

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2023

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'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

DECEMBER LUNCHEON BY CHARLES

Our December holiday luncheon was a wonderful success; I am sorry I was ill and was unable to attend. Although I have heard that, everyone enjoyed himself or herself. Thank you Bea for organizing this.





JANUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our January meeting will be our annual soil meeting (provided I can find the materials) but fear not, I will persevere and should be able to have what we need. The cost will depend on the purchase price of the various components. Please bring 1-gallon bags or some other way of transporting your soil. I will have a short discussion on the components, and then the remainder of the meeting will be a general workshop and question and answer session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bay Area Bonsai Associates 42nd Annual Bonsai Exhibit

Jan 13, 2024, 5:00 PM – Jan 14, 2024, 4:00 PM

Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA Fine bonsai exhibit displays, plant sales, snacks before the Saturday 6:30 presentation of Japanese Black Pine by Bill Castellon and raffle. Admission Is Free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during park hours.

The Mammoth Auction and Sale

All proceeds support the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Live auction on Saturday with preview at 12pm and auction at 1pm Vendors on Sunday, Feb 17, 2024, 9:00 AM – Feb 18, 2024, 3:00 PM

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

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento's Annual Show

Apr 13, 2024, 10:00 AM – Apr 14, 2024, 4:00 PM

Sacramento, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816, USA

Member CONCESSION Tables • BEGINNERS' WORKSHOP: Sunday, 10 AM-12 PM, includes tree, pot, and instruction (Call Dodie Newman at (916) 799-9575 to reserve a space.) Headliner, TYLER SHERROD, Professional Bonsai Artist/Teacher from Georgia, will conduct a live demonstration each day at 1:30PM • A large EXHIBIT of beautiful bonsai developed by our members • Northern California VENDORS selling all things bonsai • Daily Benefit RAFFLE will include each day's demonstration trees and many bonsai and related items.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.abasbonsai.org for more information.

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SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

We are nearing the end of 2023, and first I wanted to wish you all a very safe, healthy and prosperous new year!

Now that all those pesky leaves are out of the way, it is the perfect time to look at the silhouette(s) of your deciduous trees.

Prune the stronger upper branches of your trees or lower strong branches of shrubs, to help balance the strength of the tree. We are also starting to get some really cold nights, so pay attention to the weather and cover or relocate any trees that may be affected by the lower temperatures. I am looking at you Mr. bougainvillea; pines and junipers and other deciduous trees can withstand some cold, but be sure to water well to give them the needed moisture to withstand that cold.

I look forward to seeing you and your trees next year, and it is not too early to start looking at which trees you may want to consider showing next year in June.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everybody!
Just a reminder that we are starting a new year, so membership dues are due. Please bring your dues at the next meeting or mail me a check made out to Valley Bonsai Society. Unlike everything else around us, the dues have not increased and are still \$30.00 per individual.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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 wherever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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.

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