

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JANUARY 2024

*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' 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

We maintain an e-mail distribution list of our members to release announcements and send out the monthly 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 would 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 BEA

We had a great turnout at our January “soil” meeting where many members purchased the needed supplies in anticipation of this year repotting.

We still have some Akadama and lava left; so if you did not make it at the meeting but need some, please contact Charles so that he can bring it at the next meeting.



## FEBRUARY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our February meeting will be a repotting session. I will also talk briefly about “negative space” and how it relates to our tree(s) design/style, so, bring your trees that need a new home, or the ones that just need their existing home cleaned up.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **The Mammoth Auction and Sale**

Feb 17, 2024, 9:00 AM – Feb 18, 2024, 3:00 PM

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

Live auction of approximately 115 bonsai trees, display stands, pots, and more on Saturday, and general sale on Sunday. Sale of bargain priced bon-

sai pots, trees, stands, and more. Join us!

### **San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club 49th Bonsai Exhibit**

Bonsai Demonstration Saturday at 1pm by David Nguy and Sunday at 1pm by a club member. Benefit Drawing immediately following the demonstrations. Sales scheduled: West America (David & June, Chino, CA), Legacy Cork Oaks (Barry, Hacienda Heights, CA) For more information, text 408-476-1488; Phone: 408-296-7660. Event hours: Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Mar 16, 2024, 11:00 AM – Mar 17, 2024, 4:00 PM  
640 N 5th St, San Jose, CA 95112, USA

### **American Bonsai Association, Sacramento's Annual Show**

Member CONCESSION Tables • BEGINNERS' WORKSHOP: Sunday, 10 AM-12 PM, includes tree, pot, and instruction (Call Dodie Newman at (916) 799-9575 to reserve a space.)

• Daily Benefit RAFFLE will include each day's demonstration trees and many bonsai and related items.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [www.abasbonsai.org](http://www.abasbonsai.org) for more information.

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## **SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES**

Spring is on the way! In fact, I have a very confused elm that is already starting to put out leaves. So, in preparation for the upcoming busy season approaching, now is the perfect opportunity to clean and sharpen your tools. This is also a great time to be looking at your deciduous trees and adjusting the balance, by reducing overly strong growing branches, and removing weak branches that are not relevant to the structure of the tree - with those pesky leaves not obscuring your view. I would hold off until end of February, before starting your fertilizing regimen.

## **ELECTIONS**

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

## **TIDBITS BY BEA**

Just a reminder that the membership dues for this year are due. Unlike everything else, our dues have not gone up and are still \$30 per individual and \$40 for couples. Thanks to those of you who took care of it at the last meeting.

Also, for those present at the last meeting, I sent an e-mail the next day asking for some info. I only got a couple answers. Please read my e-mail and reply to me as soon as possible.

## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The 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!

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.