



THE BENT TWIG

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ABAS Meeting Tuesday, November 25th The November Meeting features our own Roger Steele working on and teaching us the seasonal techniques required for Japanese Black Pines. We will look forward to soaking up some of Roger's extensive knowledge surrounding the Bonsai staple trees. Whatever you need to know, or ever thought you needed to know, about pines will be covered at this comprehensive event. There will also be an opportunity for you to bring in your pines for critique and horticultural guidance. A Black Pine raffle will follow the demonstration.

Show and tell for this meeting should include your Pines, Fall Color and Fruiting Trees.

Please join us on Wednesday December 10 for our annual Holiday Social Event Join fellow ABAS members for an awesome potluck, gift exchange, bonsai tree decorating contest, and the opportunity to just socialize for an evening. Invite your friends and family. Turkey and ham are provided by ABAS. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as, a plate and flatware for yourself and your guest(s). The bonsai tree Christmas decorating contest and gift exchange are optional but lots more fun if everyone participates. To participate in the gift exchange, bring a bonsai related wrapped gift, value not to exceed \$20.00. There will be a special prize for the decorated bonsai tree voted best by the audience. Doors open at 5:30 PM for decorating and table set up, drinks and finger food at 6 PM. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM.



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ABAS Trifecta at our last meeting Tuesday, October 28. The session was a fun demo by three of our long time members, John, Dino and Doc. They all worked their wondrous on three different trees and all were raffled at the close of the demonstration. Many questions were asked and answered throughout this informative meeting. Thanks go to everyone that participated and helped keep the information flowing.





Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Tuesday November 25, ABAS Meeting, Fall Pine Maintenance

Wednesday December 10, Holiday Party

Tuesday January 27, Peter Tea Monterey Cypress Demonstration

Tuesday February 24, Dino – Acer Palmatum Demonstration

Tuesday March 24, Bob Shimon Pygmy Cypress Demonstration

ABAS Spring Show Saturday April 11 & Sunday April 12, 2015

Spring Show Headliner Dan Robinson

Here are some quotes about Dan from the “Art of Bonsai” Webpage.

Frequently called from his lake-side home in the Pacific Northwest to share his wealth of knowledge and skills with bonsai enthusiasts, Dan has traveled the world over helping others develop their own vision. His seminars and workshops on carving and sculptural processes present a unique American perspective; emphasizing natural forms and in effect, rejecting prescribed rules that restrict artistic expression. Dan is credited with the development of a root enhancing technique now used by collectors around the world. He introduced power-tools into the bonsai creation arena in 1978. His articulation on "The Aging Process" clarified the design implicit during ascending stages of age in trees. His treatise "Focal Point Bonsai Design", which challenges the perpetuation of the "One-Two-Three-Triangle" design concept has been published in US, Italian, English and French bonsai publications. The subject of many newspaper and magazine articles, Dan Robinson was featured in a Smithsonian article on Bonsai in 1989.

Some more of Dan's work:

