

# 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?



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)

## 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](mailto:bb1727@att.com))

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting was all about soil; what purpose each component in

the soil is used for and general guidelines for soil composition. We also had the main components for the members to purchase so they could make up their own bonsai soil. There is still material available if you did not attend the meeting or if you did not get enough at the meeting. I will also make up some soil, so if you are interested in premade bonsai soil (with my recipe) please let me know and we can make arrangements to get you some.

## MARCH MEETING

The March meeting will cover the fun subject of Saikei. This style is a landscape planting, that usually depicts a scene or looks like a miniature landscape. This is a fun and simple technique can produce amazing results in a short time. So if you have a tray or shallow pot some really interesting rocks and a couple of small trees, bring them and follow along. Also, after the demo, if you need help repotting or working on your tree, feel free to bring it as well and myself or one of the club mentors will be happy to assist.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **April 1 - 2, 2017 San Jose, California**

**San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club:** 46th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Demonstration at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth Street. Show hours are: Saturday Noon - 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM - 4 PM with styling demonstrations at 1 PM on both days by Peter Tea. West America Trading Company (David and June Nguy) will provide a full range of bonsai supplies, including pots, wire, tools, soil and many other items helpful to the art of bonsai. Bonsai Fusion (Kanehiro Hamajima) will be offering small rose trees and his small specialty pots. Art of the Daiz (Jerry Braswell) will provide Rocks/W/Daiz along with his unique high quality Bonsai Stands. Soh-Uu-en Satsuki Bonsai (Daren Wong) will be featuring Azalea trees fresh from Japan, as well as many other species of Azaleas. Club trees and pots also for sale. For more information, contact Ken Azuma at [kennethazuma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kennethazuma@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Urhausen at [jim.urhausen@gmail.com](mailto:jim.urhausen@gmail.com)

### **April 1 - 2, 2017 Sacramento, California**

**Bonsai Sekiyu Kai:** 40th Annual Bonsai show and demonstration at Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with demonstration at 2 PM by Yuzo Maruyama, followed by a benefit raffle both days. There is a bonsai vendor area and a food vendor. Admission and parking are free. For information, email [BonsaiSekiyuKai@gmail.com](mailto:BonsaiSekiyuKai@gmail.com)

**April 8 – 9, 2017 Sacramento, California**

**American Bonsai Association**, Sacramento: Annual Spring Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Show hours are Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM, and Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations by headliner Jonas Dupuich at 1:30 PM both days. Beginner workshop Sunday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Large member and vendor sales area, plenty of free parking, and free admission. Benefit drawing Saturday and Sunday includes bonsai, bonsai related items, and that days demonstration tree. For additional information contact Renee Seely: (916) 929-2106 & email [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net) or visit our website <http://abasbonsai.org>.

**April 8 - 9, 2017, Santa Cruz, California**

**Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai**: 29th Annual Show at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM both days with demonstration at 2 PM. Saturday's demonstrator is Eric Schrader and Sunday's will be Mr. Katsumi Kinoshita. Demonstration tree and trees prepared by club members will be part of the raffle each day after the demonstration. Sales area will include quality vendor and member trees, pots, and other related bonsai items both days. Admission price of \$5.00 includes the Bonsai Show as well as admission to all the Museum exhibits. For more information contact Ed Lambing at [edinbonnydoon@comcast.net](mailto:edinbonnydoon@comcast.net)

## SENPAI CORNER

Spring is a wonderful time of year for me. The trees start to wake up, the flowers bloom and you realize, that one bonsai that lost its leaves early last fall and appeared dead all winter you really didn't kill after all. We are now in our busy time, with pruning, repotting styling cleaning and wiring. Stay vigilant with any previous wiring and watch closely for branch swelling so you do not permanently damage the tree. If in doubt, cut the wire off and re-wire. Also, if you have not already started, you should be fertilizing frequently and may need to step up watering frequency, now that we cannot rely on the rains to help us out. Our show is in June so start thinking of what trees you want to display and please provide a list in April or May, so I can make sure that I have labels printed.

## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS

Final reminder for those procrastinators that the membership dues are now way past due. Please settle at your earliest convenience either at the next meeting or by mailing a check to:

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## 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 where ever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Don't forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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.

## 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.