

# 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'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)

## FEBRUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

Due to family obligations, I was unable to attend our February meeting, which was a general workshop. I am told that we had good attendance.





## MARCH MEETING BY CHARLES

For the March meeting, I will demonstrate major branch bending technique followed by a general workshop. I encourage everyone to bring in the tree(s) you are planning on showing in June, so we can start getting them refined and ready... we're only a couple of months away (can you believe it?).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 9th & 10th, 2022 Sacramento, CA**

**American Bonsai Association, Sacramento:** Annual Spring Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. Show hours are Saturday, 10am - 4pm, and Sunday, 10am - 4pm, with **demonstrations each day by headliner Andrew Robson at 1:30pm.**

There is a large vendor and member sales area, free admission and parking, and a beginner workshop Sunday morning from 10am —Noon (to register contact Renee Seely). The benefit drawings on both Saturday and Sunday will include each day's demonstration tree and many bonsai/bonsai related items. For additional information visit our website: [American Bonsai Association of Sacramento](http://American Bonsai Association of Sacramento), or contact Renee Seely, 916-929-2106, email [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net).

**April 30th & May 1st, 2022 Palo Alto, CA**

**Kusamura Bonsai Club 62nd Annual Show:** Annual Show at Addison School, 650 Addison Street, Palo Alto. Show hours are Saturday, Noon - 4pm, and Sunday, 11am - 4pm, with **headliner Bob Shimon of Mendocino Coast Bonsai presenting at 1:30pm Saturday.**

Join us and see over 50 Bonsai Trees on display. There will be a Sale and Benefit drawing with over 100 bonsai and pots. Club members will put on a demonstration on Sunday at 1:30pm. For more information contact show co-chairs: Lynne O'Dell at [lynnemo@gmail.com](mailto:lynnemo@gmail.com) or Idris Anderson at [idrisan@gmail.com](mailto:idrisan@gmail.com). Details will also be posted at [Kusamura Bonsai Club](http://Kusamura Bonsai Club)

website.

### **June 18 - 19, 2022 Livermore, California**

**Valley Bonsai Society:** 12th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery, [981 Alden Lane](#). Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM with a demonstration at 1PM on both days. The finished tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstrations. Bonsai pots, soil, etc. available for purchase. Admission is free.

## **SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES**

Spring is beginning...a little early this year, so definitely pay attention to the weather, in case we get a freeze. With the early bud swell, it is a good time to consider repotting any trees that need it. Any wiring done last year should be checked, and be aware that with the spring flush, your trees will be growing rapidly, so could quickly bite into any wiring. If you let things grow unhindered last year, now is a good time to thin out excess branches, and of course start adding wire. For major branch bending, I will be giving a demonstration this coming meeting on how to safely move a branch and reduce the risk of breaking. If you have not yet started, I would also encourage the start of your fertilizing regimen, using a low NPK balanced fertilizer. See you soon and let's plan for a great come back show in June.

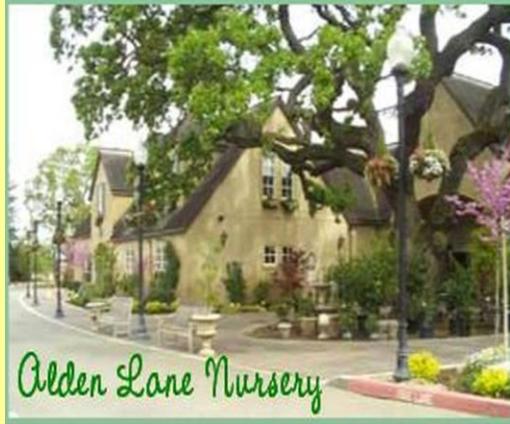
## **ELECTIONS**

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

## **TIDBITS BY BEA**

The big item on our agenda for this year is our annual Exhibit. The last show we had was in 2019. Due to COVID, we did not have one in 2020 and 2021 so we have to make up for it this year. As Charles mentioned, bring the trees that you are planning to display so that we can start prepping them. I will also bring all the little olive trees that I dug up last year during our field trip to the Olivina property. The plan is to style and pot in a Bonsai pot so that we can sell them at the show to generate some much-needed cash. To save money again this year, Charles will be doing the demo both days. We will also have a membership table. If you have pots that you want to get rid of or anything else Bonsai related, maybe duplicate tools, books, etc....this is your opportunity to make a little money. The club take 30% cut from the sales, so price accordingly.

## 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.

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