

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. 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 would 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 a general workshop. Many members brought their trees to work on – great progress this year so far.



And who remembers that Mugo pine we put a serious bend into earlier this year? Larry removed the wiring and raffia and the bend has “taken” – now we just need to work on the branches.



SEPTEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our September meeting will be a wiring demonstration. I will show some of the techniques we use for good and neat wiring. If you have any trees that could use some rearranging, this would be a good opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento's Annual Live Bonsai Auction & Consignment Sales, Sep 27, 6:30 PM: Sacramento, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816

Bonsai trees, pots, stands and other bonsai related items will be offered for

auction and sale by our community's avid bonsai practitioners, some of whom have been practicing the art for decades. In addition to an opportunity to purchase these items, come and immerse yourself in the art and culture that is bonsai.

Midori Bonsai Club's 59th Annual Bonsai Show

Midori Bonsai Club: Come celebrate Midori Bonsai Club's 58th Annual Bonsai Show, **October 1st, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, **Cupertino**.

Saturdays demonstration by John Thompson at 1:00 p.m. Bring your trees in for Doctor Bonsai, plus beginners bonsai school with purchase of bonsai starter tree, with vendor sales and door prizes. Free admission, with plenty of local parking. For more details contact POC Jack Christiansen, at Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net

East Bay Bonsai Society's Annual Show

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

Oct 01, 10:00 AM – Oct 02, 4:00 PM

There will also be a benefit drawing and a sale of bonsai and related materials. For information, visit eastbaybonsai.org.

Show hours are Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous

Oct 08, 8:00 AM – Oct 09, 1:00 PM

Santa Nella, 13070 CA-33, **Santa Nella**, CA 95322, USA

Free daily bonsai demonstrations

- Do-It-Yourself Bonsai work area
- 30+ Northern / Southern California and out of state Vendors in one huge location with trees and supplies
- Silent auctions daily (silent auction consignment opportunities available)
- Mel Ikeda will be leading the Tomodachi group at the Rendezvous

Yamato Bonsai Kai's 51st Annual Exhibit

Oct 22, 10:00 AM – Oct 23, 5:00 PM Union City, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587, USA

Demonstration trees will be raffled off as grand prize each day. Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors. Free admission and free parking. For more info and updates find us on Facebook by searching "Yamato Bonsai Kai".

SENPAIN CORNER BY CHARLES

I have been looking my trees over and thinking that I really need to repot and perform some major pruning and restyling. But alas, it is currently 110 (+) degrees out, and now is not a really good time to be doing that. In the meantime, I have been planning what I intend to do. You can sketch it, or just create a mental picture, so when the time comes, you are ready to make that major cut, and hopefully not be paralyzed with nervousness. As you all know, I like to cut branches; so performing that major cut, might look like I just re-

moved half of the tree, but in most cases, it is necessary to improve the overall structure and sometimes health of the tree. So be not afraid, it is only a branch – more will grow soon.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Just a reminder that shirts with our logo are available. You just need to let me know the size. The cost will be between \$25 and \$30 depending on how much it cost to get them in. Obviously the more I order together the less it is going to cost. Also, there are 3 meetings left until our Christmas lunch. At this time, I would like to know who is interested in attending. The last few years, we have celebrated at Hanabishi – a quaint Japanese restaurant but we are opened to suggestions.

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Thanks to Alden Lane for allowing us to meet for free at the nursery. Alden Lane Nursery has evergreen, 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 wherever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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