



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
November 2017

Tuesday November 28th Ron Anderson on Black Pines This month features local artist Ron Anderson styling and telling us about Black Pines. I had pictures of the tree to be styled and raffled in last month's newsletter. Ron is a long time Bonsai enthusiast originally located in the Bay Area who is currently relocating and building a full service Bonsai nursery offering bonsai material, supplies, training and workshops for our area. The new facility is located in Carmichael. We look forward to meeting Ron at our meeting and welcome his participation in our activities in the future. Here are some pictures of some of Ron's trees I lifted from his web page.

Doc will continue with the Pre-Meeting Study Group at 6:00.

Bring Fall Color and Pines for Show and Tell.





At our last meeting Tuesday October 24th John treated us to his creation of a Saikei planting featuring large rocks, junipers and several smaller plants to complete the landscape composition. As always, John taught us about the history behind this form of Bonsai including its origin and the many techniques used to create interest, depth and proportion. Thank you John, great job!! Here are some pictures of John at work and Alex, the lucky raffle winner..



Kathleen led an informative plant care talk with some hands on for the Pre-Meeting Study Group. Dino helped us with a host of great trees for our Show & Tell. Thanks to all who participated.



October Formal Display Presentation This month featured Ann Hultgren putting together her variations for a formal Bonsai display. Ann gave us several options to consider, all very nice indeed. Here are a couple pictures. Roger Steele is on deck for November.



Our Board for 2017-18

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Capital City Bonsai Show If you missed the Capital City Bonsai Show October 21 & 22, you missed a lot. This is a collaborative show put on by all 4 Sacramento Area Bonsai Clubs to benefit the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland. There were demos, consignment sales, vendor sales, an auction, workshops and lots of beautiful trees to see.



ABAS Wiring Class/Workshop Sunday December 3, 2017 Bob Bugay & Renee Seely will co-host a wiring class & workshop for members, signup sheets will be available at the November Meeting. Here are the class details:

Wiring is an essential skill in bonsai— It allows us to bend branches and add movement to our trees to train them towards a desired shape. It's a technique that we all strive to master, and what better way to take a step on that journey than to learn from ABAS's own, Bob Bugay and Renée Seely.

Bob and Renee will begin class with a lecture and demonstration on:

1. The Wire Types and Usage
2. Wiring Techniques/Tips and Tricks.

Students will then get a chance to practice those techniques on cut branches to refine their skills. After students have had ample time to practice, they will use these learned techniques on their own bonsai trees under Bob and Renée's guidance.

When: December 3rd, 2017

Where: Renée's home

Duration: 9am – 1pm. Please arrive a few minutes early.

Attendee Cost: \$20 per student (to cover cost of materials)

Included with Workshop:

- Experienced instructor(s)
- Refreshments & snack (water, soda, etc) ????
- Bonsai wire to support the class
- Hand outs

What's not included:

- Bonsai Trees (Suggestion: bring one juniper & one deciduous tree to work on in the class)
- Bonsai tools
- Lunch

Club News and Announcements:

ABAS on Facebook Join us on our very own ABAS Facebook Group Page. Join in the conversation, view and post photos & videos, ask questions and get answers. The more participants the better the resource can be. If you are not a member go to Facebook and search 'American Bonsai Association, Sacramento' and ask to be approved as a member. This is a private group, you will not be exposed to the greater Facebook community through this group.

Save the Date, Saturday March 24th is our Annual Bus Trip This year we plan to head to the East Bay Area to visit some private collections with some exclusive buying opportunities. Timm has been our 'Trip Master' for many years, Patti has volunteered to assist this year as well. We would like another club member to step up, help put together the technical details and learn the system for future trips. Timm will be glad to train and guide the process. Please consider this opportunity to help the club and you will be eligible for the Power of One Raffle highlighted below. Specific details of the trip will be in later issues as we get organized.

Power of One new for December At our Christmas Party, on Thursday, December 21st ABAS will raffle a spot to go to Lotus Bonsai's growing grounds. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, February, 10th where the winner will hunt for a \$175 Shimpaku of their choice. Tickets for the raffle will go to members who have done some volunteer work for the club in 2017. As a side, there is also a Sunday event February 11 for purchase that includes another tree. Should the recipient purchase the Sunday event he/she is automatically invited to attend the Saturday dinner (duck appetizers, cheese selection, grilled cooked to order rib-eye steak, Caesar and/or potato salad, garlic bread, chili, and my wine choices), complimentary to two-day attendees only. One-day attendees, companions, non-diggers, observers, are charged \$35 for the dinner should they choose to

attend. The winner should plan to put together a short presentation on their experience to share with the rest of the club.

Programs and Topics Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details <http://abasbonsai.org/index.html>

Tuesday November 28, Ron Anderson, Black Pine Demo

Sunday December 3, ABAS Wiring Class & Workshop, Bob & Renee.

Thursday December 21, ABAS Holiday Party w/Dino doing a Rock Planting!

Tuesday January 23, Dave Goscinski, Hands on Styling Exercise

Fri, Sat, Sun Feb 2, 3, 4. California Shohin Society Seminar, Santa Nella, CA

Sat, Sun Feb 7 & 8, GSBF Collection North Mammoth Bazaar, Lake Merritt, Oakland

Tuesday Feb 27, Roger Steele, Japanese Maple

Saturday March 24, ABAS Bus Trip

Tuesday March 27, Bob Bugay, Tree Improvement Program (TIPs)

Sat, Sun March 31, Apr 1, SGAC Spring Sale

Sat, Sun, April 7 & 8, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Annual Show, Sacramento Buddhist Church

Friday April 13, ABAS Annual Show Set-up

Sat, Sun April 14 & 15, ABAS Annual Show w/Peter Tea, SGAC