

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?



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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)

AUGUST MEETING

At our August meeting, we braved the heat and discussed wiring basics. As I previously stated, wiring is something that you should always practice and

strive to improve. Making sure your wire is applied evenly, and neatly. You should avoid crossing wires and if the wire applied is too small of a gauge, then add a second wire alongside of the first wire. Wiring is an essential part of our techniques for developing our trees so be careful and meticulous, and your efforts will be rewarded.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

At the September meeting, I will discuss re-potting. It is a little early yet for any late summer early fall re-potting, but I will cover some of the techniques that you will use when the time comes. By re-potting in the fall, you still give your tree a little time to adjust to the change before it settles down for winter, and then in the spring it will use all of its energy on new growth instead of both the re-pot and new growth. I hope to see you all there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7th, 2017 Cupertino, California

Midori Bonsai Club: 56th Annual Bonsai Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, from 10 AM – 5 PM with a bonsai demonstration by Juan Cruz at 1:30 PM. The demonstration tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. There will be a Beginners Workshop for those new to bonsai at 10 AM for a nominal fee. A tree will be provided along with basic instruction. Members will be available to take a look, and advise you, on any bonsai you'd like to bring in. There will be several bonsai vendors to supply you with plant material, tools, pots, etc, and a club member's plant sale. Admission is free with plenty of parking available.

October 14 - 15, 2017 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: 56th Annual Show will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt.. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday and 11 AM - 4 PM on Sunday. Headliner is bonsai artist, Peter Tea, he will conduct a free styling demonstration on Sunday from 1 - 3:30 PM. The show will feature over 50 tree varieties and ages and will also feature a plant sale and raffle.

October 21 -22, 2017 Union City, California

Yamato Bonsai Kai: 46th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Demonstration, featuring Sensei Johnny Uchida will be held at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. Hours are noon - 6 PM Saturday, and 10 AM – 5 PM Sunday. Demonstration will begin each day at 1:30 PM, with the demo tree raffled as the Grand Prize. The exhibition will feature over 80 trees from veteran and new club members. Benefit raffle immediately after each demo will have dozens of bonsai items and trees each day. Free admission and parking. Large Vendor area and Plant Sales events will be onsite. Visit us at www.yamatobonsai.org for directions and further information.

SENPAI CORNER

So, I was planning on writing about bonsai size classification since some of you have asked about it at our meetings in the past. Doing some noodling on

the internet, I have learned that there is a lot of opinions out there as to what the classifications are and what they are called. I will just summarize what I believe is the general consensus and if you are interested, feel free to explore the topic on your own and let me know your thoughts.

Keishi or Keshitsubo: fingertip bonsai - under 2 inches

Shito: Also fingertip or two finger – up to 3 inches

Mame: One handed – up to 6 inches

Shohin: One handed – up to 8 inches

Komono: One handed – 6 to 10 inches

Katade-mochi: One to Two hands – 10 to 18 inches

Kifu: One to two hands – up to 16 inches

Chiu or Chumono: Two handed – 16 to 36 inches

Omono or Dai: Four handed – 30 to 48 inches

Hachi-uye: Six handed – 40 to 60 inches

Imperial: Eight handed – 60 to 80 inches

ELECTIONS

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

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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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