

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

AUGUST 2020 – THE SHELTER IN PLACE VERSION...

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

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 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

AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting was really hot. However, a few of us braved the heat and went out. Even though I had called and confirmed, Calaveras Nursery decided to close up early – it was too hot I guess, so we re-grouped and headed on to Regan nursery. The selection was good and several people brought home some hidden gems, plus a couple of items for the yard. I did not go on to Grove Way Bonsai, but there were a few brave souls, so we will have to get their report when next we see them.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

For this month, Bea has arranged for us to meet at Olivina and see the olive orchard and have the owner talk about olive trees and olive oil. It is going to be an hour later than our normal meeting so it should be a good time and interesting to hear about olive trees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay tuned...

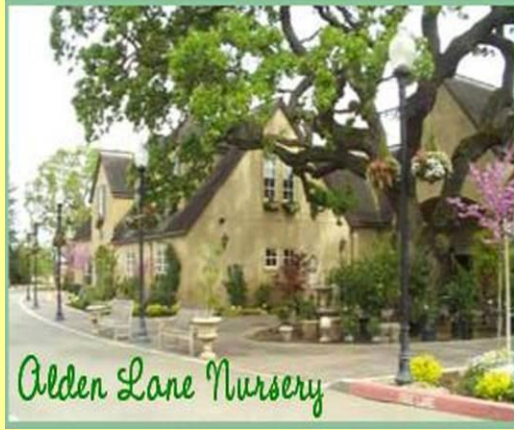
SENPAI CORNER

We continue with the shelter in place... and I find myself busier than ever. I have a lot of responsibility at work, which takes up a large portion of my days/nights and sometimes weekends.... but it pays the bills. Plus I am working on re-designing my back yard. As I mentioned in a previous Senpai corner, I am leaving my trees alone for this growing season, but I find myself with concave cutters in hand and telling myself that even though I am growing a sacrificial branch, that it is getting “just a bit too tall” and might be peeking over the fence. What? I’m glad you asked. A sacrificial branch is one that you allow to grow un-impaired for at least one full growing season, to either thicken up the trunk quickly or a lower branch. Sometimes to just bring back some vigor and new energy to the tree. Eventually you will cut it out or cut it back hard, but for that period of time, it will give your tree a little growing room. Stay safe and stay sane.

ELECTIONS

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

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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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