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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento
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Tuesday September 26, Doc Ward, Root Over Rock Last October Doc Ward gave us a brief introductory talk at the Pre Meeting Study Group about making Root Over Rock Trident Maple. The program was interesting and the subject is deserving of a more in depth presentation. So, for our September Meeting we will present Doc giving us a comprehensive deep dive into Root Over Rock Bonsai.



Doc will also host the next chapter of our ongoing Pre Meeting Study Group starting at 6:00pm.

And for Show & Tell please bring in your Root Over Rock trees.

At our last meeting Tuesday August 22nd Steve Cozens Steve told us so many things about oaks (Quercus) it's hard to remember it all. Kathleen provided us with a comprehensive run down of the whole meeting. I'll include highlights from her report.

Steve Cozens talked about his love for Oak trees and California's wilderness. Steve described his methodology for getting the acorn to sprout. He puts the acorn in the refrigerator's crisper from now until December. At that point he adds a little lightly moistened potting soil in the bag with the acorn and moves the baggie into his potting shed. Once the tap root extends 4 -5 inches long, he pinches it off to promote finer roots.

When planting an acorn, lay the acorn horizontally in the soil and don't pull the acorn off the root system, it will fall off naturally. Always propagate way more than you want since 20% won't take. Later you will want to sort out the best 50% of those as keepers.

Steve's presentation was well received with a lot of audience participation. Patti won the beautiful Oak that Steve had developed from an acorn over the last 15 years and so generously donated to the club.

Doc led a great Pre Meeting Study Group Session and the Show & Tell featured some fine oaks.

Here are a few pictures collected by Renee and Kathy Owyong, thanks for filling in for me!





Our Board for 2017-18

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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

Club News and Announcements:

SGAC Fall Sale The Fall Sale is Saturday and Sunday October 7&8. Renee will lead the charge and will need some help to setup and staff the table during sale hours. We are asking each member to find something in your garden shed or plant collection to donate to the club for the sale. The items will help raise funds to pay our share of the costs to operate and rent the Garden Center. Members may also sell items on consignment. Please bring your items to the sale Saturday morning or to our September 26th meeting.

Garden Center Cleanup Day Saturday September 30th, 8:00 – Noon The Garden Center is planning a cleanup day Saturday September 30th. Cleanup will include the courtyard garden, storage cabinets, dusting, kitchen etc. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to this effort 8:00 - Noon.

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 primarily 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. John Cota has volunteered to be our club's representative on the Planning Committee. John is actively looking for a 2nd volunteer from our club that would like to participate in the show planning process. Please consider helping out if you are interested. It's a great opportunity to meet bonsai friends from other clubs.

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

Tuesday September 26, Doc Ward, Root Over Rock

Sat & Sun October 7 & 8, Garden Center Fall Sale

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

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!