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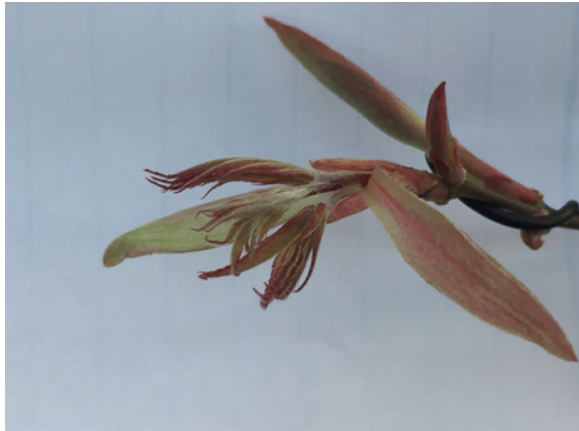
Tuesday April 27, 7:00 PM, Jonas Dupuich: The Nuts and Bolts of Deadwood Creation. Learn how to create interest and aesthetically pleasing deadwood. Planning and consideration of deadwood location will be discussed as well as members will be shown the process of creating deadwood on your trees. The zoom presentation will be open at 6:45 pm. Jonas will also happy to take questions from our members regarding deadwood on their bonsai. Please email your photos to Dodie to help streamline the 'showing' process at dodienewman@gmail.com prior to the meeting. Watch your email inbox for the link to this meeting. At Jonas' request, this presentation will not be recorded.



On Line Zoom Member Participation Workshop, Saturday April 24, 2:00pm, Members only please. Mid Spring Care, Shade and Watering. Our on-line workshops continue in these COVID times. Renee will be leading the discussion on Mid Spring Care, Shade and Watering. 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 Spring Pruning.



SEASONAL CARE FOR BONSAI IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA - PAGE 2

This is a general guide that outlines optimum timing for various care and development procedures. These procedures may be performed at other times of the year, however, it may come with increased risk. If unsure, use a qualified bonsai practitioner. Timing is determined by a combination of many variables: health of the tree, stage of development, time of year, weather, etc. Health is one of the most important factors so development procedures are checked to the tree.

BROADLEAF EVERGREENS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Oaks - evergreen & deciduous	CUT, TRIM, WIRE	RE-POC				CUT, WIRE						CUT, TRIM, WIRE
Bonewoods	RE-POC	RE-POC										
	AB-LATER											
Silverberry	CUT, TRIM, WIRE	RE-POC							RE-POC			
	RE-POC	RE-POC										CUT, TRIM, WIRE
	AB-LATER											
Olive	CUT, WIRE	RE-POC						CUT, WIRE	CUT, WIRE			CUT, TRIM, WIRE
	RE-POC	RE-POC						AB-LATER				
	AB-LATER											PRUNE NEW GROWTH

DECIDUOUS

Maples - Red-tint, Japanese, Native	CUT, WIRE	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC	RE-POC
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	AB-LATER											
Elms, Zelkova	CUT, WIRE	RE-POC										
	RE-POC	RE-POC										
	AB-LATER											
Hornbeam, Beech	CUT, WIRE	RE-POC										
	RE-POC	RE-POC										
	AB-LATER											
Quince (all varieties)	RE-POC	RE-POC										
	RE-POC	RE-POC										
	AB-LATER											
Pruning and Flowering (NOT INCLUDING ALLIANS)												

* Re-pot only if necessary **Prune after flowering

Our Board for 2020-2021

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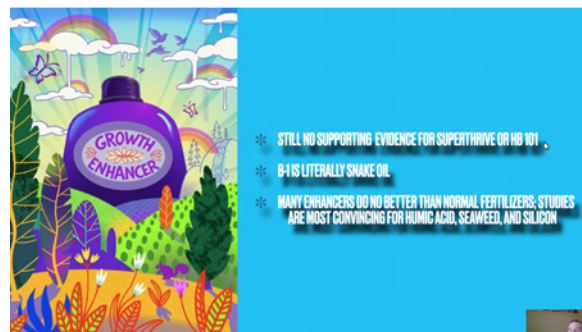
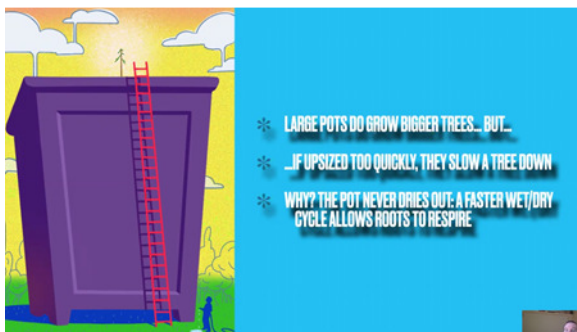
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Last month Michael Hagedorn ABAS hosted Michael Hagedorn for our March Meeting. Michael talked about his new book Bonsai Heresy. His book questions many of the myths and traditions surrounding Bonsai, some founded and some apparently not so much. His talk was entertaining and enlightening. Thank you Michael.



Club News and Announcements:

ABAS Annual Dues Dues were due in January. We realize our activities have been limited this year and are hoping for much better days ahead. 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. Membership 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.

Getting Comfortable with “Zoom”

Zoom has been with us for several months now and likely will continue for a few more months. It has been a savior for the activities we have been able to do. Dodie, Kathleen and Renee are making it all happen for us. Thank you all. We expect and are prepared to stay with the Zoom Meetings through May, then we shall see.

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.

2021 Spring Cancellations We want to remind everyone our Spring Show, Bus Trip and Home Tour have all been cancelled for this year due to ongoing Covid Restrictions. With that, we are unable to do the advanced planning required to bring these events to fruition. Better days are ahead.

New Members

Please welcome new members Jason Anderson and James Espinosa to our Club. When we can finally meet in person, please introduce yourself. Welcome James and Jason!

Club Elections

We are currently in need of a Board Nominations Chairperson to gather together our slate of officers for the 2021-22 year. We have only 2 vacancies on the Board to fill. We need members to step up and volunteer your talents to keep our club pointed in the right direction. This is a great time to lend your hand to steer our club out of these Covid times. Elections will be at our June Meeting. Contact Renee if you can help.



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 April 24, 2:00pm, member Participation Workshop.

Tuesday April 27, 7:00, Jonas Dupuich, Deadwood Creation

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, Board Elections

Tuesday July 27, 7:00, Andrew Robson, Deciduous Summer and Fall Care

Tuesday August 24, Juan Cruz, to be confirmed.

Tuesday September 28, ABAS Annual Auction

Tuesday October 26, Vince Owyong, Slab Planting

Tuesday November 23, Timm Johnson, Pruning Techniques

December 2021, Holiday Party, TBA