

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JULY 2015

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?



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 50 weeks.

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).

Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is opened 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. 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 (bb1727@att.com)

JULY MEETING

Even though our meeting was moved out by a week, we still had a great turnout. We had a good discussion regarding group plantings and talked about tree placement and other ways of creating a group planting from developing a sai-kei (landscape planting) to raft plantings to a group of trees resembling a grove.



AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting will be at the normal meeting time of 2:00 P.M on the 3rd Saturday at Alden Lane. Please bring in trees, this will be a workshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society show, August 22-23rd – Santa Rosa.
Santa Rosa Veterans memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA.
10am-5pm Saturday and 10am-4pm Sunday.
Free Parking, Free Admission, Member Sales Area, Vendor Area, Demos by Kathy Shaner.

San Mateo Bonsai Club, Sept. 20th – San Mateo.
52nd annual bonsai exhibit at the San Mateo Gardeners Hall, 503 E 5th Ave.
10:00 – 4:00

SENPAI CORNER

Several people have asked about indoor bonsai. As you know most trees should remain outside, however, there are times that you want to enjoy a tree at the office, in your den or on the kitchen windowsill.

For the indoor tree you will need to select a tree that you would normally find as an indoor plant, like Ficus, Jade Gardenia, some Elms and even Olive.

The other species that can make for great indoor bonsai are some of the herbs, like: Thyme, Rosemary, and Oregano. The neat part about growing herbal bonsai, is that they grow quickly, so you are rewarded sooner and also, when you are pruning your tree, the smell is pleasant, and hey! You can always make spaghetti!

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Cloud Cover is not only to protect your trees from the frost; it also protects them again heat and wind.

For those of you who would like to research the kiln mark on your bonsai pots, here is a website to assist you: <http://japanesebonsaipots.net/chop-and-signature-resource/>

Welcome to two new members, Rex Miller from Discovery Bay and Inge Spotnizt from Pleasanton.

Welcome back Marge Hergert after her long absence.

If you have moved since you joined the club, please make sure to give your new info to Bea.

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 dedicated bonsai tree hobbyist.

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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!

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