

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JULY 2016

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?



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 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). 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. 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 (bb1727@att.com)

JULY MEETING

At the July meeting, we did a recap of the show and discussed what worked

out good, and where we can make improvements for next year. If you did not attend this meeting and have some feedback, we would greatly appreciate your observations. (See *Tidbits* for additional info)

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting will cover “heavy branch bending”. If you want to learn the technique for repositioning larger branches, this is the workshop for you. I will show how to move a branch that is bigger than normal wire can bend. Also, if you have any trees needing attention, feel free to bring them in and get advice, or just spend some time working on your tree after the demonstration. (Please refer to your binder for material on the subject).

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 20 – 21, 2016 Santa Rosa, California

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 33rd Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Kathy Shaner from 1 to 3 PM both days. Demo trees will be raffled. See the largest bonsai exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and member sales. Exciting silent auctions or “buy it now”. Free refreshments by the Bonsai café. Free admission and parking. For more information, visit the website www.rebsbonsai.org or contact Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126 or

shimon@mcn.org.

October 1, 2016 Cupertino, CA

Midori Bonsai Club: 55th Annual Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd, near Stevens Creek Blvd and De Anza College. Hours 10 AM - 5 PM, with demonstration by Peter Tea at 1 PM and demonstration tree raffled off. Sales area will include vendors, members’ trees, pots, and other related bonsai items. Beginner's workshop from 10 AM -1 PM, create your own bonsai. Bring in your bonsai tree for advice from Dr. Bonsai. Cookies, Tea, and coffee provided for all in attendance with plenty of free parking available. For more information, contact Jack Christiansen at (408) 280-7539 or jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net

SENPAI CORNER

The purpose of wiring is to move a branch to a new position. If the position or shape is what you want, there is no need to add wire. When wiring, keep wraps evenly spaced and snug, but not so tight that it “bites” into the wood, and not so loose that it does not support the branch or trunk. Always make sure that you anchor your wire into the soil or to another branch so the wire does not move when you reposition the trunk or branch. Keep close tabs on your wiring so that the branch does not swell and grows into the wire, causing the noticeable spiral scar. If you are not sure, cut the wire off and let the tree rest a couple of days, and if the branch does not stay where you want it, then re-wire. (Please refer to your binder for additional info on this subject).

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

At our last meeting, we welcomed a new member – Ernest Mikulic and his son.

Dave Wright also joined our happy group at the Art Under the Oaks event. We are happy to welcome new members, as it is nice to see the growing interest in the art of Bonsai.

Here are some of the comments and suggestions from our last meeting on how to improve our show next year:

- Have a “for sale” sign on the “for sale” table and move the table to an area easier to access by the public.
- Design a flyer that can be pass to the public or posted at local businesses prior to the event. Each member could take a few to distribute in their respective area.
- Send flyer to the President of all other local Bonsai clubs
- Use real tablecloths. (Club will investigate the cost of buying the material but will need assistance from the members to sew tablecloth for event)
- Use backdrop on each table (Jack Ellis to check with Yamamoto Club to see if they would be willing to give us their old stands. If not, Club can investigate the cost and David Caeton volunteered to help putting pipes together. We will need to purchase material and again some volunteers to sew it).

Please send any additional comments you may have to Charles or Bea.

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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 wherever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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