



THE BENT TWIG

A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

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Tuesday April 28, Meeting Cancelled Following the latest advice from the CDC and local authorities, the Board has regrettably decided to cancel all club activities for April and May. We are looking forward to one day reconvening our meetings. The Schedule will be revised as needed to complete the year.

In the meantime, stay healthy and use the time to improve your Bonsai Collection.

Virtual Spring Show!! Our club Facebook group was the host for our first ever Virtual Spring Show. Members posted pictures of trees, accents, stones and other interesting items that normally would have been on display at our Spring Show. Here are a few pictures: And here is the Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1126972187341490/>









Our Board for 2019-2020

President – Renee Seely

Vice President – Kathleen O'Donnell

Treasurer – Sylvia Anderson

Recording Secretary – Debbie Ballanti

Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor – Mark Mendenhall

Members at Large – Lex Powell, Marty Baumann, Dodie Newman,
Timm Johnson

Club News and Announcements:

Board News

Board elections are just around the corner. Steve Cozens has agreed to be our Elections Chair this year. We will likely publish the new slate of officers electronically. Remember, no May Meeting. Depending on 'Stay at Home' orders, the election may be held on-line (as we did for the By-Laws) in June.

Our 2020 Program Schedule will be reviewed and changed as needed as we move to normalcy.

The decisions to revise our schedule and cancel meetings and events has been painful for all of us, especially our Board Members that have put great amounts of time and effort into their planning. Each move has been considered individually by the entire Board. We are all saddened each time events dictate further curtailment of our daily lives. We will strive to bring our activities back up and running as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Bonsai Workshops The Club sponsors repotting and general workshops at Renee's house during the winter, spring and summer months. The May workshop is cancelled. The next planned workshop is Saturday June 27 followed by Saturday July 25. The focus will shift from repotting to styling and development. Bring your trees, tools and accessories; the Club provides soil, wire and other supplies. The cost is \$10 to cover these, participant limit is 6, observers are welcome. Please bring a container to take home your spent soil. Contact Renee via email, breadcrumb@comcast.net or sign up at the next monthly meeting.

Parking around the Garden Center Please be aware the City has posted 3 Hour parking limitations around McKinley Park. We are told this was done to assure parking spots are rotated for park users throughout the day and evening. All day extended parking is not allowed anymore.

Consignment Sales at our Meetings We'd like to remind everyone, consignment sales of your trees and related bonsai items can be done at any meeting. Put your 'For Sale' trees on the back table tagged with description and asking price. Please file a Seller's Sheet with Sylvia. Members can purchase them before or during the meeting. Club Commission paid by the Seller is now 10% and sales tax will be added to the Buyer's total.

Storage Location Needed Our current storage location for our show backdrops is going away. If anyone has a dry and clean space about the size of a pick-up truck bed that the club could use please let Renee know now at breadcrust@comcast.net. Our alternative is to rent space at a storage facility.

Programs and Topics

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

Tuesday April 28, Monthly Meeting – Cancelled

Tuesday May 26, Steve Cozens, Special Presentation This meeting Cancelled

Saturday May 30, Annual Member Home Tour This event is Postponed

Tuesday June 23, Summer Splash, Elections, Power of One Raffle, Member Demo's

Tuesday July 28, John Thompson, Boxwood discussion and demo

Tuesday August 25, Annual Auction and Bazaar

Tuesday September 22, Jonas Dupuich, growing quality bonsai stock

Tuesday October 27, Eric Schrader, Raft Style Bonsai

Tuesday November 24, Vince Owyong, Tips, Tricks and Bending Branches

December Holiday Party, TBA