

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?



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! Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com

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)

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was a discussion on looking at raw material and

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determining if there is potential. We looked at several different nursery plants and had a group discussion as to what we each saw – or did not see in each potential tree.

Or December meeting was our annual holiday lunch – A very special thank you to Bea for organizing a very successful lunch.





JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be at the normal meeting time of 2:00 PM on the 3rd Saturday at Alden Lane.. This month I will spend a little time discussing tool care, and then we will plan out our monthly topics for the year. Now is a great time to begin discussion about our annual show..

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23-24: Oakland Ca

Bay Island Bonsai Exhibit. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. from 10-4 Vendor and club sale with Auction on Saturday and Workshop on Sunday.

February 23-24: Oakland Ca

GSBF Annual Mammoth Fundraiser. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Auction on Saturday with preview starting at 12:00 and Auction starting at 1:00 and vendor sales and demonstration on Sunday. beginning at 9:00 until 4:00

SENPAI CORNER

January is upon us, Happy new year! Even with the much needed rain, stay on top of the watering, clear away any leaves that may have accumulated and pay attention to water that may pool on the top of your pots. If needed, use a rock, a piece of slate or a brick to keep the pot and tree at an angle so the water drains off. Early January is a quiet time, so now is the time to go pot shopping, make sure your tools are sharp and for your deciduous trees, look at the structure of branches and plan out what needs to be trimmed, removed or re-positioned.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

With the New Year comes the new dues. Please remember to pay your dues either at the meeting or by check sent to me at: 873 Curlew Rd, Livermore, Ca 94551.

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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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