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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

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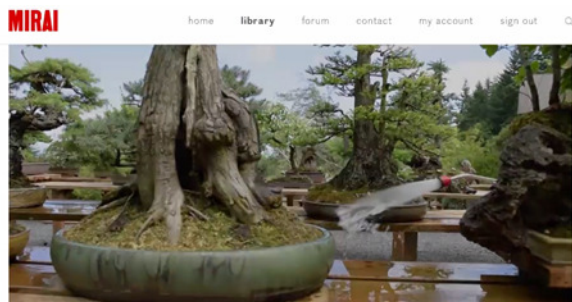
**Tuesday May 25, 7:00 PM, Bob Hilvers: Bonsai Care Management, Time Tested Practices at the Clark Bonsai Collection, Fresno.** *"Video demonstrations and discussions of the specific methodology for the management of various trees in the collection.* Through short videos and discussion with Bob Hilvers, attendees have the opportunity to learn what goes into managing a large public collection and apply some of his 'best practices' to their own collection. This will be a Zoom Meeting, watch your inbox for the link.



**On Line Zoom Member Participation Workshop, Saturday May 29, 2:00pm, Late Spring, Early Summer Care. Members only please.** Our on-line workshops continue in these COVID times. Renee will be leading the discussion. Watch your email inbox for notifications and links to this Zoom meeting.

We need active Member participation to bring our many issues forward for discussion and advice. Don't be shy please. If it's of concern for you, others are interested as well. If you plan to show a tree or landscape for discussion, you can use your phone camera, upload existing pictures to Dodie or use the Zoom Share function from pictures already on your computer. For live pictures of your trees, a neutral contrasting color background helps us all to see much better.

Here are a couple pictures from our last workshop. The headline topic was Shade, Watering and Spring Pruning.



## **Our Board for 2020-2021**

President – Renee Seely

Vice President –Dodie Newman

Treasurer – Sylvia Anderson

Recording Secretary – Debbie Ballanti

Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor – Mark Mendenhall

Web Designer - Kathleen O'Donnell

Members at Large – Lex Powell, Timm Johnson,

**Last month Jonas Dupuich** ABAS hosted Jonas Dupuich for our April Meeting. Jonas took us down the path to better design through deadwood carving. It was a delightful, entertaining and very educational demonstration on many of the basics of design and methods for creating believable deadwood. Jonas has adapted his excellent presentations to Zoom making them even better with the close up photo shots we wouldn't get to see in an in-person demo. Thank you Jonas. Here are just a few screenshots.





## **Club News and Announcements:**

**ABAS Annual Dues** Dues were due in January. We realize our activities have been limited this so far this year. We are hoping for much better days soon. As with any organization many of our expenses continue. The Professional Bonsai Presenters we have highlighted have been paid appearances. Most members have renewed their dues for this year, we appreciate you, you make our programs possible. If you have not renewed please do. Dues can be paid this year either on-line at <https://www.abasbonsai.org/copy-of-membership> or mail your \$40 check to ABAS c/o Sylvia Anderson, 3544 Driver Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Thank you.

### **“Zoom” vs Live**

Zoom has been a savior for several months now and will partially continue for a while longer. We all know the rules change quickly. We will be in a transition period through July, some **Zoom** some **Live**. Check the website and watch your inbox for late changes.

### **NEED HELP? SUPPORT AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

The American Bonsai Association of Sacramento (ABAS) prides itself on its strong and caring community of bonsai enthusiasts. In that spirit, we are pleased to announce our Support and Stewardship Program which offers assistance in times of need to ABAS club members and others. Please reach out to our club if you are unable to care for your bonsai. We can arrange for short term support or, if necessary, help with the sale of some or all of your collection.

### **New Members**

Please welcome new member David Blackburn to our Club. When we can finally meet in person, please introduce yourself. Welcome David!

### **Club Elections**

Renee has been working hard on a slate of Officers for the coming year starting July 1. Please support our Club by volunteering if asked. The 2021-22 year is upon us now, we'll present the best slate we have at the May Meeting. Elections will be at our June Meeting. We still need someone to step up to be Treasurer and we also need a Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor.

**Summer Splash June 22, 6:00pm!!** We have high hopes to be able to meet in person for our June Summer Splash Meeting and Elections at 6:00pm. The patio at the Garden Center is an option we plan to use if we are allowed. Carmen Scott, Paul Holtzen, Roger Steele and Bill Burns have volunteered to do simultaneous live demos on trees to be raffled later that night. Watch your inbox and our website for details and late breaking news on the event. Details about the election process will depend on the Covid rules.

### **Programs and Topics**

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

**All items are subject to change per County Health Directives**

**Tuesday May 25, 7:00, Bob Hilvers, Behind the Scenes at the Clark Bonsai Collection: The Whys, How and When via [Zoom](#)**

**Saturday May 29, Member Workshop 2:00pm via [Zoom](#)**

**Tuesday June 22, **6:00pm**, Summer Splash, Board Elections, Hopefully [Live in Person](#)**

**Saturday June 26, member Workshop, 2:00pm via [Zoom](#)**

**Tuesday July 27, 7:00, Andrew Robson, Deciduous Summer and Fall Care via [Zoom](#)**

**Tuesday August 24, Juan Cruz, Character Development for Better Trees [Live](#)**

**Tuesday September 28, ABAS Annual Auction, [Live](#)**

**Tuesday October 26, Vince Owyong, Slab Planting, [Live](#)**

**Tuesday November 23, Timm Johnson, Pruning Techniques, [Live](#)**

**December 2021, Holiday Party, TBA, [Live](#)**

