



# The Bent Twig

A Monthly ABAS Publication - March 2022

THE AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO

ABAS meets monthly 7 PM the 4th Tuesday - Shepard Garden & Arts Center in McKinley Park  
3330 McKinley Blvd. - Sacramento, CA 95816 For more information visit the ABAS website at: <http://www.abasbonsai.org>

## What's Next?

**Pruning with Timm Johnson**  
Tuesday, March 22nd.

Timm is a Master Gardener with years of experience teaching, developing and showing bonsai.

### ABAS BOARD

#### President:

Renee Seely  
[breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net)

#### Vice President:

Dodie Newman  
[dodieneuman@gmail.com](mailto:dodieneuman@gmail.com)

#### Treasurer:

Sylvia Anderson  
[sylviaandersonetc@gmail.com](mailto:sylviaandersonetc@gmail.com)

#### Recording Secretary:

Debbie Ballanti  
[juno@pacbell.net](mailto:juno@pacbell.net)

#### Newsletter:

Mark Mendenhall  
[markdmendenhall@gmail.com](mailto:markdmendenhall@gmail.com)

#### Web Designer:

Kathleen O'Donnell  
[koandh@surewest.net](mailto:koandh@surewest.net)

#### Members at Large:

Paul Holtzen  
[pbholtzen@sbcg](mailto:pbholtzen@sbcg)  
Carmen Scott  
[cjscott1954@gmail.com](mailto:cjscott1954@gmail.com)

Newsletter items can be sent to:  
[markdmendenhall@gmail.com](mailto:markdmendenhall@gmail.com)

ABAS is a member of GSBF

## AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOCIATION, SACRAMENTO 62nd Annual Bonsai Show and Sale

April 9 and 10, 2022, 10am to 4pm

Beautiful Bonsai & Bonsai  
Related Items for Sale!

Vendors Include  
Janette Bautista, Jerry Braswell,  
Geoff Campbell, Scott Chad,  
David Chimpky, Jonas Dupulch,  
Peter Tea and more



Free admission &  
parking

Shepard Garden & Arts  
Center,  
3330 McKinley Blvd.,  
Sacramento, CA

Featuring Demonstrations each day at 1:30 PM by

### ANDREW ROBSON

Professional Bonsai Artist and Teacher specializing in deciduous trees

DAILY BENEFIT RAFFLE

BEGINNER WORKSHOP, SUNDAY 10AM-12PM

FOR INFORMATION, visit our website at <http://www.abasbonsai.org> or contact Renee Seely at [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net)

Sacramento Co. COVID-19 Public Health Regulations will be in effect.

It's Show time...a time to be Excited!

ABAS Members should watch for an email coming from Renee about our upcoming **Bonsai Show & Sale** scheduled for **Saturday & Sunday, April 9th & 10th!** In addition to a great display of club trees, and an impressive list of vendors assembled by the efforts of Debbie Ballanti, our headliner is a captivating speaker who knows his subject matter. That is no surprise when you realize that **Andrew Robson** is a Yale grad who also served a 3 year apprenticeship with Micheal Hagedorn. Come celebrate and welcome Andrew.

### More Great News:

We had two new members join ABAS via the website.  
Please Welcome: Sadie Brooks, and Thomas Mason.

## Timm Johnson

Join Timm Johnson at the  
Garden Center \*Live

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Longtime ABAS Member Timm Johnson will demonstrate methods for trimming your bonsai to build an attractive and healthy structure with movement and taper.

Bring deciduous or broadleaf evergreen trees for Show & Tell!

\*We will also offer a connection to Timm's presentation via Zoom.



## 2022 Events to register for any

event visit <https://www.abasbonsai.org/events>

### March:

- **Tuesday 3/22** Trimming Bonsai with Timm Johnson 7pm at the Garden Center. Come early for a 6pm beginners discussion with Renee

- **Saturday 3/26** Members Only Workshop. Save a space contact Renee breadcrust@comcast.net to sign up.

### April:

#### ABAS Annual Show & Sale

- **Sat. & Sun April 9 & 10**

**10 am - 4pm**

Featuring demos by Andrew Robson each day at 1:30 pm

- large vendor area with bonsai and related items for sale
- daily raffle
- workshop on Sunday.

- **Monday 4/11 Half Day Workshops with Andrew Robson detail on page 3**

- **Tuesday 4/26 Jonas Dupuich**

6 - 7 pm bring trees you'd like to hear Jonas' advice. During the 7pm meeting Jonas will discuss A Year in the Life of a Deciduous Bonsai with emphasis on seasonal care, fertilizing, what occurs horticulturally with various species.

### May:

- **Sunday 5/1 Road trip (pg 3)**

- **Tuesday 5/25** 7 pm ABAS member Ian Baker will educate us on Pests & Pathogens: Understanding our Bonsai Enemies. Renee Seely will lead the 6 - 7 pm for a Bonsai Q&A

Scott Chadd from Lotus Bonsai Nursery gave a fabulous presentation on creating a grove at our February meeting.



Scott Chadd covered many things including the mathematics of design weight and placement

## Details regarding the Andrew Robson Workshops:



**Andrew Robson's 1/2 day workshops Monday, April 11.** We currently have 2 out of 6 people signed up in the morning and the same in the afternoon. In other words, at the time this newsletter is being put together we have room for 4 more people each session. Cost is \$75 per person. Andrew recommends people bring 3-4 trees per session to work on. Andrew Robson is a deciduous artist in the American bonsai community. He completed a 3 year apprenticeship with Michael Hagedorn, after graduating from Yale University. Andrew is the President of the Bonsai Society of Portland, the largest bonsai club in the United States.

The fabulous zoom presentation he did for ABAS can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dnjNazjcl&t=11s>

To sign up: Dodie Newman at 916-799-9575 or [dodienewman@gmail.com](mailto:dodienewman@gmail.com) or sign up at our March meeting, or via the website. Dodie will inform the participants of her home address prior to the workshop. Dodie's house is near 99 and Elkhorn Blvd (the airport). Please bring your own trees, tools and supplies.

## ABAS Road Trip Details:



### **Road trip to Clark Bonsai Collection Sunday, May 1.**

Grab your friends and carpool for a day filled with bonsai, friends and beautiful scenery. Enjoy a private tour of the Clark Bonsai Collection (CBC), hands-on experience (bring your tools), shop and maybe take a home a new bonsai and stroll through the Shinzen Friendship Gardens in Woodward Park as well.

### **Schedule of May 1st events: (arrive between 10 and 10:30 am)**

10:00 am Shinzen Garden opens. address: 114 W Audubon Dr, Fresno, CA 93720

10:30 am private tour of Clark Bonsai Collection by Curator, Bob Hilvers

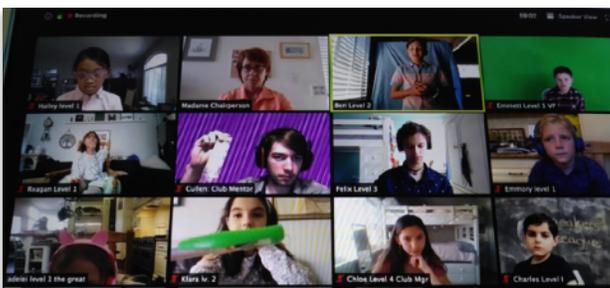
12:30 pm brown bag lunch (bring your own) amongst bonsai

1:30 pm shop and/or private tour through Friendship Shinzen Gardens

2:30 pm create a bonsai, shop, hiking the park, possibly tour a private bonsai garden.

CBC would appreciate a headcount. Want to sign up? Willing to drive other? Need a ride? Contact Dodie Newman at 916-799-9575 or [dodienewman@gmail.com](mailto:dodienewman@gmail.com) or sign up at our March or April meeting.

CBC is a living museum and one of 3 GSBF collections



Over the past 2 years, ABAS has learned to be flexible and jumped on the Zoom wagon early on so we could offer our membership meaningful bonsai educational experiences. It's been a big learning curve with a few glitches along the way. We've learned that members have enjoyed the close up viewing that zoom has offered. It is our intention, at least for a while, to offer both live and zoom presentations simultaneously as we continue to navigate the evolving pandemic situation. We want our members to be engaged with bonsai and our club in the manner that feels more appropriate for them. We also intend to utilize technology to allow us to provide close up viewing of presentations both in Zoom and during our in person meetings.

Last month, unfortunately we experienced a major glitch with the sound for our zoom users. We used the same system that we've used before, but it clearly didn't work well. For that we apologize. We've purchased a new handsfree microphone that we believe will solve this issue. If our March meeting goes as well as our practice session did, in person and Zoom participants should hear and see Timm clearly. With the new system, Zoom participants will be able to raise their Zoom hand, the moderator will acknowledge him/her and the participant can ask her/his question with it being heard over the meeting room speaker system and Zoom. We always appreciate feedback regarding what's working and ways we can improve.

Dodie

## Clean up Day 2/27/2022

by Renee Seely



Sunday, February 27th, was a beautiful day for working on the Japanese Garden at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center. After being neglected for 2 years during the pandemic, it was in dire need of maintenance.

ABAS is responsible for maintenance of this portion of the garden area in and around the Garden Center. Members pitched in and restored the beauty of this legacy created by former bonsai club members.

Many thanks to members Timm Johnson, Clarence Smith, Annette Laughlin, Kate Fitz, Tina Campillo and her Sister Sandy, Chris Rumery, Ann Hultgren, Debbie Ballanti, and Dodie and Paul Newman, for their participation.

ABAS can now be proud to have our club name on the Japanese Garden!

## Shepard Garden & Art Center Spring Sale by Sylvia Anderson

ABAS participated in the Sacramento Garden and Art Center's annual Spring Sale on March 5th and 6th. The turnout was excellent and Saturday was the busiest day.

Thank you to the club members who donated plants and materials for the club, and who participated in the sale! Our table was nice and full with a good selection of trees, plants, pots and related bonsai items. It's always nice to meet new people in the community and give them information on the club and our upcoming show, and we did just that, introducing Bonsai to several people over the weekend.

The Fall Sale will be coming up later this year on October 1st and 2nd and will be another great opportunity for our club members to sell bonsai and related items, and to purchase items as well, so please mark your calendars.



Reminder:  
Next Sale  
takes place  
on Oct 1 & 2

