

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

AUGUST 2021

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'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, SOCIAL MEDIA 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.

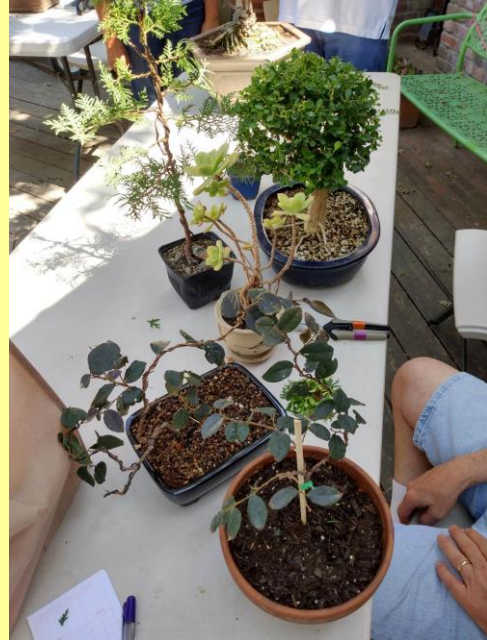
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MEMBERSHIP

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 BY CHARLES

Our August meeting was once again an “in person” meeting” (with masks firmly affixed) at Alden Lane. We had a full house and we use the time as a workshop with several members bringing trees. I talked a little about the upcoming Bonsai Rendezvous in October (see below for more info). I encourage everyone to attend!!





SEPTEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

For our September meeting, I plan to demo a saikei – landscape planting. These are simple to put together, and provide instant gratification. Please bring a tree or two to work on. Weather permitting; we will likely be meeting out on the deck, near the front again. I hope to see you all there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2 and 3, 2021 Santa Nella, California

Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) will host the 2021 GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous. The event theme is “Bonsai Rendezvous.” A two-day event for renewal and celebration for the love of bonsai. No registration fee. Open to the public. Free bonsai demonstrations both days. Free professional bonsai critiques, Bring Your Own Bonsai and Do It Yourself Bonsai settings. Vendors from Northern and Southern California in one huge location. There will be silent auctions for quality bonsai and related items. There will be no banquet dinners. Additional information and schedule of activities forthcoming shortly. Stay tuned to [GSBF website](#). For further information or to volunteer in support of the event, contact Rich Guillen at richguillen@att.net or call 831-233-1612.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

With all of the wildfires going on right now, there are lots of ashes in the air. These ashes settle on the leaves and needles of your trees causing distress. So, please take the time to occasionally rinse off the foliage of your trees. I know I keep talking about watering, but with the 100+ days, a little wind and the falling ashes could be potential trouble for your trees. It is strange, that we struggle to keep the right balance of moisture for our trees, and yet, that oxalis seems to thrive and spread – which is my way of saying to also keep your eye out for unwanted weeds.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

In my continued quest to find natural ways to keep plants healthy, I came across an article on the benefit of **Listerine**...yes, you are reading right! Listerine mouthwash has many other uses around the garden and here are a few of them:

1. It has strong **anti-fungal properties**. It can be used to get rid of powdery mildew and other fungal infections. Mix 75% of water and 25% of mouthwash to make a working solution and spray it on the infected parts.
2. For a **harmful-chemical free way to control aphids**, mouthwash can be an effective ingredient. Just add water and mouthwash in equal proportion and spray it on the plants suffering from aphid infestations. You can also add a similar amount of mild liquid dish soap to make this recipe even stronger.
3. You can make a **homemade lawn fertilizer** using other ingredients. Make a combination of mouthwash, Epsom salt, liquid dish soap, and ammonia (1 cup each) and a can of beer, apply it using a 20 gallon hose-end sprayer, Use it once every 3 weeks.
4. You can also use Listerine to **disinfect garden tools**. Simply soak them for one minute or spray full strength Listerine on your smaller garden tools to disinfect them to prevent disease.

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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