

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?



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 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

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! It's just getting going but it's looking good. Thank you Bea Bauerly for keeping it going and up to date. 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)

AUGUST MEETING

Thank you all who attended. I apologize that I was under the weather and did not attend. I understand that several helped with re-potting and answered many questions, so thank you all that helped

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be at the normal meeting time of 2:00 P.M on the 3rd Saturday at Alden Lane. This month, I will review the technique of large branch bending – thank you Larry for trusting your tree to this demonstration. As usual, please bring your own trees to work on after the demo.

UPCOMING EVENTS

San Mateo Bonsai Club
Sept. 20th – San Mateo
52nd annual bonsai exhibit at the San Mateo Gardeners Hall, 503 E 5th Ave.
10:00 – 4:00

SENPAI CORNER

September is beginning and we are heading toward another small growth season for our trees. Continue your fertilizing and stay on top of watering. We still have a few sneaky hot days in our future. Be ready for more pruning and maintenance prior to everything slowing down for fall and winter. Do not panic if you start to loose leaves, it is normal for deciduous trees. I have had people contact me with this concern.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Filoli

Filoli is a country house set in 16 acres of formal gardens surrounded by a 654-acre estate, located in Woodside, California, about 25 miles south of San Francisco, at the southern end of Crystal Springs. I recently had the opportunity to visit this estate. I have lived in the Bay area for almost 30 years and I had never heard of it. Besides the mansion and the wonderful manicured gardens, there is also a Bonsai collection on exhibit in the restaurant's courtyard. Of note, there are also a couple Hinoki trees that are absolutely beautiful. And yes, I said trees not bushes...they are easily over 20ft tall. This estates is well worth the drive. Check out Groupon for a reduce ticket price. Bea



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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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