



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday, November 24, ABAS Monthly Meeting Our November meeting will feature Fall tune-up tips presented by Doc on deciduous trees and Renee on Black Pines. Doc and Renee are full of helpful hints for your trees to build a strong winter foundation supporting the spring growth period. You won't want to miss this opportunity to better your collection and your expertise. Since there will be no demo tree to raffle, John is going shopping for a special find the raffle.

John will lead the pre-meeting seminar covering feeding and various fertilizers Turnout and interest for these seminars has been good with the presenters and participants contributing many views on a narrow and defined topic. The seminar starts at 6:30, regular meeting at 7:00. Ideas for more topics are always welcome and everyone is welcome to participate.

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Last Meeting October 27th Our last meeting featured Dino, Doc and John all working on separate Shohin style trees, 10” or less. The session was educational, entertaining and festive. John’s tree was not quite a Shohin but we all thought it was a very nice tree and let him continue. We learned many styling tips for smaller trees and that ‘Less is often more’ when it comes to Shohins. Here are the finished products.



Thursday December 17th, ABAS Holiday Social 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.

Club News and Announcements:

Spring Show Details are coming together for our Spring Show April 9&10, 2016. Peter Tea will be our headliner. We will need many volunteers in all capacities, please consider donating your time and talents to this significant club event.

2016 Programs and Topics Here's the lineup for 2016. It looks like a great year!!

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

Tuesday November 24, Fall Tune Up with Doc Ward

Thursday December 17, Holiday Social. This is one of two purely social meetings for the club.

Tuesday January 26, Ram Lucas, Artisans Cup Presentation, Repotting with Renee.

Tuesday February 22, Demo by Scott Chadd

Tuesday March 22, Show Preparation and Accent Plants

Saturday & Sunday April 9 & 10, 2016. Our Spring Show

Tuesday April 26, Special Presentation by Gordon Deeg

Tuesday May 24, Ryan Nichols Demo

Tuesday June 28, Summer Party and Club Elections

Tuesday July 26, Jonas Dupuich Demo

Tuesday August 23, Member Presented Program

Tuesday September 27, ABAS Annual Auction

Tuesday October 25, Bjorn Bjorholm Demo