

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?



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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 would 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 CHIP

The December lunch was a great success at Lemon Grass with a good turnout of people, good food, and great conversations, and a cute ornament provided by Bea to all who attended.





JANUARY MEETING BY CHIP

The January meeting will be once again our annual soil day. I will pick up the raw materials and have them available for purchase. I will let everyone know the cost per gallon, once I have gotten everything, but it will probably be the same as always of \$10 per gallon – please bring your own gallon bags or buckets to carry the soil home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bay Area Bonsai Associates 43rd Annual Exhibit

BABA's 43rd Annual Exhibit. Saturday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:45 pm. Displays of fine bonsai. Demonstration Saturday at 6:30 pm. Snacks, Plant Sales, Raffle. Free Admission. Jan 18, 2025, 5:00 PM – Jan 19, 2025, 4:45 PM Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale Sat, Mar 01 Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

Join us on Saturday for our live auction and vendor sales. On Sunday morning, consignment sales will occur along with our vendor sales. Saturday's events begin at 11:00 am and Sunday's events begin at 9:00 am For more information call. 707-762-9154. Mar 01, 2025, 11:00 AM – Mar 02, 2025, 3:00 PM Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Another year comes to an end, Wow! Tempus Fugit. I want to thank you for being part of my bonsai journey, and I want to tell you how proud I am, of all of you, and your accomplishments this last year. I have seen your trees progress and mature, and it is exciting to see the amazing changes not just this past year, but also the entire time I have seen them. I look forward to seeing even more of your trees this coming year. And since I have to “nag” now is the time to start thinking about which trees you might want to display at our 2025 show in June. Think about what pot would look best, start thinking about the wiring and if it should be cut off or left on for a couple more months? And of course, the fertilizing that will need to begin in a month or two, plus trimming or branch cutting planned. Next year will be great, and hopefully will not pass quite as fast as this last year, because time does truly fly! Happy New Year

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Happy New Year! Just a reminder that the annual dues are due this month.

You can pay them at the next meeting either in cash or by check or credit card. You can also mail a check to:

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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.

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!

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