

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JANUARY 2021 – A NEW YEAR BUT STILL A SHELTER IN PLACE VERSION...

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 usually meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome! However, with current situation, we are now meeting on Zoom. Invites will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

NO DUES IN 2021 UNTIL WE RESUME OUR IN PERSON MEETINGS.

JANUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our January meeting focused on soils, with 2 of the 3 major components available for sale. A couple people stopped by, for a short visit during the meeting, and to pick up soil. I will contact the source for Akadama and see if I can get any for our February meeting. We also discussed the possibility of having a virtual June show and perhaps, depending on the global situation, a live fall show. I need to check with Alden Lane. More to follow.

FEBRUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

February will once again be a Zoom meeting. Due to the limitations of my laptop camera, we will use this meeting as a show-n-tell, general question and answer session and a great opportunity to see our fellow Bonsai friends. For those wishing to stop by during the meeting time, you are more than welcome. I will have a table and chairs set up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27, 2021 San Marino, CA

Annual Huntington Bonsai-A-Thon: The Golden State Bonsai Federation presents its annual Huntington Bonsai-A-Thon virtually this year (due to COVID restrictions). In the morning, Ted Matson, curator of the bonsai collection at The Huntington, hosts video tours of the bonsai courts, the Ben Oki Bonsai Nursery, and the “Lifelines/Timelines” bonsai exhibition. In the afternoon, Phillip E. Bloom, the June and Simon K.C. Li Curator of the Chinese Garden and Director of the Center of East Asian Garden Studies, introduces the garden’s new Penjing court and discusses the history of this art form. Both sessions include time for questions from audience members. This event will be held online via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to attendees in their registration confirmation email. For more information visit our website at gsbfhuntington.com, email mbailey@huntington.org or call 626-405-3503.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

We are rapidly approaching the time of year when we begin to spend more time with our trees.

As you are looking at your collection, take some time, while the trees are quiet to really start planning for the upcoming development, evaluate the branches and their placement and look at the position of your tree in the pot.

Ask yourself, “how can this be improved?”. Do not be afraid to consider altering the position of the tree. How about its orientation in the pot? Would the tree make more of a statement with that odd branch removed or that straight branch bent?

As I tell you, look at what the tree is doing and carry that movement out to the end of the branches. If it is graceful curve, do not make dramatic bends. If it has lots of trunk movement, do not allow the branches to grow straight. A little planning now, will help the future development of your tree. Stay safe and stay sane.

ELECTIONS

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

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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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