

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

We maintain an e-mail list 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 would 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 AND LARRY

We had a great meeting in April. The topic of the demo was “big bend”. So we bent the trunk on a zelkova (Thank you Larry for “lending a hand” since mine was unusable). Many were skeptical of how far of a bend we would get. However, with only one worrisome creak, we were able to move the apex, down to the side of the rock it was planted in.

From this:



To this:



If you would like to see the whole demo frame by frame (Courtesy of Joan Houston), please go to our website under “Items of Interest”.

Attendance was good and I saw many trees that are looking great; remember that our show is approaching so start thinking about which trees you want to display and let Bea and I know, so we can make sure labels are available. I would encourage everyone to show something.



MAY MEETING BY CHARLES

We will spend our May meeting discussing how to prepare trees for the show in June. I encourage everyone to show at least one tree. Please bring any tree for last minute advice or critique.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kusamura Bonsai Club Exhibit, Sale and Demonstration. Demonstrations starting at 1:30 both days, followed by benefit raffle and door prizes. Saturday, Demonstration given by Michael Greenstein. Over 60 bonsai on display. Time & Location Apr 29, 12:00 PM – Apr 30, 4:00 PM Addison School, 1045 Webster, Palo Alto, CA

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai Exhibit & Sale. Join us for the Show & Sale but stay for the Demonstration at 1pm. www.santacruzbonsaikai.com Time & Location May 13, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Aptos, 2555 Mar Vista Dr, Aptos, CA 95003, USA

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai & Yamato Bonsai Kai's Show. May 20, 1:00 PM – May 21, 3:00 PM Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA Large member tree sales and imported Japanese material vendor area • Free admission • Public parking For more infor-

mation: Contact Darren Wong: Sohjuen@aol.com

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Show with world-renowned special guest demonstrator David De Groot. In addition to show, world renowned special guest demonstrator David De Groot will provide demo Saturday 1-3pm, with Demo tree raffle following. Sunday 1-3pm, David will lead an open to public viewing workshop, with workshop tree raffled after. Both days 3pm benefit raffle and door prizes. Tree Clinic-Vendor Sales-Plant Sales-Free Admission Jun 03, 10:00 AM – Jun 04, 4:00 PM San Mateo, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, USA For additional information:

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East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Auction. The East Bay Bonsai Society's in-person bonsai auction on June 14th will start at 7:30pm with a preview at 7:00pm. More? Email: mhylton@rocketmail.com Masks optional Jun 14, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA The East Bay Bonsai Society will be having an in-person bonsai auction on Wednesday, June 14th at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center (Lake Merritt) in Oakland, California! The auction will start at 7:30pm with a preview at 7:00pm. It will include established and starter bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc. Credit cards, checks, and cash accepted. Free admission. Parking available. Sales tax will be added to purchases.

Valley Bonsai Society Show. Our 14th annual show will include a bonsai 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. Jun 17, 10:00 AM – Jun 18, 4:00 PM Livermore, 981 Alden Ln, Livermore, CA 94550, USA Valley Bonsai Society's 14th annual bonsai show will be held at Alden Lane Nursery <https://www.aldenlane.com/>

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Well, it is that time of year again where I start nagging everyone about getting your trees ready for our show that is approaching faster than we all realize. I again encourage everyone to display something since you should be proud of your accomplishments and also having all levels of maturity of trees on display may encourage new people to try the art themselves. If you have not yet started, please begin fertilizing and since the weather is getting warm, all those wonderful pests, from Oxalis to spider mites, are eyeing our trees as an all you can eat buffet, so you will need to stay on top of weeding and insect control.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

On April 2nd, a few of us met at the Olivina Property to dig some of the many volunteer olive trees. We did that a couple years ago in the middle of the drought and we had to use pick axes, crowbars, shovels, etc. ... It was hard work! But this year, thanks to so much rain, the soil was so loose that all you had to do is pull on the little tree and it would come right up (at least most of them did!). We were all done in less than an hour. Now, we just have to make sure they survive!





Just to reiterate what Charles mentioned above, the show is upon us. Please finalize your choice of tree(s) to display, give the list to Charles and Bea. Fertilize and spray for pests. Clean the pot(s) and check the ground cover to make sure it is neat. Volunteer at the show if you can. Ask for a once over and advice from Charles. If you have questions, you can always reach Charles or Bea via e-mail. There are many details involved in preparing the show so we really appreciate it if you do not wait the last minute to provide us with the information requested.

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