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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

<https://www.abasbonsai.org/>

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**Saturday December 19, 12:00 Noon ABAS Lifetime Member Ann Hultgren**

**Induction Ceremony & Bonsai Auction** Our December Meeting will be Saturday Dec 19 at 12:00 Noon beginning with a Lifetime Member Induction for longtime member and tireless contributor to our Club, Ann Hultgren. Ann has allowed the Club to purchase one of her special and significant trees which she will give the history of and it will be auctioned at our On-Line Auction to be held immediately following the Induction Ceremony.



The Zoom pre-meeting will begin at 11:30 am to provide members assistance in learning Zoom. Watch your email inbox for notifications and links to this meeting.

Detailed instructions for the auction are at the end of this newsletter. There is also a complete section on our ABAS website including pictures of items to be auctioned.

<https://www.abasbonsai.org/> click on the 'Auction Preview' button on the Home page to preview items.

**On Line Zoom Member Participation Workshop, Saturday December 12, 2:00pm, Members only please. Soil Mixes, Dormant Sprays and Seasonal Care are the topics.**

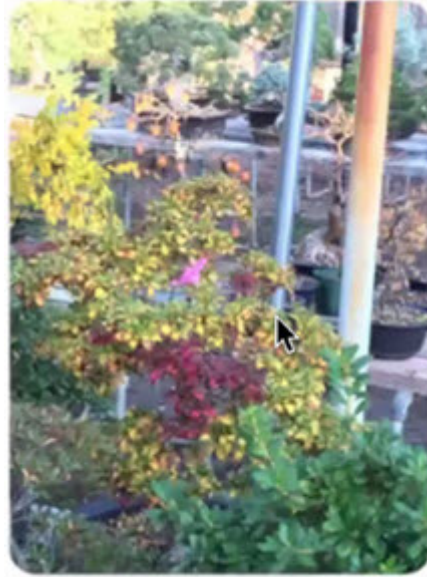
Our on-line workshops are getting better and better as we get more comfortable with the Zoom platform and more members share and discuss their trees, tricks, problems and challenges. All members are welcome to join in. This month we'll start with Soil Mixes, Dormant Sprays and Seasonal Care. From there we'll talk about any topic participants bring up. .

Watch your email inbox for notifications and links to these Zoom meetings.

Active participation is encouraged by everyone on line with us. 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 topics were Pines and repotting triggers to look for and general topics.





Azalea this morning

### **What Happened last Month**

Last meeting Tuesday November 24, ABAS Member Vince Owyong gave us a great talk on his Tricks, Gadgets and a 'How To' on bending heavy branches. We saw his 3 Stage Soil Sifter, his 5 gallon Fertilizer Sprayer, his Wire Spool System, his Root Cleaning Stand and more.

To replay the presentation, go to the ABAS Website Site, Member Resources Page, Video Presentations Link and look for Vince.

And here are some pictures of his presentation. A big thank you to Vince from all of us!





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

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## **Club News and Announcements:**

### **Getting Comfortable with “Zoom”**

The Zoom application has provided our Club the ability to meet live on line during these Covid times. We can be thankful for that. It also has made us aware that we can hold and present meetings from anywhere without the need to transport presenters to our location. Our members can also log in from afar. We can participate in other clubs meetings and demos. This process will likely continue for some time and could very well provide us with opportunities after the Covid episode has passed.

To participate, watch your email for the link to our meetings, log in, follow the on screen instructions to join the party. You can use your desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone. Generally, the bigger the screen the better the experience.

Please remember, you do not need a camera to log in and you do not need to be on camera to participate. Simply sign into the meeting ‘without video’ and you can turn on your video anytime.

For interactive participation where you wish to show a picture, you will need to have the picture on your system or email it to Dodie prior to the meeting.

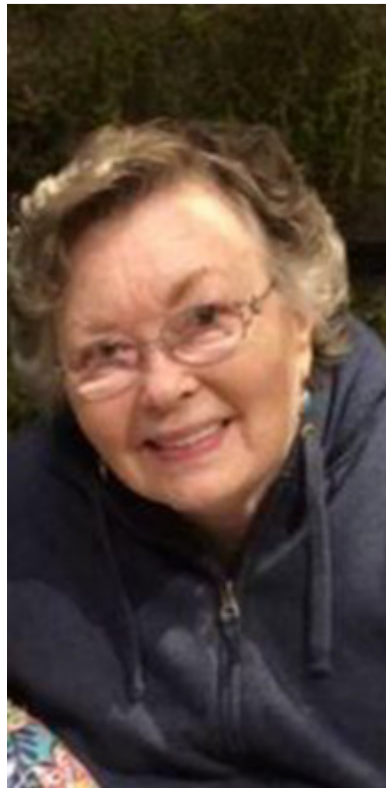
[dodieneuman@gmail.com](mailto:dodieneuman@gmail.com) You can also use your phone's camera to show live video.

When showing trees and small details a neutral colored background works best. Dodie can help you through these procedures.

Meetings will typically be available to log in 30 minutes before the official start to assist anyone needing help with Zoom.

**New ABAS Members** We'd like to welcome new members Peter Martin, Brian Conway and John McDonald. We look forward to meeting you in person when we are allowed to. And remember our club is offering help to beginner Bonsai Enthusiasts through our regional Club Liaisons found on the website, Member resources/Club liaisons path. Give us a shout.

**Lifetime ABAS Member Marilyn Irvine:** We have sad news, we have lost a long-time friend and bonsai enthusiast. Marilyn Irvine passed on October 29, 2020. She went to all the bonsai conventions and belonged to all the Sacramento clubs. Marilyn was always on the front line of the kitchen for our shows and tended our refreshment tables at every meeting. I remember her and Myrt Rust (also a lifetime member) in the front row at every meeting taking in the presentation. She will be missed.



## **Board News**

As of our December Meeting date, inside meetings are still and again prohibited by the County Health Authorities. Renee and Dodie will reconsider our activity calendar each month as we move forward to include as many activities as are allowed. We will be meeting via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

## **Check out our New Website with our upcoming Auction Preview**

Kathleen continues to update and improve our website. Check it out!  
<https://www.abasbonsai.org/> Have fun exploring and thank you Kathleen for all your work for us.

## **Breaking News, 501 (c)3 Status Approved**

Great news!! ABAS has been reclassified by the IRS as a Public Charity with 501(c)3 tax exempt status. Thank you Lex, Sylvia and Renee for carrying this effort through. This means all donations to the club are tax deductible among other things.

## 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**

**Saturday December 12, 2:00, ABAS Participatory Workshop via Zoom**

**Saturday December 19, 12:00 Noon, Ann Hultgren Lifetime Membership Induction and on-line auction.**

**Saturday January 16, 2:00, ABAS Participatory Workshop via Zoom**

**Sunday January 24, 2:00, Bjorn Bjorhold Via Zoom, Annual conifer care.**

**Saturday February 13, 2:00, ABAS Participatory Workshop via Zoom**

**Tuesday February 23, 7:00, Renee Seely & Carmen Scott, Grafting Techniques**

**Saturday March 20, 2:00, ABAS Participatory Workshop via Zoom**

**Saturday March 27, 2:00, Michael Hagedorn, *Bonsai Heresy- Exposing Bonsai Myths***

**Sat/Sun April 10/11 ABAS Spring Show (Subject to Covid Rules) with Jonas Dupuich**

**Tuesday April 27, 7:00, Timm Johnson, Pruning Techniques**

**Tuesday May 25, 7:00, Bob Hilvers, Behind the Scenes at the Clark Bonsai Collection: The Whys, How and When**

**Tuesday June 22, 7:00, Summer Splash**

The ABAS Virtual Auction Procedures  
Shepard Garden and Art Center  
Saturday, December 19, 2020

Despite the pandemic, ABAS desires to keep our members engaged, provide an opportunity to obtain bonsai materials and advance their bonsai knowledge. We are hosting our first (and hopefully last) Zoom auction. In person participation will not be allowed. Events will be outdoors, weather permitting. **Covid precautions will be enforced which includes facial covering (nose and mouth) and social distancing during any / all in person interactions.**

1. Sellers contact Sylvia Anderson at Obtain a **SELLER NUMBER** from Treasurer Sylvia Anderson. Call (916) 622-4772 or e-mail [sylviaandersonetc@gmail.com](mailto:sylviaandersonetc@gmail.com).
2. Sellers email high quality photos or video to Dodie Newman at [dodienewman@gmail.com](mailto:dodienewman@gmail.com). These will either be posted on the website or sent to members to preview auction items. Deadline for photo / video submission is December 4, 2020.
3. **TWO SELLER PAYMENT AND INVENTORY SHEETS** will be emailed to club members or can be downloaded by visiting the website <http://abasbonsai.org> , “Events” page under the “Auction” information. There will be one form for trees and a second form for pots, tools, stands etc. Record your **NAME, SELLER NUMBER**, trees, plants, other items, and price on the seller sheet.
4. **TAG YOUR ITEMS** with the **seller number, item number, last name, tree name** (example, your seller # is 5, your item is #3, last name SEELY and black pine, the tag will read “5-3, SEELY, black pine.”
5. Auction items need to be dropped off at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center (SGAAC) on **Friday, December 18 from 11:00 – 12:00**. Bring **TWO COPIES** of the ‘**SELLER PAYMENT AND INVENTORY SHEET**’. Your payment will be calculated from this sheet. The club keeps 10% commission; 90% is returned to the seller. Buyer pays sales tax.
6. **AUCTION PREVIEW** is **Friday, December 18 from noon – 3:00** in the parking lot of SGAAC. Auction items sold are final.
7. **10 members** will be allowed to attend the auction in person\*\*\*. To reserve your spot, email Dodie Newman at [dodienewman@gmail.com](mailto:dodienewman@gmail.com). Reservation are on first come, first serve basis. \*\*\*this number may change if County regulations change.
8. **Saturday, December 19, 2020** the auction will be held at SGAAC via zoom and with limited (10) in person participants beginning roughly at 12:30. Bidding will be done live as well as via Zoom Chat.
9. Buyers (and sellers who’s trees do not sell) need to come to SGAAC to **pay for and pick up their trees by 4:00 pm on Saturday**. Checks are preferred but credit card payment will be accepted. Trees not picked up on Saturday, will be taken to Renee or Dodie’s homes and must be picked by **4:00 pm on Sunday, December 20**.
10. Checks will be mailed to sellers in a week.