

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.

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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' 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

We maintain an e-mail distribution list of our members to release announcements and send out the monthly 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 well attended and included several new members. The subject of this month was weeds and pests. We discussed how to handle most of them. We also talked a little about deciduous tree pruning and even did an emergency report of a struggling Schefflera.

SEPTEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

At the September meeting, we will talk about fall preparation, wrapping up our fertilizing, final clean up and thinning of black pines and junipers, wire clean up and general tree maintenance before they start to go dormant for winter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Show and Sale

Sep 20, 2025, 10:00 AM – Sep 21, 2025, 4:00 PM

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

We're excited to invite you to the East Bay Annual Show and Sale! We have a full array of vendors and club sales this year as well as an amazing headliner, Michael Hagedorn! Come join us in Oakland and see some amazing trees

61st Annual Akebono Bonsai Club

Sep 20, 2025, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Palo Alto, 2751 Louis Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303, USA

Come join us for our 61st Annual Bonsai Show held in conjunction with the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Car Show. Enjoy viewing bonsai in this unique outdoor setting. We will also have bonsai sales and a demonstration. Food available to purchase at the car show and admission is free.

American Bonsai Association Sacramento Live Auction & Consignment Sale

Sep 20, 2025, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Sacramento, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816, USA

Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or new to bonsai, our meeting space will be packed with incredible items for sale on Saturday, September 20. Don't miss your chance to find something special for your collection! Free entry – All are welcome! Preview 1:00; Live Auction 1:30

San Mateo Bonsai Club Show

Sep 21, 2025, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

San Mateo JACC Gardener's Hall, 503 E 5th Ave, San Mateo, CA 94402, USA

Beautiful Bonsai Trees! Plants, Pots, and Soil for Sale Bonsai Clinic - We can check your bonsai tree

Midori Bonsai Club presents our 62nd annual bonsai show: Bonsai Style | Trees That Captivate The Eye

Oct 04, 2025, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014, USA

Just us at our 62nd annual bonsai show. Beginner's Workshop, Free Admission, Live Demonstration, Ikebana and Dr. Bonsai.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

The seasons keep unfolding like an origami crane under the paws of a kitten.

We are in the final stretch before our trees settle down for the winter. Now is the time to be checking that wire you put on in the spring, clean up and thin out your black pines and junipers, clean up any weeds and continue your fertilizing for another month or two.

Allow the leaves on your deciduous trees to fall naturally, as next years buds will push them off. Avoid any major pruning or repotting for the next couple of months since there is not enough time for your trees to recover before dormancy.

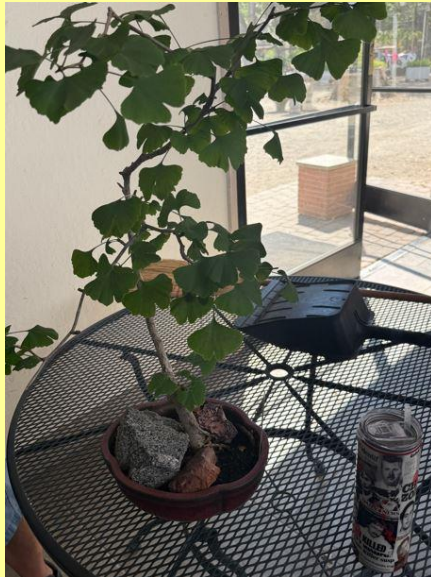
There are always small things we can do with our trees even though this is a quiet period, from minor adjustments, to studying the structure and plan next years activities, to just sitting there admiring them. Or, if you're still needing to keep your hands busy, start with a square piece of paper, and begin with a diagonal fold...

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

As Charles mentioned above, we had many new faces at our last meeting with several of them signing up for membership. A warm welcome to our new members!





THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The 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

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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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