

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).

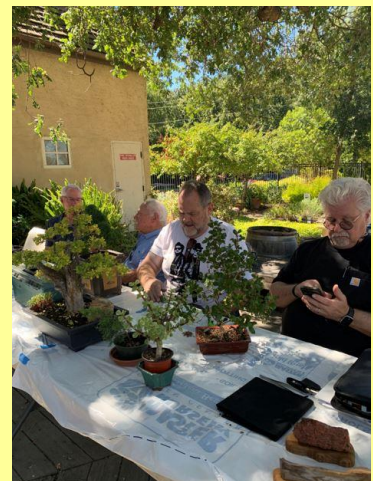
We have a website! Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/Valley_Bonsai_Society

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 even though it was pushed out by a week. We discussed the show, what worked, what did not. Members present had several good ideas/suggestions for next year. The discussion was followed by a general workshop where people worked on cleaning up their trees and getting styling advice.



SEPTEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our September meeting will be another general workshop. If you do not want to wait until spring, now is a good time to repot any trees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

American Bonsai Association Sacramento Live Auction & Consignment Sale

Sat, Sep 19 Shepard Garden and Arts Center

Excellent bonsai and pre-bonsai material can be found at our Live Auction and Consignment Sale offered by ABAS club members. Open to the public at 1:00 pm on Saturday, Sept 19 for auction preview and consignment sales.

Live auction begins at 1:30 pm.

Sep 19, 2026, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816, USA

Bonsai & ikebana - Midori Bonsai Club 63rd Annual Bonsai Show

Sat, Oct 03 Quinlan Community Center

This year's theme is a celebration of the beauty of two classic Japanese arts: Bonsai and Ikebana. Bonsai is the Japanese art of living trees in miniature form. Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Free admission.

Demonstration. Beginner's Workshop. Dr. Bonsai. Club and Vendor Sale.

Oct 03, 2026, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

It is September, and hot! I was hoping for cool days and the joy of repotting a few trees that I put off earlier this year... but instead, this weather has prompted my peach and plum trees to bloom again - Really??? So, I guess there is still time to work on our trees this year.

If you decide to repot, just remember to pay attention to the roots in this heat, so they do not dry out, and keep any major branch and root pruning to a minimum so they do not have to do too much work re-establishing before winter sets in – if it ever does. I know a pine or two that is in desperate need of some attention, and not sure about you, Mr. Elm if I will get to you or wait until next year. If we do start getting rain, remember, to still check your soil moisture and note any that starts pooling water for a definite repot come early spring.

For now, I will sit here with my glass of ice water and enjoy the September heat with my pines, and consider if I will repot, or wait.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

We have 3 meetings left this year as December meeting is replaced by our Christmas lunch. I am always looking for some suggestions; the few years we had our lunch at Lemon Grass (Thai Cuisine) and it was delicious...however the restaurant has changed hands, so I cannot say for sure of the quality of the meals or service will stay the same. If anyone likes Vietnamese cuisine, Vietnoms in the Trader Joe shopping center is really good and there is ample parking. So don't be shy, send in your suggestions.

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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 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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