



The Bent Twig

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**ABAS Meeting
on November 22nd
at 7pm**



Bob Shimon will do a demonstration on a collected redwood, and then assist ABAS members with their redwood trees.

Please bring your redwood trees for Bob's expert advice and suggestions.

*Refreshments will be provided by
Ann Hultgren*



Happy Thanksgiving to all our ABAS friends!

October ABAS Meeting



Our own, Doc Ward, made the sawdust fly as he carved a hollow trunk into Jason Butler's Montpelier Maple at our October meeting

Presidents Message by Paul Holtzen



The new show backdrops are almost completed and they're going to be nice thanks to Ken's carpentry and design skills and the manual labor of Greg, Doc, Jeff, Ram, and yours truly. The frame is 1 x 4 poplar assembled with bed frame hardware and they will be covered with a canvas cloth. I think we'll have the classiest display of any club around. Another advantage is that they should be much easier to assemble for shows than our old system. They should last us more many years to come.

Mark your calendars for December 14th, don't miss our annual Holiday party in combination with Satsuki Aikokai at the Garden Center. This is always a fun and festive event!





AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO
General Meeting, October 25th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by president Paul Holtzen.

Tonight's program is Doc Ward creating a trunk hollow in a trident maple.

General Meeting - Business:

Announcements:

Guests and New Members

Doc Ward introduces guest Jeff Campbell from Gold Country Bonsai Club.

Capital City Show – Gary Judd

Thanks to all who participated and helped make the show a success. All the auction items sold. Proceeds will go to benefit the permanent collection (Collection North) at Lake Merritt in Oakland.

GSBF Convention is this week, Wednesday through Sunday.

Fall repotting Workshop at Maruyama's Nursery, Saturday, November 12th.

Time is 09:00 AM until noon. This is a good time to repot fruiting and flowering trees to prevent nematodes.

Treasurer's Report

John Cota is absent this evening so there will be no treasurer's report.

New Backdrops – Greg McDonald

A work weekend for construction of the new backdrops is scheduled for November 5th at two locations; Doc Ward's home in Granite Bay and Ken Santucci's home in Roseville.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Ken or Greg; your help will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 14th, here at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. Kitty Gerwig volunteers to be co-chair and work with Satsuki Aikokai. Please contact Kitty if you are available to help with the party.

Garden Center Fall Sale

Kitty Gerwig reports that there were a lot of trees and a good turnout. John and Ramona Cota will report on the financials at the next meeting.

Next meeting (November 22nd)

The program will be a Bob Shimon 'hands-on' redwood workshop. Club members bring your redwoods and learn from the master.

Show and Tell

Doc Ward shares four of his maples with carving and hollows

Crabapple with dead wood and hollow – Bill Burns

Bill has been working with Ted Matson to create the dead wood and hollow on this tree.

Respectfully submitted, November 13, 2011.

Renee Seely, Secretary



Instant Gratification – ABAS Style

Am I talking about the next guru promising instant mastery of all things bonsai in 5 easy lessons?
Not quite.

How about a correspondence course claiming immediate artistic competency in two weeks time?
No way, Jose.

Then it must be a new and improved fertilizer that you only have to apply once to your trees and never feed them again for the rest of their natural lives.
Man, I wish.

What I'm talking about guys and gals, damas y caballeros . . . is the reintroduction of a revitalized and upgraded, **In-House Club Sales Table**.

What is going to make it different from before? Well, we now accept **MasterCard, Visa, AmEx, Discover and debit cards** of all types.

Just as before, club members will get paid **80 percent** of the selling price of an item with the club retaining 20 percent commission.

Since Yours Truly is now the Treasurer, anyone selling an item will receive their check **before** going home that evening

So, whether you sell 50 or 500 dollars worth of stuff, you will be going home with an ABAS check worth 80 percent of what you sold (easy money, baby, easy money).

Please bring any bonsai-related items you wish to sell to our November meeting & let's kick this off with a bang.

Yours truly,
John Cota, Treasurer

