



The Bent Twig

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ABAS Meeting on October 25th



Our own ABAS club member, **Doc Ward**, will demonstrate his special technique for carving hollow trunks on deciduous trees. A monthly club meeting you won't want to miss!



Refreshments provided by Roger Steele and Wayne & Brenda Schermerhorn

Fall is here and it's an exciting time for bonsai. Deciduous leaves are turning color and falling, repotting time is starting, and bonsai activities abound. The Capitol City Bonsai Show was this weekend, and represented some of the best of all four Sacramento Bonsai clubs. THE GSBF Convention is Oct. 27th – 30th in Riverside. Be sure to attend!

And we've got some great club meetings planned. This month our Meeting's program will feature Doc Ward doing a demo of his hollow trunk technique on deciduous trees. Our November meeting brings back club favorite Bob Shimon to lead a hands on workshop demo on redwood refinement. So, plan on bringing your redwoods for Bob's expert advice. In December we will once again join with the Satsuki Aikokai for our annual Christmas party. We still need a person from our club to help Ed Schroeder organize the party. Please let me know if you can help.

~ Paul

Presidents Message by: Paul Holtzen



SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our September meeting brought John Thompson to us from San Jose , CA. John did a great demo on a pygmy Mendocino cypress collected by Bob and Zack Shimon.

JT examined the tree and pointed out that it was actually two trees planted together. One of the trees was more of a literati style and the other was shorter with more trunk movement. John explained that the two trees were so different that the best course was to plan on separating them later and that he would do the initial styling on the shorter tree and leave the other for the tree's winner to tackle later.



The two trees before work.



The taller tree. A great bunjin for a later time.

JT began by removing excess foliage from the tree to be styled to a few gasps and moans from the audience before club members scrambled up to grab the trimmings to make cuttings.

He wired and styled the tree while speaking about the care and culture of these cypresses as well as some background on how and why they are naturally dwarfed by the conditions where they are found near the North Coast.

JT cautioned that the old, native soil should be replaced very gradually over several years only a small portion at a time until eventually the tree is in bonsai soil. Bare root transplanting is usually fatal.



Wiring while teaching



After the break, JT finished wiring and the tree was raffled. Lucky club member, Joelle Fulford, won this great tree with lots of potential in the years to come!



AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO
General Meeting September 27, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by president Paul Holtzen.

Tonight's program is John Thompson (JT) styling a dwarf Pygmy Cypress.

General Meeting - Business:

Announcements:

Power of One – Paul Holtzen

Those who wish to participate in the 'Power of One' raffle please fill out an entry form (located on the back table) and place it in the raffle container.

Sign up sheet for general meeting refreshments

There are a number of openings for volunteers to bring refreshments for the general meetings this next year. The sign up sheet is on the back table.

Treasurer:

John and Ramona Cota volunteered to assume the duties of treasurer replacing Carolyn Van Hoecke who resigned last month.

Capital City Bonsai Show, October 22nd and 23rd

Volunteers needed to assist during show; contact Paul.

Members who will show trees; contact Paul as soon as possible. A list must be prepared prior to the show and submitted to Gary Judd.

Members wishing to sell items on consignment, contact John and Ramona Cota (Bonsaithis@aol.com) for seller numbers and seller sheets.

Garden Center Fall Sale, October 1st and 2nd:

Kitty Gerwig is chairperson.

Bring donation items to the garden center Friday evening between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Items can include all garden and bonsai related items: trees, pots, tools, books, etc.

Help is needed during the day on Saturday; Sunday is covered. Members are welcome to drop by and help any time.

The club fee for tables has been paid. All proceeds from donation sales will benefit the club.

For consignment, the club takes 20%.

Christmas Party

Volunteer needed for chairperson. The individual will work with Satsuki Aikokai to plan the party.

Guests and New Members

Bob Bugay introduces his daughter and son-in-law who are visiting from Idaho.

New members are Mat Anglin and Paul Olvera.

Workshops

There will be a series of introductory and intermediate workshops offered Saturdays in February and March 2012. Dates: February 4, March 3, and March 17. Time: 09:00 AM till 06:00 PM. Place: Shepard Garden and Arts Center. Details will be posted as they become available.

Show and Tell

Japanese White Pine – John Cota.

This is the same tree that he brought to the last meeting. He has restored the health of the tree. It is now pruned, wired and styled – a beautiful tree.

Juniper rock planting – Don Casselman styled by John Cota.

Sierra Juniper – Bob Bugay.

This tree was styled by Ryan Neil during his workshop this past weekend.

Scotts Pine – Don Casselman styled by John Cota.

This tree has very long needles due to being in too much shade. It has been pruned, wired and placed in more sun.

Crabapple – Dolores Rauh

Dolores requested JT's advice on fruit and flower management on crabapples. JT suggests letting the tree rest every other year. Take most of the fruit off and let the tree grow to develop ramification. Remove flowers approximately 2/3rds of the way through the flowering process. To show the tree, let flower and fruit. It may be necessary to thin the fruit for optimum tree presentation.

Cork Oak – Dino Pappademos

This is a cork oak purchased at Calaveras Nursery.

Dwarf Pygmy Cypress – John Thompson

Tree is pruned at this point; however, let some branches run to maintain the health of the tree.

Blue Atlas Cedar – John Cota

This tree was originally styled by Kathy Shaner as an informal upright. It was later restyled by another teacher and ended up Bunjin style, much to the dismay of John. He has been working with the tree to return it to the Kathy Shaner informal upright style.

Sierra Juniper – Dino Pappademos

This tree was purchased at a club auction and subsequently worked on by Ted Matson.

This is one of Dino's favorite trees.

Crepe Myrtle – Bill Burns

Bill collected this tree from a client's yard. It is over 26 years old. Bill is working with Kathy Shaner to develop styling. It is a beautiful tree with white flowers.

The winner of the 'Power of One' raffle drawing is Timm Johnson. Congratulations Timm!!

Respectfully submitted, October 9, 2011.

Renee Seely, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 25th

Club member, **Doc Ward**, carves hollow tree trunks on deciduous trees.

Monthly ABAS Meeting

October 27th – 30th

Check **Golden Statements** for all details.

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November 22nd

Bring your redwoods for **Bob Shimon** to critique.

Monthly ABAS Meeting

Wednesday, Decemer 14th

With Satsuki Aikokai

Christmas Party

No regular meeting in December.



