

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

APRIL 2024

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?



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' 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

We maintain an e-mail distribution list of our members to release announcements and send out the monthly 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

The April meeting was a repotting discussion with emphasis on the need for leaving the main root-ball under the trunk fairly intact. If the tree is seriously root bound, the technique of cutting wedges and adding fresh soil into the new "gap" is recommended. We also reminded everyone to secure the tree into the pot with wires to keep the roots from moving too much. The remainder of the meeting was a general workshop.



MAY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our May meeting will be a show prep. Please use this time to review the trees you want to display in the show. I will provide guidance with any last minute adjustments needed. If you have not already done so, please provide Bea and I the list of trees you are thinking of putting into the show, so we can make sure labels are available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sacramento Bonsai Club 78th Annual Show

Join us for our 78th annual show as well as celebrating the 125th of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Demo by Instructor Sam Adina will occur at 1:30 pm followed by a raffle. Sales (all day) , Workshops (\$20 pre-register), Free admission May 04, 2024, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95818, USA

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA) and Yamato Bonsai Kai joint Bonsai Show

Featuring Azalea bonsai in full color and fine bonsai in formal display.

Demonstrations at 1:00 on Saturday (BASA) and Sunday (Yamato). Member and outside vendor sales. Free admission and parking. May 18, 2024, 10:00 AM – May 19, 2024, 3:45 PM

Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Bonsai Show

FREE ADMISSION Bonsai Show, demonstrations, vendor and club sales, and raffles. Bring your bonsai to "Dr. Bonsai" to get a free diagnosis and prescription for improvement. Jun 01, 2024, 10:00 AM – Jun 02, 2024, 3:00 PM San Mateo Garden Center (Beresford Park), 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, USA

Valley Bonsai Society 15th Annual Bonsai Show

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 15, 2024, 10:00 AM – Jun 16, 2024, 4:00 PM Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Ln, Livermore, CA 94550, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

It's showtime! It is time to review which tree or trees you want to display, and when looking at your tree(s), look for any stray branches needing to be removed or trimmed back and any wiring that might need to be cleaned up for presentation. Please spray for insects so we do not "infect" others trees at the show. Clean your pots of any mineral deposits, and rub it down with a little mineral oil on the non-glazed pots to give it a bit of shine. This is an exciting time for us and a wonderful time to spread the word about our art. I am looking forward to seeing everyone's beautiful trees this year.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

We are often asked about “indoor” Bonsais. Though the majority of the trees fare better outdoors, there are a few that do well indoor as long as you pay attention to the moisture level of the soil. Soil has a tendency to dry faster indoor, so make it a habit to spray a little water every day and maybe put your little tree on top of a tray filled with small pebbles and water to add moisture.

These below are just a few examples of indoor Bonsais.



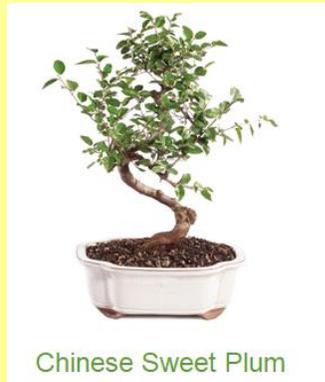
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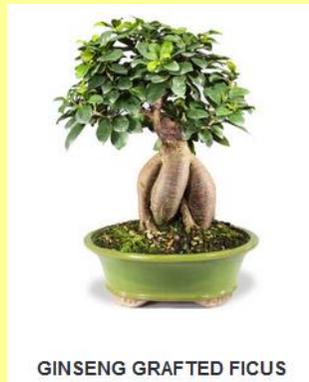
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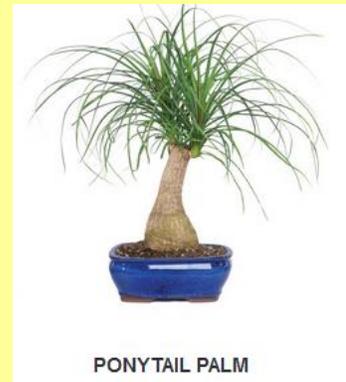
Kinzu Orange



Chinese Sweet Plum



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PONYTAIL PALM

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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The 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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