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# THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento  
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**ABAS Annual Bonsai Auction is Tuesday September 27th!** Our annual auction will be during our regular September meeting. Members, this is your opportunity 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 the 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.

If you have not done so and wish to sell items, contact Patti Fletcher at [patti.timeframe@gmail.com](mailto:patti.timeframe@gmail.com) to obtain a seller number. Instructions and seller sheets are available on our website <http://abasbonsai.org/activities.html> under the Annual Auction heading.



**Our last Meeting Tuesday August 23rd John and Doc gave us Special Demo's** John told us all about the Kiyohime Yatsubusa Japanese Maple and did some "silent" styling work to produce a very nice tree for our raffle. The 'silent' part was necessary while Doc worked on carving a Korean Hornbeam trunk with power tools. Both trees were turned into very nice young bonsai with lots of potential. Here are a few pictures of the process..



In addition to the demo trees, John brought some great trees for the raffle. These are the pictures published in last month's Bent Twig.



Raffle – Icee Blue Juniper



Raffle - Manzanita



Raffle - Honeysuckle



Raffle – Tam Juniper



For our Pre-Meeting Workshop, John led a discussion among members on how to select a front for your tree. As is the case with much of bonsai, there were differences of opinion and several 'right' answers were discussed.



We had a great Show & Tell full of various conifers and another tasty break time snack table. Thank you, thank you to all who contributed to the Show & Tell and the snacks. It makes our meetings great!



### **Garden Center Fall Festival and Sale Saturday 10/1 & Sunday 10/2**

The Garden Center will present the Annual Fall Festival and Sale on Saturday 10/1 and Sunday 10/2. We need volunteers to run our table, talk bonsai and sell items donated or consigned by our members. This is a fund raiser for the Garden Center and an opportunity for the Club to put some funds into the bank as well. So, volunteers to help and plant material to sell. Please consider helping out. Email Renee at [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net)

**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)

**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). As of press time there are 3 spaces left. If you would like to sign up contact Renee. [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net)

**OUR BOARD – 2016-17**

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**Club News and Announcements:**

**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 September 27, ABAS Annual Auction**

**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**