



# THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

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**Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> Bjorn Bjorholm Demonstration** This month ABAS proudly welcomes back Bjorn Bjorholm styling a Yamadori Utah Juniper. Yamadori trees are all collected preferably from the wild but ‘Urban’ Yamadori trees collected from gardens are acceptable for the style. This style exhibits dramatic twisting branches and deadwood yielding magnificent trees of endless interest and intrigue. Watching Bjorn, a trained and certified Bonsai Master, work in this style promises to be fascinating at the least. I found this short bio on Bjorn’s website.

*Bjorn L Bjorholm is a bonsai artist and instructor who spent six years as an apprentice under Master Keiichi Fujikawa at Kouka-en bonsai nursery in Osaka, Japan, before receiving certification as a bonsai professional by the Nippon Bonsai Association. His tenure as an apprentice at Kouka-en was followed by three years as artist-in-residence at the same location, making him the first and only foreign-born working bonsai professional in Japan. During his time in Japan, Bjorn's works were featured in the Kokufu-ten, Sakufu-ten, and Taikan-ten exhibitions, among many others.*



At our October Pre-Meeting Workshop at 6:30 Tuesday, Doc will lead a discussion and brief demo on his method to create a root over rock style planting.

For Show & Tell please bring your collected trees, fall color and fruiting trees.

**Our last meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> was our annual Bonsai Auction** This is always a fun and rewarding meeting for our members and friends. It is also a major fundraiser for the club so we may continue providing our members with quality programs throughout the year. This year was no exception, John, Dino and Paul led the auction with many great trees to bid on. The rest of the support crew did a concise job providing sales records, a safe place for our purchased items and timely checkout procedures to keep everything moving on time. Thanks to all who helped with the auction.



## **OUR BOARD – 2016-17**

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## **Club News and Announcements:**

**Bonsai Workshop with Bjorn Bjorholm** Renee will have a hands on workshop at her house on Tuesday October 25 (same as our Monthly Meeting Day). This workshop is currently full. Please contact Renee at [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net) if you are interested in filling any late cancellations.

**Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention is October 27-30 at the Sacramento Double Tree** Doc is in charge of security for the event and is looking for volunteers to help out. In this case many helpers lightens the load for everyone. Please contact Doc to sign up. [docsbonsai@gmail.com](mailto:docsbonsai@gmail.com)

**Annual Holiday Party** The Holiday Party this year will be on Thursday 12/15 at the Garden Center. This is a fun evening of good food and good friends. The club provides the main course and drinks, members bring a dish to share. Save the date.

**Meeting Refreshments** Please consider bringing in refreshments for one or more of our upcoming meetings. I think we all enjoy these snacks during the meeting but they don’t happen by themselves. The Club provides funds for the items, we just need volunteers to do it. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the next meeting.



**2017 Programs** Kathleen is busy finalizing the 2017 meeting schedule. It looks like another great year for ABAS!! See the first several months of programs below.

### **Programs and Topics**

**Upcoming events:** Please refer to our website for more details

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

**Tuesday October 25, Bjorn Bjorholm Workshop at Renee's**

**Tuesday October 25, Bjorn Bjorholm Demo**

**Thursday – Sunday October 27 - 30, GSBF Convention, Double Tree Inn, Sacramento**

**Tuesday November 22, Bob Bugay Tree Improvement Program (TIP's)**

**Thursday December 15, Annual Holiday Party, Gift Exchange, Tree Decorating Contest**

**Tuesday January 24, Sam Adina Styles an Hinoki Cypress**

**Tuesday February 28, Peter Tea gives us a presentation on Conifers**

**Tuesday March 28, Show Prep and display components led by ABAS Members**

**Tuesday April 25, Timm Johnson tells us everything about Azaleas**

**Tuesday May 23, John Cota creating Saikei**