

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. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/Valley_Bonsai_Society

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 or families. 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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

APRIL MEETING BY CHARLES

Our April meeting was a general workshop and a rescue repotting of an elm tree. We are all getting ready for our June show.





MAY MEETING BY CHARLES

We have one more month to prepare for our Show. Therefore, for the May meeting, I encourage everyone to bring in the tree(s) you are planning on showing in June. We will start getting them refined and ready...plus if you do not make it to the meeting, or if you do not bring in all your trees, at least provide or send me a list of the trees you are planning to show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30th & May 1st, 2022 Palo Alto, CA

Kusamura Bonsai Club 62nd Annual Show: Annual Show at Addison School, 650 Addison Street, Palo Alto. Show hours are Saturday, Noon - 4pm, and Sunday, 11am - 4pm, with **headliner Bob Shimon of Mendocino Coast Bonsai presenting at 1:30pm Saturday.**

Join us and see over 50 Bonsai Trees on display. There will be a Sale and Benefit drawing with over 100 bonsai and pots. Club members will put on a demonstration on Sunday at 1:30pm. For more information contact show co-chairs: Lynne O'Dell at lynnemo@gmail.com or Idris Anderson at Kusamura Bonsai Club website.

May 21 & 22, 2022 Oakland, California

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA) 25th Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show, featuring azalea bonsai in full bloom. Join us on May 21 & 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center, Lake Merritt, for the display of beautiful flowering bonsai. Featuring large member sale and imported Satsuki azalea from Japan. Demonstration from 1 – 3 p.m., Saturday with raffle of the demo tree. Vendor area. Free admission. Public parking available. For information, contact Darren Wong at sohjuen@aol.com or visit our website at <http://satsukiazaleabonsai.org>.

June 18 & 19, 2022 Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 13th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery, **981 Alden Lane**. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM with a demonstration at 1PM on both days. The finished tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstrations. Bonsai pots, soil, etc. available for purchase. Admission is free.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

June show, June show, June show!!!! I know I am harping on this, but it will be here before we know it, and we need to be ready, since we have all missed a couple of years, I am hoping that the “public” is anxious to get out and see our little trees. I too, am really looking forward to seeing everyone’s trees, and I expect that this year will be one of our best shows yet. We have all had a lot of time on our hands the last couple of years to work on our trees (yeah that is what I spent my time doing...really...well, maybe not) but seriously. I know that it will be a great show, and I will be performing a demonstration on both days of a saikei – which is always a hit, and yes Bea, should only take about an hour and a half to complete... See you soon and let us plan for a great come back show in June.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

It was nice to see several new faces at our meeting. We always enjoy sharing our knowledge with new members. Now more about the show: I sent the schedule last month, so please if you plan on helping let me know the day and time slot so that I can make sure the whole day is covered. Also, remember to send the list of your trees to Charles and to me so that I can make sure we do not miss anything.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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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