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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

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

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Sunday January 24, 2:00pm, Bjorn Bjorholm You are invited to attend a Zoom presentation by Bjorn Bjorholm on Annual Conifer Care. Bjorn has been a live demonstrator at our ABAS Meetings in past years. As this is a different time, we'll enjoy his always lively and informative presentation on-line coordinated by our outstanding production crew.

Here are a couple pictures when we last hosted Bjorn in July 2019. Renee was the lucky winner of the demo tree.



The Zoom pre-meeting will begin at 1:30 pm to provide members assistance in learning Zoom. Watch your email inbox for notifications and links to this meeting.

Changes due to the current Stay At Home Order

Our planned On-Line Auction scheduled January 30 has been postponed to our September 28, 2021 regular meeting. The COVID bugs just won't leave us alone. We are all disappointed to miss this opportunity to move some trees and related materials to new owners. We'll hopefully have a live auction in September.

Ann Hultgren Lifetime Member Induction scheduled for January 30 has been postponed to our regular February 23 Meeting.

Club News and Announcements:

ABAS Annual Dues Dues are 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. At the same time we have lost all our traditional revenue generators like raffles, Garden Center Sales and commissions. Dues remain our only source of funds to perpetuate our activities. Please renew your membership 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.

Board News Your Board has been working on an organized program to support, as a Club, our bonsai family members in time of need should something happen to the bonsai enthusiast in the family. When finalized we hope to be able to offer immediate care and assist in longer term remedies for members and collections. It's a touchy subject as you all can imagine. We have labored through many iterations to get it as right as we can. The ultimate goal is to provide help where needed and protect the emotional and financial investment, as well as the trees themselves, of the enthusiast. I don't believe any club in our area or possibly anywhere has offered this service in a formalized manner. It's a work in progress, more to come on this.

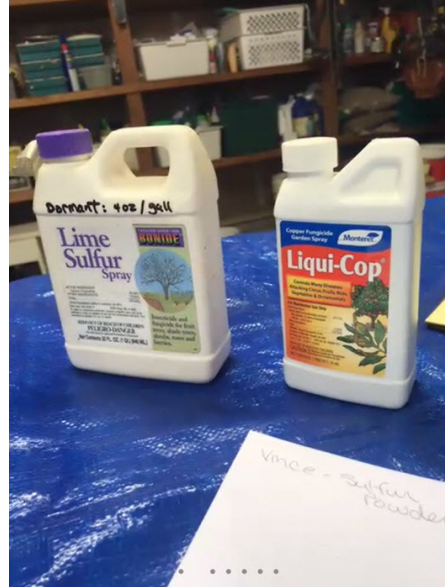
On Line Zoom Member Participation Workshop, Saturday January 16, 2:00pm, Members only please. Repotting and seasonal care.

Our on-line workshops continue in these COVID times. This is your opportunity to learn about the steps and nuances of repotting (it's that time of year!) and we'll cover our Winter and Early Spring Seasonal Care Tips. There will also be ample opportunity to ask questions, show your trees for suggestions and anything else that may be on your mind. All members are welcome to join in.

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 headline topics were dormant season pest control and soils.



SOIL

- **Soil Components**
 - **Akadama** – naturally occurring clay-like mineral from Japan
 - **Lava** – solidified molten igneous rock from volcanoes
 - **Pumice** – blasted into air from volcanoes, softer texture
 - **Hyuga** – a type of pumice, used for drainage layer



Our Board for 2020-2021

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Getting Comfortable with “Zoom”

Zoom has been with us for several months now and 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.

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.

dodienevman@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.

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 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, Ann Hultgren's Lifetime Member Induction via Zoom

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, Board Elections

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

Tuesday August 24, TBD

Tuesday September 28, ABAS Annual Auction

