

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 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

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JANUARY MEETING

At our January meeting, we talked about soil components and their purpose. For those of you who were not able to attend, soil ingredients will be available for purchase at our March meeting. If you need some earlier, feel free to contact me and we can arrange to meet before the scheduled meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting falls on the same day as Alden Lane's "Passport to Spring", so we will not have a meeting this month. Use this time to work on your trees, find new ones or re-pot ones that need it. Or you can go to the GSBF Mammoth fundraiser instead, this benefits the permanent collection at Lake Merritt. We will see you at our March meeting: Mike M and I will bring a couple of trees to practice grafting techniques on, or you can bring you own.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 16 – 17, 2019 Oakland, California

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: The Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fundraiser will be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt. Saturday: Auction preview at Noon with Auction starting at 1 p.m.. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 a.m.; Plant Sales start at 10 a.m.; Demonstration start at 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to submit their bonsai and bonsai related items for consideration to be included in the Mammoth Auction at the earliest date possible. "Private collections to be featured." The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt will be open that weekend 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and Noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Please find time to visit the Bonsai Garden and observe the many installments under the Garden Revitalization Opportunity (GRO) Project. For more information or to sell bonsai, email bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com and visit <http://BonsaiLakeMerritt.com>

March 23 – 24, 2019 Oakland, California

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 38th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lakeside Park Garden Center , 666 Bellevue Avenue . Show hours are 5 – 9 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 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

April 6 – April 7, 2019 Sacramento, California

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: 42nd Annual show will be held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration at 2 PM each day by Yuzo Maruyama. Free Admission. 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 will also be available. For more information contact Bonsai Sekiyu Kai at bonsaisekiyukai@gmail.com

April 6 – April 7, 2019 Santa Cruz, California

The Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai will be hosting their 31st Annual Bonsai Exhibit on April 6 and 7 at the Museum of Art and History (MAH) the same location as the last three years. The show opens at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. We have the Watsonville Taiko performance on at 11am Saturday and the Nori Project performance at 11am Sunday. We have a demonstration on both days at 2:00 p.m. -- Saturday's demonstrator is Mike Pistello and Katsumi Kinoshita on Sunday.

We would also like to extend our invitation to join us for lunch if you happen to be at our show during the lunch hour--wear your club's name badge so we will be able to acknowledge your attendance!

SENPAI CORNER

It is a wonderful time of year! We anxiously await the first swelling of leaf buds, and some of our trees are beginning to put out their first blooms. Soon we will be very busy developing and keeping our trees in shape. We have a lot of events coming up, and if possible, try to attend some of the other club's shows that are listed above. If nothing else, bring back some ideas for our show, as well as seeing what other artists do with their trees. Most shows have vendor booths, so that is a great opportunity to pick up supplies or material. If you have not yet been to, I highly recommend going to the GSBF annual Mammoth fundraiser that is happening on the 16th and 17th of this month. Saturday is an auction and Sunday is the sale. There are some amazing deals and good material available at this event,

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

First, as mentioned above, no meeting in February. We look forward to seeing you all in March.

Second, for those of you who have not yet settled their 2019 membership dues, please do so at your earliest convenience by mailing a check to:

Bea Bauerly
873 Curlew Rd
Livermore, CA 94551

Third, we need some volunteers to turn raw trees into Bonsai that we can sell at our upcoming show. Charles and I will purchase the stock. Please let us know who is interested in assisting with that project.

Thank you!

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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