



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Capital City Bonsai Association Show This weekend October 24 & 25 is the annual Capital City Bonsai Show. Supporting the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt and Sacramento bonsai clubs, the show is at the Shepard Garden Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday, with demonstration both days at 1:30 PM by sponsor clubs with bonsai benefit drawings to follow. Vendor and club sales throughout the show.

Tuesday October 27th, ABAS Monthly Meeting Our meeting this month will feature Dino, Doc and John creating 3 different Shohin Style Bonsai. These trees are generally 10” or less tall. Many consider Shohin to be one of the most difficult of styles to master as the artist(s) are required to do more with much less structure within the trees. Many subtle techniques are used to enhance the final design into a convincing miniature tree. We’ll see how our three artists fare in this challenging session. At the close of the meeting all three trees will be offered in a dedicated raffle meaning you can put your tickets toward a specific tree. Here are two fine examples.



The pre-meeting seminar will cover fertilizers and watering with Dino and John. Rumor has it Mark might offer some suggestions for this session as well. The seminar starts at 6:30, regular meeting at 7:00.

OUR BOARD

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Linda McCurdy.

Last Meeting was our Annual Auction. Our annual auction was a huge success. Many high quality trees and bonsai related items were offered drawing handsome bids for the club and the sellers. There were also several ‘sleeper’ items of good quality and a fine selection of pre-bonsai plant material on the block as well. Sellers were limited to a maximum of ten items making the evening manageable time wise and encouraging the best selection we, as a club, had to offer. Thank you to the many members who helped, and to the bidders who supported our club and our passion. Final tally will be provided at the October meeting.



Tuesday November 24th Meeting Our November meeting will feature Fall tune-up tips presented by Doc Ward. Doc is full of helpful hints to help your trees 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.

Club News and Announcements:

GSBF Board Nominations and Elections Anyone interested in serving in a leadership capacity for the Golden State Bonsai Federation, of which ABAS is a Member Club, should contact Renee or log into <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/> for more information.

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 Your Board is actively putting together next year's meeting topics and guest artists. If you have a particular subject, tree style or guest artist you would like to learn about or see, please let a Board Member know.

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details

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

October 24 & 25, Capital City Bonsai Show, Shepard Garden Center

Tuesday October 27, Member Shohin Challenge. Dino, John and Doc will style 3 Shohin Trees for our entertainment!!

October 29th – November 1 The 38th Annual GSBF Convention “Bonsai Fision” will be held in Riverside. Log into <http://www.gsbfconvention.org/> for more information.

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.

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