



# THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

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**ABAS Auction! Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** This is a wonderful annual event where you can pick up some beautiful trees, sometimes at great prices. It's also an excellent opportunity to rotate the trees in your collection, selling some of the ones you're ready to let go to a new home. Set-up is at 5:30, viewing at 6 PM and the auction will begin at 6:30. Information on forms and procedures will be emailed to all members soon. Please consider helping your 'runner' crews to shuttle items to the auction tables and again to the back room for safe keeping. We need a few more able bodied volunteers to lighten our workload. Please volunteer when asked on auction night.

**On Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** the meeting will showcase a **Hands- on workshop featuring John Cota** along with participating members working on the trees drawn at the August meeting. This promises to be a dynamic evening program covering bonsai basics and some advance techniques along with plenty of great out of the box idea sharing. A portion of this meeting will also be used to plan our participation in the GSBF Convention 10/30-11/2/14.

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**At our last meeting Tuesday, August 26<sup>nd</sup>**, our Bob Bugay presented a ‘new to ABAS’ demonstration program called “TIPs” for Tree Improvement Program. Members were asked to bring in problem trees that could be evaluated by our membership for improvement possibilities in any category needed. The member’s trees ranged from raw material to well developed bonsai that needed a tip on care or refinement. The program was well received and there were many great suggestions from all who attended. We covered basic and advanced styling, pot selection, sun exposure, fertilizer, size reduction techniques and pot placement to mention a few. With the wide variety of material to discuss, the ideas flowed well and I’m sure even the most seasoned Bonsai artist picked up a few tips. Thank you Bob for leading this interesting program.



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

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

**Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>: ABAS Auction**

**Saturday October 4: Midori of San Jose, 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show**

**Saturday/Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: Garden Center Fall Sale**

**Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup>: ABAS Meeting, Hands on Workshop with John Cota**

**Thurs-Sunday 10/30 to 11/2: GSBF Convention, Double Tree Hotel, Sacramento**

**Tuesday November 25, ABAS Meeting, Fall Pine Maintenance**

**Wednesday December 10, Holiday Party**