

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?



50 weeks.

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

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). We have a website! Visit us at 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)

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting went in two directions, some of us journeyed north to Sebastopol and picked up several treasures while others met at Alden Lane

for a regular workshop. Those of us who went to the nurseries, had a great time. The wonderful folks at Momiji's Maple nursery (Mike and Sachi), actually temporarily closed their nursery for us so they could focus on our questions and interests.

I am hoping that those who stayed had a productive meeting.

MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be at the normal meeting time of 2:00 P.M on the 3rd Saturday at Alden Lane. This is the final meeting before our show in June, so please bring your tree lists if you have not already provided them to Bea and me.

I will be discussing the show, and advising everyone what to expect. This is a perfect opportunity if you need some last minute advice or have any concerns.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30 – May 1 Palo Alto CA

Kusamura Bonsai Club – Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd. Sat 12:00 – 5:00 and Sun 11:00 – 5:00 with demo at 1:30 each day (Sunday – Bob Shimon) (Demo raffle)

May 7-8 Sacramento Ca.

Sacramento Bonsai Club – Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Sat 12:00 – 5:00 and Sun 10:00 – 4:00 with demo at 2:00 each day by Sam Adina (Demo raffle)

June 18-19: Livermore Ca

Valley Bonsai Society annual show at the Alden Lane Nursery. 10:00A.M. - 4:00P.M. Both days with demonstrations at 1:00. With Mike Baker on Saturday and Sam Adina on Sunday - Raffles and sales area. Wood turner – Chris Danko will also be on site.

SENPAI CORNER

Now is the time to check your wiring, any done late last year or even earlier this year. With spring growth and warm weather, the branches are going to swell, which can quickly grow past the wire, leaving a scar. Cut the wire off if you see swelling, or even if you are not sure. The wire is there only to move the branch into the desired new position, once it stays, there is no more need for the wire. If after removing the wire, you see that it shifts back towards its former position (or over the course of a couple of days you see it shift) then re-wire and re-position.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Reminder to provide your availability for the show coming up in June.

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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!

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