

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.

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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). We have a website! Visit us at 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 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 (bb1727@att.com)

FEBRUARY MEETING

At this meeting, we talked about wiring. Wiring is one of the essential techniques for shaping the trees above pinching and pruning. As we discussed, the wiring should be neat, evenly spaced and if at all possible, not crossed over one another. Please refer to the material in your binder for additional close up pictures.



MARCH MEETING

At our March meeting, we will discuss how to look for that perfect tree and what types of trees work indoors and outdoors. As you wander through a nursery, or sometimes your backyard, we will discuss the features you should be looking for when selecting your bonsai material. As you all know, most bonsai are outdoors, so I will also spend a little time talking about some of the species of plants that could work well for an indoor bonsai.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 – 25, 2018 Oakland, California

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 37th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are 5 – 9 PM Saturday and 12 noon – 4 PM Sunday. Light dinner at 5:30 PM Saturday followed by a bonsai demonstration by club members from 6:30 to 9 PM. Benefit drawing of demo tree(s). Winning ticket must be present to win. Sales of plants, bonsai, and other bonsai related items both days. Admission is free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during the park hours. For more

information, please contact Janice Dilbeck, janicedilbeck@comcast.net

March 24, 2018 Sacramento California

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: Annual Bus Trip: 8 AM - 8 PM from the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Visits to several bonsai-related destinations in the East Bay area to include the GSBF Collection at Lake Merritt and the Bay Area Bonsai Associates Annual Exhibition. Snacks provided, bring your own lunch. Cost \$40.00. To sign up, contact Sylvia Anderson at (916) 622-4772. Visit our website for more details: <http://abasbonsai.org/activities.html>

March 31 – April 1, 2018 Sacramento, California

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: 41st Annual show at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM daily with a demonstration at 2 PM. Amenities include refreshments, light snacks, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. Member and vendor sales of plants and bonsai-related items, as well as a food vendor. For more information contact Bonsai Sekiyu Kai at bonsaisekiyukai@gmail.com

April 4 - 8, 2018 Daly City, California

Bonsai Society of San Francisco Bonsai Exhibit at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, Cow Palace, 2600 Geneva Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM - 7 PM Wednesday thru Saturday, and 10 AM - 6 PM on Sunday. There will be demonstrations daily and sales of bonsai trees, pots, and other bonsai-related items by the club. For more information contact Bernard Marque at imarque@yahoo.com or see show website <http://www.sfgardenshow.com/the-show>

April 7, 2018 Fresno, California

The Köen-Nai No Bonsai, Bonsai in the Park, will be a single day event within the Shinzen Japanese Garden in Woodward Park. The activities will include the Annual Toko-Kazari Tokonoma Display Competition, a huge silent auction of bonsai and related items, two bonsai exhibitions including a show devoted to the trees of Ray Thieme, a plant sale and curator guided tours of the garden. The Köen-Nai will be held concurrently with the Shinzen Spring Multicultural Festival, featuring food, music and dancing from throughout our diverse valley. Parking is \$5.

April 14 - 15, 2018 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 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations by Peter Tea at 1:30 PM both days and a hands-on beginner workshop Sunday morning from 10 AM – 12 PM. There is a large member and vendor sales area, plenty of free parking and admission. A benefit drawing follows the demonstration each day and will include that day's demonstration tree and many bonsai and bonsai related items. For additional information call Renee Seely (916) 929-2106 or email breadcrust@comcast.net or visit our website <http://abasbonsai.org>

April 14 - 15, 2018 San Jose, California

San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 47th Annual Spring Exhibit at the San Jose

Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth Street. Hours are Noon – 5 PM Saturday and Noon – 4 PM Sunday with demonstration at 1PM both days. Sales of plants and pots by the club and sales by vendors. For information call Jim Urhausen (408)275-8059.

April 14 - 15, 2018 Santa Cruz, California

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 30th Annual Bonsai Show at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street. Show hours are from 10 AM - 5 PM with demonstration at 2 PM both days. Saturday's demonstrator is Jonas Dupuich and Sunday's is yet to be determined. Demonstration tree and trees prepared by club members will be part of the raffle after each day's demonstration. Sales area will include quality vendor and member trees, pots, and other related bonsai items. In addition, enjoy the Watsonville Taiko Drummers, a Martial Arts demonstration, and other Japanese cultural events in the recently revitalized Abbott Square next to the Museum. Admission price is \$5.00 for both the Museum and the Bonsai Show. For more information, contact Ed Lambing at: edinbonnydoon@comcast.net

April 21, 2018 Modesto, California

Modesto Bonsai Club: 36th Annual Show at the Clarion Inn, 1612 Sisk Rd. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with demonstration by Bonsai artist Sam Adina at 1 PM. Free admission, open to the public. Exhibit, multiple raffles, and sales of trees, pots and other related items.

April 21 – 22, 2018 Palo Alto, California

Kusamura Bonsai Club: 58th Annual Show, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Show hours are Noon – 5 PM Saturday, and 11 AM - 5 PM Sunday with demonstrations at 1:30 PM each day. Saturday's demonstration by Darren and Laura Wong (Soh-Ju-En Satsuki Bonsai) and Sunday's demonstration by club members. Free admission and kids corner. Bonsai trees, pots, and other bonsai-related items will be for sale. For more information contact Charlene Fischer at charlenerae@mac.com or visit www.kusamurabonsai.org

SENPAI CORNER

How about fertilizing? A lot of bonsai owners probably do not feed their trees enough. Fertilizing is critical to keeping your trees healthy and full of vigor. Most bonsai soil (especially if yours is similar to my recipe) means that your trees nutrients are supplied by you as there is generally very little to no organic components in your soil. Also, if you are using a well-draining soil; then a lot of the nutrients will get utilized by the tree or be leached or washed out. Fertilizing promotes growth, and will help the tree resist diseases or pests.

As for which fertilizer is the best? I would suggest that you use the type or types that work best for your individual microenvironment. By the way, if you have not yet started fertilizing your trees, now is a good time.

June is our annual show, so start thinking about which trees you might consider showing this year. I would like to review your trees prior to the show, so

start bringing them into the meetings for advice, touch ups or general appreciation.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

June show is around the corner, I will be looking for some volunteers. More to come.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference

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