

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.

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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

For our April meeting, we built a group planting with a number of boxwoods.



There was some discussion if all would fit into the pot that I chose. With some root pruning and creative wiring down of the roots, we were able to get all trees into the pot. All that is left is to continue trimming the upper portion and allow everything to settle and grow.



MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be about getting ready for our June show, which is over Father's Day weekend (June 17th and 18th). We will discuss tree and pot preparation as well as some general techniques that I will be using for setting up the display.

If you have a specific Dai (tree stand) that you have paired with your tree let me know when you bring the tree. I will have my collection of Dai, so if you do not have one, do not worry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20 – 21, 2017 Sacramento, California

Satsuki Aikokai of Sacramento: Annual Bonsai Show will be held at the Shepard Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are Saturday 10 AM – 5PM, and 10 AM – 4PM, with demonstrations at 1 PM on both days by Yuzo Maruyama. Class “Create your own flowering azalea bonsai” at 11 AM daily with class fee \$20. Satsuki information booth, vendors, raffles, etc. For more information contact Ronn Pigram at (916) 428-8505 or satsukiaiko-kaisac@sbcglobal.net

May 20 – 21, 2017 Palo Alto, California

Akebono Bonsai Club and Kashu Suiseki Kai: 55th and 51st Annual Show held at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Rd. Show hours are Noon to 5 PM each day with demonstration at 2 PM, followed by demo raffle and door prizes. Free Admission. For more information contact AkebonoBonsai@gmail.com

May 20 – 21, 2017 Oakland, California

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA): 22nd Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday. Featuring Bonsai Satsuki Azaleas in full flower bloom! Expert demonstration on styl-

ing, educational forums all day, member sales with beginner & Japan imported material, Vendors, Silent auctions, free admission, and public parking available. For more information, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or visit our website <http://satsukiazaleabonsai.org/>.

June 3 - 4, 2017 San Mateo, California

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai: 34th Annual Show at the San Mateo Garden Center. 605 Parkside Way (next to Beresford Park). Show hours are 10 AM - 4 PM both days, with demonstration by Matt Reel from 1 – 3 PM on Saturday (tree will be raffled off at the conclusion of his demo). On Sunday Matt will lead an open view workshop from Noon – 3 PM (one of the workshop trees raffled at conclusion). Large club member plant sale, vendors, door prizes and our always popular raffles. Admission is free. Dr. Bonsai will be available to offer styling and care tips. For more information contact Marsha Mekisich at eclectic.gardener@yahoo.com

June 4, 2017 Seaside, California

Monterey Bonsai Club: 54th Annual Exhibition at the Monterey Buddhist Temple, 1150 Noche Buena Street. Show hours are 11 AM - 4 PM. Demonstration at 1:30 PM by Katsumi Kinoshita. Silent auction area will include bonsai, pots and plants. For more information: email Rich Guillen at richguillen@sbcglobal.net or Drew Tucker at dtucker1286@gmail.com

June 24 – 25, 2017 Palo Alto, California

Kusamura Bonsai Club: 57th Annual Show will be held at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Hours are Saturday, Noon – 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM - 5 PM with demonstrations at 1:30 PM each day. Saturday demonstration provided by Jonas Dupuich of Bonsai Tonight. Sunday demonstration provided by club members. Free admission. Bonsai trees, pots, and other bonsai-related items will be for sale. For more information contact Charlene Fischer at charlenerae@mac.com or www.kusamurabonsai.org

SENPai CORNER

Since some of you have said that you will not be able to attend our May meeting, I thought that I would use this space to cover some of what I will be discussing at our meeting. When displaying your tree, you want to make sure that no matter what stage of development your tree is in; that it is presentable. I want to point out that I encourage all members to display something, as you should be proud of what you are working on. Your trees should be trimmed and either in the final shape or be apparent what the shape will become. Any wiring on branches should be neat and evenly spaced, it is acceptable to show a tree with wire, but if possible keep wiring to a minimum. The pot should be free of mineral deposits, and if a non-glazed pot, after cleaning, wipe it down with mineral oil.

A top dressing should be applied of a material that is a consistent particle size and preferable of a consistent tone or color.

It should go without saying to make sure that there are no weeds or other debris on the soil surface.

Please make sure that you spray for pests and diseases a couple of weeks

before the show to ensure your trees health as well as not endangering other people's trees.

Our show is in June so start thinking of what trees you want to display and if you have not already done so, please provide a list in May, so I can make sure that I have labels printed.

ELECTIONS

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

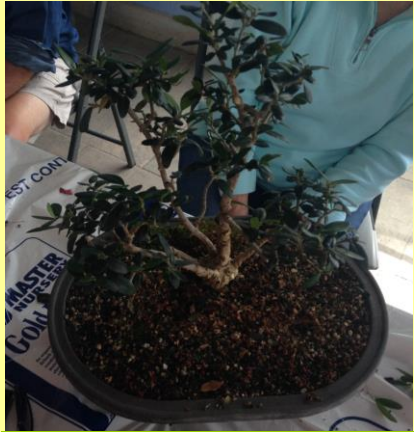
TIDBITS

Our show is around the corner, a request was send to all members to provide the number and name of the trees you will be bringing. Please bring your trees in on Friday afternoon the 16th, after 2PM, to allow Charles and I time to get all of the trees set up and labeled. No last minute drop off on Saturday please, unless pre-arranged with Charles.

A request for volunteers will be send shortly. I encourage everyone to check pictures of prior shows on our website.

For your enjoyment, here are some pictures of our April meeting.





THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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!

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.

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