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A monthly newsletter of the American Bonsai Association of Sacramento

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

May 2022

**Tuesday May 24 Ian Baker, Bonsai Pests and Pathogens, 7:00pm**

During the 7:00 pm meeting ABAS member **Ian Baker** will educate us on **Pests & Pathogens: Understanding our Bonsai Enemies**. **Renee Seely** will lead the 6:00 – 7:00 pm Bonsai Q&A where novice and experienced bonsai enthusiasts can bring in their trees and get feedback / answers to their questions.

**Show and Tell – Azaleas. Spring Growth**

Our Zoom/Video Crew will be on hand to provide video of the evening. Sign up for an invitation, you have the option of attending in person or joining us via Zoom.



**Member Workshops Continue** Our Member Workshops continue, the next one being Saturday May 21. Bring 3-4 Trees to work on. The cost is \$10 to cover soil and wire. Be sure to take advantage of these learning opportunities when they are scheduled. New members are especially encouraged to attend. Contact Renee [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net) if you wish to participate.



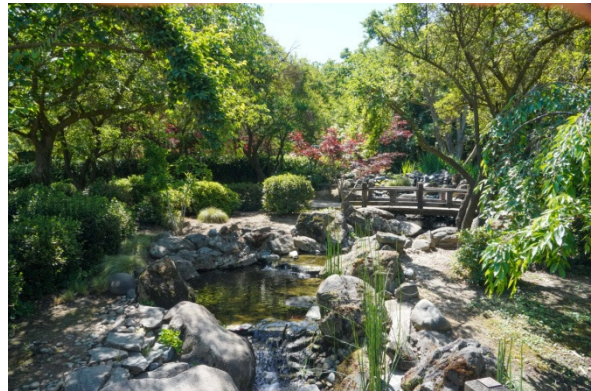
**Last Meeting April 26 Jonas Dupuich gave us his presentation on A Year in The Life of Deciduous Bonsai.** As always, the evening was packed with useful tips and information, this time on deciduous trees. Jonas also lead our Bonsai Q&A Session at 6:00 where several Members took advantage of the opportunity for Jonas to make style recommendations for their trees.







**Sunday May 1, Caravan Excursion to the Clark Bonsai Collection in Fresno.** This year we decided to do a caravan style field trip instead of the usual bus trip. Our destination was the Clark Bonsai Collection within the Shinzen Friendship Garden in Fresno. Clark Curator Bob Hilvers gave us a personalized tour of the collection, a tour of the Gardens was offered and Bob provided a brief styling Demo on a tree for members wishing to observe. A great time was had by everyone in attendance. Here are a few pictures taken by Ian Baker. Thanks Ian!







## Our Board for 2021-2022

President – Renee Seely

Vice President –Dodie Newman

Treasurer – Sylvia Anderson

Recording Secretary – Debbie Ballanti

Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor – Mark Mendenhall

Web Designer - Kathleen O'Donnell

Members at Large – Paul Holtzen, Carmen Scott

## Club News and Announcements:

**Club Liaisons** We'd like to remind our new members we have a Mentor Program available for you. The mentors are listed on our website under 'Member Resources, Club Liaisons', with contact information. We can help with specific and general bonsai related questions, setting up your display benches, watering options and anything else that comes to mind. This is a one on one opportunity for you to get off on the right foot with this fascinating endeavor. Please reach out.

## **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.

**Spring Home Tour** On Saturday May 28 we will caravan tour the Gardens of Paul & Dodie Newman, Ed Slomovich, Lucy Sakaisha-Judd and Bob Bugay & Paula Maxwell. Lunch will be provided by the club amidst Bob & Paula's bonsai collection. Sign-up sheets will be at the May Meeting, addresses and other details will be provided the day of the tour. The tour will begin at about 8:00 and end around 1:00 or 2:00.

**2022-23 Club Elections** Roger Steel will present our slate of Board Nominees at the May Meeting and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time. Elections will be held using an on-line ballot.

**ABAS Summer Splash June 28** Don't miss our Annual Summer Splash at our regular June Meeting. We will announce the results of the on-line Board elections and present a FourFecta of Tree Demonstrations presented by Paul Holtzen, Mario Rendina, Timm Johnson and Lucy Sakaisha-Judd. Demo Trees will be raffled. There will be plenty of time to chat with your fellow members while the demos are underway.

**New Members!** We signed up 18 new members during our Spring Show. Please welcome them when you see new faces at our Meetings.

**New Member Coordinator** Speaking of New Members, we are in need of a New Member Coordinator who would be willing to meet potential and newly signed members with club information packets, a friendly smile and some enthusiasm for our passion. If you are interested, contact Renee.

## **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 May 21, member Workshop [Live](#)**

**Tuesday May 24, Ian Baker, Pests and Pathogens [Live](#)**

**Saturday May 28, ABAS Home Tour, Members Only [Live](#)**

**Tuesday, June 28, Summer Splash [Live](#)**

**Tuesday, July 26, Juan Cruz, Getting the most from your tree [Live](#)**

**Tuesday, August 23, Jonas Dupuich, Conifer Care, [Live](#)**

**Tuesday, September 27, ABAS Annual Auction & Bazaar , [Live](#)**

**Sat & Sun Oct 1 & 2, Cap City Bonsai Show**

**Sat & Sun Oct 8&9. GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous, Hotel Mission del Oro, Santa Nella, CA**

**Sat-Sun, November 12-13, Pacific Bonsai Expo, The Bridge Yard, Oakland, CA**

**December,TBD Holiday Party**

**Tuesday Jan 24 TBD**

**Tuesday Feb 28, Sergio Cuan**