

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2022

*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?



50 weeks.

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 BY CHARLES

Once again, we had a fabulous lunch coordinated by Bea at Hanabishi. If my count is correct, we had 21 people attend, and unlike previous years, there were not many leftovers to take home. We had a wonderful meal, and great conversations. Thank you again Bea for setting that up for all of us.









## JANUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our January meeting will be run by Bea and Dave – I will be travelling for business, so will not be in town for our meeting, but please still come, as we will be working on our deciduous trees, and making decisions on what and where to prune in preparation for spring. This is a good time since the leaves are off to see the structure and branching. I will be planning for February to be our annual soil meeting where I will be bringing the raw materials for

purchase, to make up your own.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bay Area Bonsai Associates Show

Jan 14, 2023, 4:00 PM – Jan 15, 2023, 4:00 PM

Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue, Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA

Saturday, January 14th (open 4pm-9pm) Special Presentation Saturday at 6:30pm with: Daisaku Nomoto (Japan) and Jonas Dupuich (USA) Light snack & beverages Sunday, January 15th 11 am - 4pm Free admission to 40+ high quality Bonsai for your viewing pleasure!

### Annual Mammoth Auction & Sale 2023

Feb 18, 2023, 12:00 PM – Feb 19, 2023, 3:00 PM

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

## SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

I am sitting here listening to the rain and thinking hey, I do not need to water today... but in reality, I still may need to, for specific trees. Once the rain settles down, I will go out and check each tree, especially the conifers and junipers, since the foliage may redirect the rain outside of the pot, and very little will make it down the branches and trunk to the soil. However, as I have said before, I probably do not need to fertilize in January, but will likely start back up in February. I will miss you all in January but am looking forward to our February meeting and the start of getting our trees ready for our show in June.

## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS BY BEA

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your Holidays!

As Charles mentioned above, we had a well-attended Christmas lunch this year. The most attendees we have had since we started doing this lunch.

Thanks to those of you who renewed their membership already, for everyone else, this is a reminder that the annual dues are now due. Please remember to bring cash or check at the next meeting or you can mail a check made out to: Valley Bonsai Society to me.

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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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