

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).

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

FEBRUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our February meeting was very well attended, thank you all for coming. We discussed soils and the components we use. The various ingredients as well as prepared mixes were available for sale. I still have plenty of both if you need some. The rest of the meeting was spent helping members with repotting and trimming their trees.





MARCH MEETING BY CHARLES

In March, we will continue with re-potting and discuss basic wiring. We will also begin talking about getting our trees ready for our upcoming show in June. Yes, it will be upon us before we know it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The American Bonsai Association, Sacramento's (ABAS) 63rd Annual Spring Bonsai & Suiseki Show and Sale will feature headliner, Todd Schlafer of First Branch Bonsai. Demonstrations will take place both Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM Time & Location: Apr 08, 10:00 AM – Apr 09, 4:00 PM Sacramento, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816, USA

Modesto Bonsai Club Show Join us for our 40th annual Bonsai and Suiseki show. We will have sales of trees, pots, tools, and other bonsai related items throughout the day. A demonstration will be presented by Sam Adina at 1:30 pm Time & Location Apr 15, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Stanislaus Agricultural Harvest Hall, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358, USA

Kusamura Bonsai Club Exhibit, Sale and Demonstration Demonstrations starting at 1:30 both days, followed by benefit raffle and door prizes. Saturday

Demonstration given by Michael Greenstein. Over 60 bonsai on display. Time & Location Apr 29, 12:00 PM – Apr 30, 4:00 PM Addison School, 1045 Webster, Palo Alto, CA

[Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai Exhibit & Sale](http://www.santacruzbonsaikai.com) Join us for the Show & Sale but stay for the Demonstration at 1pm. www.santacruzbonsaikai.com Time & Location May 13, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Aptos, 2555 Mar Vista Dr, Aptos, CA 95003, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Spring is just around the corner, and if you have not already started, you should be fertilizing your trees with a balanced fertilizer. Also, I would consider starting an anti-bug/fungus campaign... those little evil creatures have a place in the environment, just not on our trees. Consider an insecticidal soap, Neem oil, ladybugs, or depending on your views, you can go the nuclear option of chemicals. But, whatever your choice, be proactive, and not wait until you have a full infestation before tackling the problem. Another pesky thing to watch out for are the little weeds that will pop up, relishing the abundant water and fertilizer they are getting. The easiest solution is to remove them as soon as you see them.

And remember the gardeners rule to weeds: to determine if it is a weed or valuable plant, give it a gentle pull, if it comes out easy, it is a valuable plant.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Thank you to all who paid their dues so far. For the remainder, and I know you know who you are, you can pay at the next meeting or mail me a check.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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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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