



THE BENT TWIG

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

Tuesday October 24, John Cota – Creating Saikai John will give us a thorough demonstration on creating a Saikai (rock) planting. There are many versions of this bonsai art form, some with many complimentary plants styled into a mountain scene and others with a simple display of highly styled material on a selected rock framework. John's demonstrations are always packed with useful information and techniques he's learned over his many years of experience. We'll have to see what John has in store for us this month. And, of course the work of art will be raffled at the end of the meeting.

For the Pre-Meeting, Kathleen will fill in for Doc with a session on general tree care. Please bring in your trees for advice, styling hints and answers to what to do next.

Show and tell, bring us your Saikai and rock plantings.



At our last meeting Tuesday September 26 Doc treated us to an in depth demonstration on the creation of a 'root over rock' planting. He's done a lot of these and has great experience with what works and what doesn't. Here are a couple pictures of his demo.



Doc was a busy guy that night as he did another chapter of his Pre-Meeting Study Group. This program is gaining in popularity. We'll try a new room layout at the October meeting to make better use of the room and time with this portion of the meeting. The Study Group begins at 6:00, regular meeting at 7:00.

Tuesday November 28th features Ron Anderson Ron is planning a demonstration and raffle of this Japanese Black Pine for our November Meeting. Here are a couple pictures to peak your interest.



November Demo Black Pine



Ron Anderson w/Demo Pine

Our Board for 2017-18

President – Renee Seely

Vice President – Kathleen O'Donnell

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Corresponding Secretary – Mark Mendenhall

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Boxwood Workshop, Saturday November 4th Roger Steele will host a Boxwood Workshop at his home on November 4th, 9:00 – Noon. This workshop will be a series of three to begin development of the trees into bonsai including initial repotting, styling, carving, etc.

November 4, 2017, February 2018 (date to be arranged), May 2018 (date to be arranged)

Material: Urban collected dwarf variety boxwoods

Cost: \$25.00. The cost of the workshop includes the collected boxwood.

See our website for details or contact Roger Steel via email rogersteel@comcast.net.

There are 3 more spots in the workshop. Trees and sign up at the meeting next week.

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 September 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

SGAC Fall Sale A BIG thank you to everyone who contributed to and worked the Garden Center Fall Sale to benefit our club. Proceeds from the sale go towards our rent for the center. Here's a picture of the Sunday crew. Again, THANK YOU!



Sunday Crew SGAC Sale

ABAS Formal Display Did you notice our club has started a new feature at our monthly meetings? Last month Bob Bugay created his version of a formal Bonsai Display for us to see and appreciate. We plan to feature one member creating their own formal display each month for discussion of the nuances that raise the act of showing bonsai to an art form. Next month Ann Hultgren will present a display and lead the bonsai display discussion. Here is a picture of Bob's display last month.



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.

Capital City Bonsai Show The Capital City Bonsai Show is a collaborative show put on by all four Sacramento Area Bonsai Clubs to raise funds to support the GSBF Gardens at Lake Merritt in Oakland. We have this show when the GSBF Convention is not in our area. This year the show is on October 21 & 22 at the Garden Center. The show this year will have live demonstrations in the morning and afternoon with a short auction of the demo trees. A large raffle is planned along with vendor and member consignment sales.

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

Sat & Sun October 21 & 22, Capital City Bonsai Show at the Garden Center

Tuesday October 24, Creating Saikei with John Cota

Thur-Sun October 26-29, GSBF Convention, Riverside, CA

Saturday November 4th Boxwood Workshop (1st of 3 sessions)

Tuesday November 28, Ron Anderson, Black Pine or Juniper Demo

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

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

Capital City Bonsai Association*

Presents

BONSAI & SUISEKI SHOW

To Support

Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt



October 21st and 22nd, 2017

Saturday 10-4 Sunday 10-4

- **Sacramento Garden & Art Center**
- **3330 McKinley Boulevard**
- **Sacramento, CA**

Vendors, Member Sales, Auction, Raffle, Demonstrations & Displays

***The Sacramento Bonsai Clubs (American Bonsai Association Society, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai, Sacramento Bonsai Club, Satsuki Aikokai) formed the Capital City Bonsai Association to present a fall bonsai show with proceeds to benefit the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt, Oakland.**

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FREE ADMISSION