

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JANUARY 2022

*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)

## JANUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our January meeting was a general workshop. Several members brought trees to work on and some spent time repotting. We also discussed the upcoming June show. Now is the time to look at potential candidates for the show. Deciding now will give you plenty of time to get your tree (s) ready for the event. Overall, all had a great time.



## FEBRUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

February will be (another) general workshop. Please bring a tree to work on. Depending on your tree, it might be a good time to repot so it settles in before the spring flush. Remember to look for that candidate for our upcoming show.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 19 and 20, 2022 Oakland, California

Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. You are invited to the biggest auction and sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, books, stands, and related material. A Mammoth fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Saturday auction preview starts at 12:00 p.m. with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., large showing of vendors, plant sales, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas at [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net) or stay tuned to [BGLM Website](#).

## SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

We are still experiencing some frosty nights this time of year, so pay attention to the weather guessers and if cold temperatures are expected, cover, or bring your trees in or close to the house to protect them. Especially with the warm weather we are having, I am starting to see buds appearing so we need to protect that new growth. Continue to be careful until after April, by then the chance for frost will be gone.

## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS BY BEA

Just a reminder that dues are past due if you have not already paid them.

With the show coming up in June, I will be looking for volunteers to set up and staff the show on both Saturday and Sunday.

We are still looking for some ideas to raise funds for the club. Someone mentioned planting succulents to sell at our Show. Anyone else with hidden skills that can be used to produce something that can be sold to make money?

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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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