

September 2012



## The Bent Twig

*Dedicated to the learning, enjoying and promoting of bonsai*

### ABAS Annual Auction

The club's annual auction was a great success. Gross receipts totaled \$6,167 and the club's portion was \$1,217.60. We had a large audience that was more than willing to pay good prices for many of the quality trees that were sold by members.



Dino thanks all members who helped with the auction – especially those unsung heroes who worked the backroom and missed the entire auction! We had two great auctioneers with different styles who engaged the audience and got terrific results. There were also tons of people behind the scenes writing sales tickets, cashiering and holding plants in the back room – thanks to all who made this such a successful event.



The board will be making some changes to the format of next year's auction so that we move through member trees more quickly. We will auction only two trees from each member at a time so that all members have the opportunity to sell trees before the end of the evening.



### **September Demonstration**

Ted Matson will provide a demonstration at our September meeting. Ted is always a club favorite because he is a talented bonsai artist and he provides us with useful information about the specific tree he works on as well as other general bonsai information. Ted will be working on a Utah juniper so please join us for an interesting presentation and the opportunity to win this valuable tree.

Don't forget to bring trees for our meeting Show and Tell.

### **September Refreshments**

Bill Burns will be providing refreshments for our September meeting.

### **Shepard Garden and Arts – Fall Sale**

The Shepard Garden and Arts Center will hold its annual Fall Sale on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. ABAS will have a table if members want to sell trees or bonsai material. If you want to sell at this event, please contact Renee Seely ([breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net)) and get a seller's number for the event. Because the club is sponsoring the table, 20% will be taken by the club.

Participation is expected from all clubs which use the Center so there will be a huge variety of items for sale – from plants to jewelry to various art works. For more information, please go to the Garden Center website: <http://www.sgaac.org>.

### **Annual Show**

It's never too early to start planning our annual show. Paul Holtzen has volunteered to be the Chairperson for the entire show and Greg McDonald will be our Display Chairperson. As you know there will be many subcommittees needed to ensure that our show is successful, so please think about volunteering to serve on or chair a committee. We'll be talking about the show specifics in January.

Japanese trained bonsai artist and author Michael Hagedorn will be our featured artist at the show so you won't want to miss this event.

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### **Upcoming Activities**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> ABAS Club Meeting –  
Ted Matson Demo**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> ABAS Club Meeting –  
Prep for GSBF**

**October 25<sup>th</sup> GSBF Convention**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> ABAS Club Meeting –  
John Thompson Demo**

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