

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

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*Livermore, California*

**MISSION:** To encourage and equip each other as we share a common interest and enjoyment of Bonsai and to encourage others to explore this art form.

[HTTP://WWW.VALLEYBONSAISOCIETY.COM](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

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## WHAT IS THE VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY?



Founded in February 2008 by Charles Harder, this organization was established to create a group of local Bonsai enthusiasts with all level of expertise. Many of us started by taking one or more of Charles's classes, some received a plant as a gift and some had been struggling on their own. We currently have some people with extensive collections; some have trained trees as long as 50 years and some are still trying to get a tree to survive 50 weeks.

## MEETINGS

The club meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome!

## NEWSLETTER, EMAIL LIST AND WEBSITE

An email list is maintained to release announcements and send out an electronic newsletter. Please send a request to be added to (or removed from) this list via e-mail to Charles Harder ([bonsainut@comcast.net](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)). We have a website! It's just getting going but it's looking good. Thank you Bea Bauerly for keeping it going and up to date. Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who shares an interest in the ancient oriental horticultural art of Bonsai. The annual dues are \$30 a year for an individual or \$40 for couples. If you'd rather not pay for a membership, you have the option of paying \$5.00 per visit. If you have questions regarding membership or would like to join, please contact Bea Bauerly ([bb1727@att.com](mailto:bb1727@att.com))

## APRIL MEETING

At our April meeting Alan had a very informative discussion on Bougainvillea and he brought handouts and several samples to show off. I learned a lot of good information.

## MAY MEETING

There will be a change for our May meeting. On the 16th which is our regular meeting date, Alden Lane is having their anniversary celebration so instead of meeting there, we will take a field trip to Grove way bonsai nursery at 11:00 1239 Grove Way, Hayward, CA 94541. Afterwards, we will go to the Japanese Tea Garden. For more information contact Bea or Brad, as I will be out of the country on that date.

**On the 23rd of May** we will meet at Alden Lane at 2:00 to have a final review and information prior to our show in June. Please bring the name of the trees you will be showing and remember to sign up to volunteer at the event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20 – 21 Valley Bonsai Society annual show: we will have guest speakers performing demonstrations on each day. The demonstration tree being raffled off afterwards

## SENPAI CORNER

Hello everyone! June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> is our annual show. I encourage everyone to display at least one tree. I will be available on Friday afternoon setting up the tables. Please attempt to bring your trees on that day, so I am not scrambling on Saturday morning. In the interest of time, please provide me a list of trees that you think you might show, so I can make up the labels. A reminder to leave your trees until we are finished on Sunday as we have people showing up at the last minute to view our trees, so if you need to leave early, or are not available to pick up your trees when we close up, then please make arrangements for someone to take care of your tree until you are available

## ELECTIONS

Positions on the Board are still available. Please contact Bea if you are interested.

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Thanks to Alden Lane for allowing us to meet for free at the nursery as we start up. Alden Lane Nursery has evergreen and blooming trained Bonsai specimens in many sizes for indoors and outdoor gardens. Stop in and let one of the Bonsai experts help you design your own Bonsai masterpiece from the selection of Bonsai pots and starter plants. They also carry Bonsai tools and enough useful Bonsai accessories to satisfy even the most dedicated bonsai tree hobbyist.

The nice thing about meeting at Alden Lane is that you have the opportunity to not only pick up bonsai stock and

supplies but to shop under the oaks amongst one of the most extensive offerings for your home and garden. Inspiration and beauty abounds where ever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Don't forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.