



# THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento  
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**Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> is Auction time!** Our annual auction will be during our regular September meeting. Members, here is one of our yearly opportunities to trim down collections, pass on quality trees to others, and help the club raise funds for activities and events. Sellers should deliver trees to the Garden and arts Center at 5:30 PM, buyer viewing begins at 6:00 PM, and auction begins at 6:30 PM. Sellers will be limited to 10 items, same as last year. As a reminder, the club reimburses the sellers for 80% of the auctioned value with the club paying for sales tax (8.75%) and the balance supporting club activities. For the successful bidder, the auctioned price is the final price. No taxes are added.



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**At our last meeting Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>** Our meeting Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> featured a demonstration by our Sacramento native Juan Cruz. Juan began the session with an extensive narrative on the Literati Style and its varied forms. The styling of the pine involved branch removal and substantial wiring. Juan finished the session with several suggestions for the future development of the tree.



**Show and Tell at the August Meeting** provided many examples of the Literati style.



**Beginner Topic Sessions** We have many new members who are also new to bonsai. To help welcome them and pass along needed information, the board will provide beginners informational meetings at 6:30 just before each regular meeting. The session held August 25<sup>th</sup> covered tree selection from nursery stock and tool selection & sharpening. Thanks to Dino for carrying both topics.



There will be no Beginner Topic Session for September due to Auction activities. October topics will be fertilizing and watering.

## **Club News and Announcements:**

**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.

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

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

**Tuesday September 22, Annual Club Auction, setup 5:30, auction begins 6:30.**

**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!!**

**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**