

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JANUARY 2023

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.

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WHAT IS THE VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY?



50 weeks.

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'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

JANUARY BY BEA AND DAVE

Several members attended our January meeting and some were brave enough to either pot new trees or repot some old ones. Dave and I did our best to answer questions and give some advice. As Charles mentions below, our next meeting will be dedicated to soil and some already mixed soil will be available for purchase for those of you who do not want to mix your own.





FEBRUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

February will be our annual soil meeting where I will be bringing the raw materials for purchase, to make up your own. We will be asking \$7 per gallon, so, bring your bags and buckets. I will also spend some time discussing repotting techniques.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Mammoth Auction & Sale 2023

Feb 18, 2023, 12:00 PM – Feb 19, 2023, 3:00 PM

Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

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

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

There are bonsais everywhere! As I was travelling, I noticed in the dining room of the hotel I was staying at in Chemnitz Germany, that they had a painting on the wall of a beautiful pine bonsai tree, which was completely at odds with the brass palm tree candleholders and pictures of modern art and an image of Karl Marx. However, it got me thinking about all the places where we can find images and inspiration for our trees. Look around while you are driving – but pay attention to the road please... or while watching a TV program or a commercial and you may see, tucked in the background a bonsai, or even a tree with a unique shape. It's a lot like a "Where's Waldo" - pay attention to these glimpses and then, while working on your own trees, remember those images and try to see how your tree might resemble something you have seen in nature, in a magazine, TV commercial or on a wall in a random hotel.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

This is a reminder that the yearly dues were due on January 1st. Thanks to those who already paid for their renewal. For the rest, please remember to bring your cash or check at the next meeting to settle your dues.

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

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dedicated bonsai tree hobbyist.

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The nice thing about meeting at you have the opportunity to not only 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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