

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

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)

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was well attended, we spent some time discussing

what topics and events we want to have over the course of the year. It looks like it will be a great year.



FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting will be at the normal meeting time of 2:00 P.M on the 3rd Saturday at Alden Lane. This month we will have our annual soil discussion, talking about what the various components are and how they function as part of your bonsai soil. As we have in the past, I will bring the raw ingredients and you can purchase them in 1 gallon increment and mix your own.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27-28: Oakland Ca
GSBF Annual Mammoth Fundraiser. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Auction on Saturday with preview starting at 12:00 and Auction starting at 1:00 and vendor sales and demonstration on Sunday. beginning at 9:00 until 4:00

SENPAI CORNER

Even with the much needed rain, stay on top of your watering, clear away any leaves that may have accumulated and pay attention to water that may pool on the top of your pots. If needed, use a rock, a piece of slate or a brick to keep the pot and tree at an angle so the water drains off. Late January early February is the perfect time to re-pot or restyle your deciduous trees and if you have not already done so, now is a good time to start your fertilizing program.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Just a reminder that this is a new year and dues are due on January 1! Dues are our only recurring source of income and the money is used each year to invite well known Bonsai artists to do demos at our annual show in June.

For those of you who already have renewed their membership for this year, thank you! For all the others, please renew at your earliest convenience, at the next meeting or you can mail the check to:

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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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