

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?



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 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! It's just getting going but it's looking good. Thank you Bea Bauerly for keeping it going and up to date. Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com

MEMBERSHIP

TIME TO RENEW YOUR 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. 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 (bb1727@att.com)

DECEMBER MEETING

Our December holiday party at Uncle Yu's was a great success. Thank you Bea for organizing this! It was well attended and the food was great as usual.

JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be at Alden Lane at 2:00 as usual. For this meeting we are going to do something a little different. For all members that are interested, the club will be supplying a 3-5 gallon juniper prostrata. Over the course of several months, each member will style and develop their tree. We will take photos of everyone's progress and then the idea would be to have a separate table at the show to show off everyone's trees, with a collage of the progress from raw material to what the tree has become.

POTS

The club has come into possession of several nice pots. The majority of the pots are from the late 60's to early 70'. Some are Tokoname, I will start bringing a selection of them to each meeting for your perusal. If you want something before our January meeting feel free to contact me by email. bonsainut@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14th East Bay Bonsai Society: Break in the new year with Kathy Snaner, free demo at 7:30 P.M. at Lakeside Park Garden Center (666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland). The demo tree (multi trunk Korean Hornbeam) along with other items will be raffled off following the demo.

January 24th – 25th: Bay Island Bonsai Annual Exhibit at Lakeside Park Garden Center (666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland). From 10:00-4:00. Demonstration at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday by Boon Manakitivipart.

February 21st-22nd; GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: the annual Mammoth fundraiser: at Lakeside Park Garden Center (666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland). Saturday auction starting at 1:00 P.M. with preview at noon. Sunday Vendor sales begin at 9:00 A.M. and plant sales begin at 10:00 A.M.

SENPAI CORNER

Hello everyone. December is a quiet month for bonsai. Except for emergencies, you will want to avoid major pruning, styling or re-potting. A mild application of fungicide and insecticide will help keep down mildew, bugs and other nasty things that can harm your tree while in its dormant state. Now is a great time to look at your deciduous trees and examine the branch structure. Plan out which branches you will want to keep and which branches will need to be removed. This is also a good time to

clean and sharpen your tools if you do not regularly do so. Avoid fertilizing your trees at this time, wait until you see the first swelling of new growth before application.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Plum (*Prunus Domestica*) – a small suckering tree, is now thought to be a hybrid between Cherry plum (*prunus cerasifera*) and Blackthorn (*prunus spinosa*). Many named varieties are cultivated, and can be grouped in to plums and the supsp. *insitia*, which includes the damsons, greengages and Bullace which has downy roots and rounded fruits.

Hinoki cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa*)– this native of Japan can be distinguished from other “false” cypresses by its blunt, incurved leaves and larger, round cones. ‘Crippsii’ a popular cultivar, has bright, golden-yellow foliage which darkens to green inside the crown.

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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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