

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2021

*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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)).

We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com). Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/Valley\\_Bonsai\\_Society](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'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 [BelgianBea@yahoo.com](mailto:BelgianBea@yahoo.com)

## DECEMBER LUNCH

Our December lunch was another success, with outstanding planning by Bea, and wonderful (and too much) food provided by Hanabishi, it was a lovely time with friends and food.

## JANUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

January will be a general workshop. Please bring a tree and depending on the type, it might be a good time to repot. This will help it settle in before the spring flush. I would not consider any major cuts at this time because we hopefully will still get some rain before spring, and do not want rot or fungus to take hold of fresh cuts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 15th & 16th, 2022 Oakland, California**

**Bay Area Bonsai Associates 40th Annual bonsai Exhibit: and East Bay Bonsai Society Bonsai Sale:**

Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt. 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California.

Exhibit Displays, Light Dinner, Presentation and Plant Sales

Presenter: Peter Tea

Saturday, January 15th, 5:00PM - 9:00PM

5:00PM - 6:30PM: Exhibit and Sales of Bonsai and related items. Light dinner starts at 5:30pm

6:30PM - 8:00PM: Presentation by Peter Tea

Sunday, January 16th, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Exhibit and Sales of Bonsai and related items.

The East Bay Bonsai Society will be having our in-person January 2022 club sale! The sale will be both Saturday, January 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. The sale will include established and starter bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc.

Credit cards, checks and cash accepted. Sales tax will be added to purchases. Masks are required.

The East Bay Bonsai Society and Marin Bonsai Club will be joining us this year in our club sales area on both days! Admission is free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during park hours.

**February 19 and 20, 2022 Oakland, California**

Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. You are invited to the biggest auction and sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, books, stands, and related material. A Mammoth fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Saturday auction preview starts at 12:00 p.m. with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., large showing of vendors, plant sales, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas at [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net) or stay tuned to [BGLM Website](#).

## SENPai CORNER BY CHARLES

Happy New Year! We are heading into the exciting part of the year: repotting, styling and things budding out and blossoming. With all this activity coming up, please pay attention to any wiring you did last year, at the first sign of swelling remove the wire – you can always reapply the wire if it has not set. Start looking over your collection to see what would look good in this year's show. I would like to see at least one tree from each member to display. I will also ask that you start bringing your selected tree(s) to the next several meetings, so we can get it (them) ready for the show. I wonder if we even remember how to put one on???

I wish you and your family the best of health and wealth for 2022.

## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS BY BEA

Happy New Year everybody! We are resuming the dues for 2022. As a reminder, \$30 for individuals and \$40 for couples. It is due now, so please bring your dues at the next meeting or mail a check to:

Bea Bauerly  
873 Curlew Rd  
Livermore, CA 94551

We also appreciate any ideas you may have to raise funds, so get that brainstorming juice flowing!

## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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.

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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!

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.