

At our last meeting April 26, Gordon Deeg gave us an inspirational and informational discussion on the Shohin Bonsai style. Gordon covered everything from finding appropriate beginning stock to care and keeping the overall size within the Shohin requirements. We learned, as in many things bonsai, a Shohin is 8" or less soil to top or in some circles it can be 10" or less. Gordon's delivery was easy to understand and educational for all skill levels in attendance. Gordon also brought in several fine examples that were matched with many members bringing in their own examples to share. Thanks to all who attended and participated, the meeting turnout was great.

During his presentation, Gordon mentioned the Filoli Mansion and Gardens in Woodside, CA. For those interested in exploring it further the website is here: <http://filoli.org/>

John led our Pre Meeting topic, soil health and pest control. We also had a great refreshment table for break time. Thanks to those that brought in the goodies.





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Linda McCurdy.

Club News and Announcements:

Clubs dues are overdue! If you have not renewed your dues, please do so at the May Meeting. Your continued dues support our many great programs and other club activities. You must be a Member to attend the upcoming Home Tour and to sell items at our Spring Show, Regular Meetings and September Auction.

2016 Home Tour – Save the Date Saturday May 28 Board Member Steve Egan has once again put together an impressive home tour for us to enjoy. This year we will tour collections by Renee Seely, John & Ramona Cota, Doc Ward and Bob Bugay & Paula Maxwell. Bob and Paula, complements of ABAS, will serve a light lunch. Space is limited to 30 members so sign up soon by contacting Steve Egan at egan.stephen.j@gmail.com. Details will be presented at the May meeting and emailed to those who have signed up. This promises to be an outstanding day of bonsai and fun.

Meeting Refreshments Please consider bringing in refreshments for one or more of our upcoming meetings. I think we all enjoy these snacks during the meeting but they don't happen by themselves. The Club provides funds for the items, we just need volunteers to do it. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the next meeting.

Officer Nominations Dino is our Elections Chairman and will present a slate of Board Nominations at the May Meeting. All positions are open for further nominations from the floor at the May and June Meeting. Elections will be held at the June Luau Meeting.

June Luau, Italian Style, Tuesday June 28 This is one of only two purely social meetings per year. The club is providing the main course with members contributing salads, light side dishes and desserts. Come out and enjoy an evening of conversation and friendship. And we'll have our Board Elections that night as well.

Programs and Topics

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Tuesday May 24, Ryan Nichols Presentation – Disease Prevention

Saturday May 28, ABAS Home Tour, Renee, John & Ramona, Doc and Bob & Paula Collections.

Tuesday June 28, Summer Luau (Italian Style) and Club Elections

Tuesday July 26, Jonas Dupuich Demo

Sat 8/20 & Sun 8/21, Redwood Empire Bonsai Show, Santa Rosa

Tuesday August 23, Member Trifecta, Pines, Defoliation and Styling

Tuesday September 27, ABAS Annual Auction

Tuesday October 25, Bjorn Bjorholm Demo

Thursday – Sunday October 27 - 30, GSBF Convention, Double Tree Inn, Sacramento