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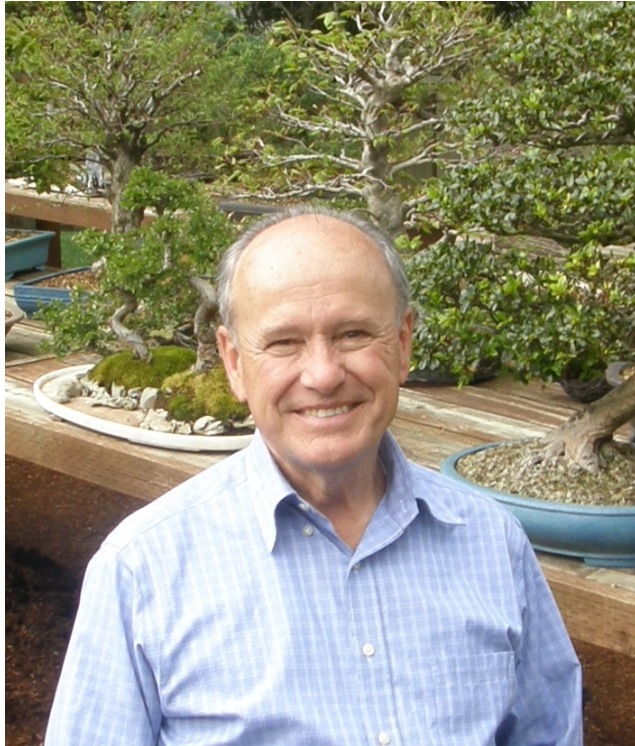
Tuesday June 23, 7:00 pm David De Groot We are pleased to announce David De Groot has agreed to present at our June 23 ABAS meeting via zoom. The topic of his presentation is “Finding Solutions for Your Trees, from Nursery Stock to Mature Bonsai”. He plans to show changes he has made or plans to make on several of his trees with a focus on problem solving from a design standpoint.

For those of you that didn't know, Dave is the author of the book, "**Principles of Bonsai Design**" and was the curator of the Weyerhaeuser Company's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection near Seattle for 25 years. He has practiced the art of bonsai for 45 years. Also he served two terms as a director of the American Bonsai Society. Needless to say, Dave is very well versed in the art of bonsai and we are lucky to have him be a speaker for our club.

The zoom meeting will begin at 6:15 pm to provide members assistance in learning zoom. Dave will begin his 1.5-2 hr presentation at 7:00 pm.

Watch your email inbox for notifications and links to this meeting.

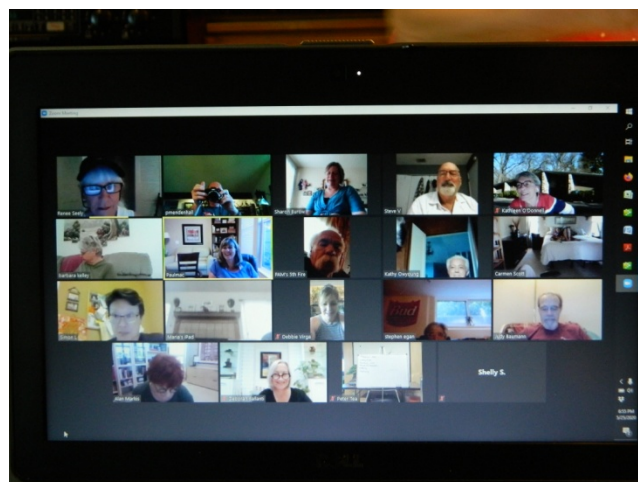
In the meantime, stay healthy and use this time to improve your Bonsai Collection.



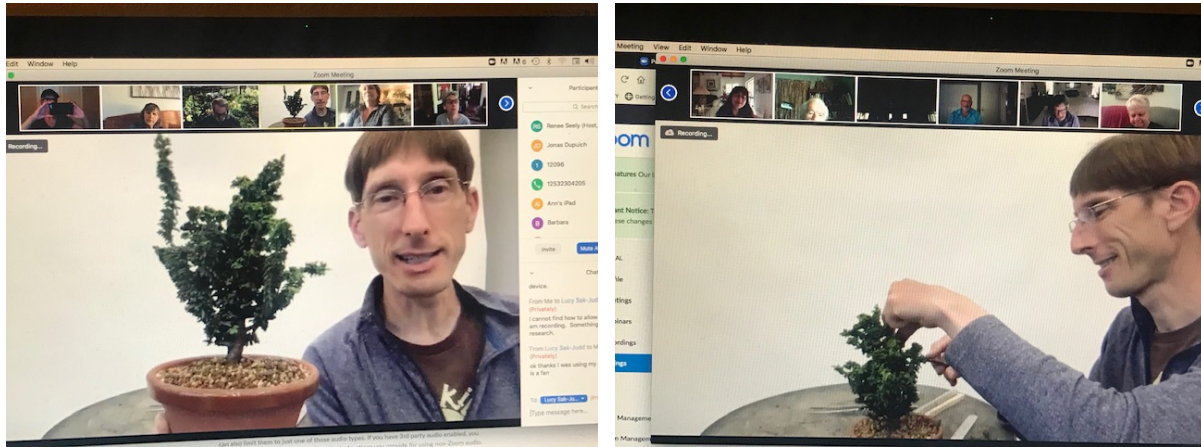
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What Happened last Month

As the Covid-19 changes have altered everyone's life in so many ways, we are still functioning as a club to promote Bonsai and provide educational opportunities to our members. Last month we hosted an On-Line discussion of seasonal care with Peter Tea via the Zoom application. Here is a picture I took of my computer screen as we began the virtual meeting:



Building on the success of Peter's meeting we brought in Jonas Dupuich on Sunday June 7 to show and discuss his methods for thinning & cutting junipers along with tips for decandling pines. Here are a couple pictures of his presentation:



We had several positive comments from members regarding these two presentations. Most common was the camera's ability to really get in close, much closer than we could normally be in a live demonstration.

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

Steve Cozens is our Elections Chair this year. He announced our slate for next year's board in May. Voting will take place On-Line as it was for our By-Laws changes. You should see a ballot link in your email soon. All votes must be cast by June 23 to be counted. There were no further nominations so there are no runoff races Please note, Renee Seely, Mark Mendenhall and Timm Johnson require 2/3 approval of the cast ballots due to their wish to serve in the same office for more than 4 years. Here is the nominated slate:

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As of our June Meeting date, inside meetings are still prohibited by the County Health Authorities. The newly elected Vice President and Board will reconsider our activity calendar each month as we move forward to include as many activities as are allowed. Thank you Dodie, Renee and Kathleen for your never ending support of our club to find ways to succeed no matter what.

Creating value for our membership dues is on the minds of all your Board Members. Our expenses for rent and insurance continue while we have minimal activities. Our usual revenues from our Annual Show, Spring Sale, raffles and sales commissions have disappeared. We discussed several options to create value and will discuss further at our next meeting July 6.

We have secured storage at the Garden Center for our Show Backdrops and other items. Thank you Renee for taking the lead to solve this issue.

Bonsai Workshops The Club sponsors repotting and general workshops at Renee's house during the winter, spring and summer months. The next planned workshop is Saturday June 27, at this point we are not sure if we can hold this outdoor activity. If you are signed up, we will notify you how we plan to proceed. Should we hold these workshops, the details are, 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 cannot be

accommodated at this time. Please bring a container to take home your spent soil. Contact Renee via email, *breadcrust@comcast.net* for clarifications.

Programs and Topics

Upcoming events: Please refer to our website for more details [http://
abasbonsai.org/index.html](http://abasbonsai.org/index.html)

Tuesday June 23, Virtual Discussion and Demo with David De Groo

Tuesday June 23, last day to cast your virtual election ballot.

All future items are subject to change per County Health Directives

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