

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JULY 2019

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

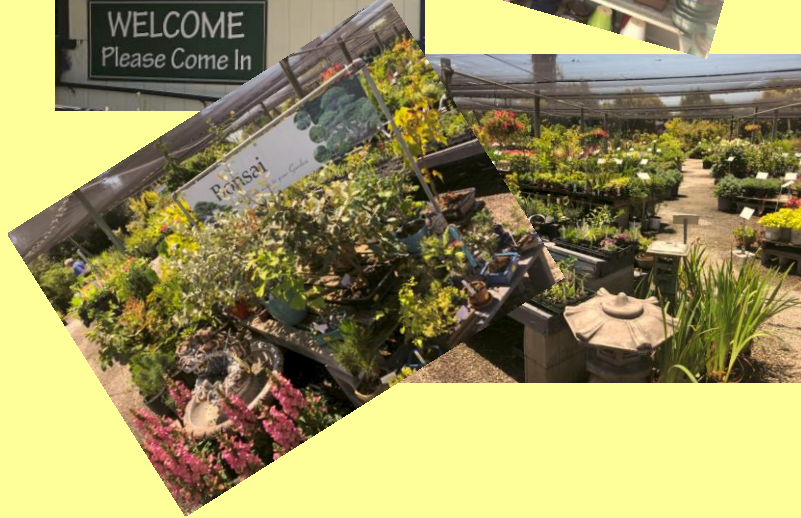
An email list is maintained to release announcements and send out an electronic newsletter. Please send a request to be added to (or removed from) this list via e-mail to Charles Harder (bonsainut@comcast.net). We have a website! Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com

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

JULY FIELD TRIP

July is always the field trip month since we do not have access to our meeting room at Alden Lane. This year, unlike prior years, our trip was to local nurseries. Regan Nursery in Fremont was well worth the trip. It is a full fledged nursery with a nice selection of Bonsai plants, Bonsai pots and a very nice collection of succulent plants. Thanks to all members who attended the trip!



JULY ART UNDER THE OAKS

In July, we did not really hold a meeting as Alden Lane was hosting Art Under the Oaks. As always, I set up a mini display, hung out, performed demo's both days, and talked to people and promoted the Valley Bonsai Society. Bea organized a field trip for the day of the meeting to 3 different nurseries. I hear that the Regan Nursery is worth the trip. I met several wonderful and interesting people, and perhaps encouraged a few people to possibly come to one of our meetings, we shall see.



AUGUST MEETING

I know it has been a few weeks since our show, but our August meeting will be a show wrap up; what worked, what didn't, what we want to change or add next year? Please come with comments and suggestions. If you have not yet done so, check out the photos on our website. The remainder of the meeting will be a workshop, so bring a tree to work on, or just show off.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24 - 25, 2019 Santa Rosa, California

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 36th Annual Bonsai Show, at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave. Featuring Bonsai Master Kathy Shaner. Bonsai demonstrations both days, 1- 3 PM. Demonstration tree to be raffled. Largest bonsai and suiseki stone exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and plant sales. Exciting silent auctions. Free admission and parking. Relax with the Bonsai Cafe. Contact Bob Shimon at 707-884-4126 or shimon@mcn.org. Visit our website www.rebsbonsai.org

October 12 - 13, 2019 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: Annual Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt, located at 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM with a demonstration at 1PM on Sunday by Sergio Cuan, notable bonsai artist awarded the "finest deciduous bonsai" at the US National Bonsai Exhibition. There will also be a benefit drawing and sale of bonsai and related materials. For additional information, visit www.eastbaybonsai.org.

October 19, 2019 Cupertino, California

Midori Bonsai Club: 58th Annual Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM with demonstration by

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John Thompson at 1:30 PM and demonstration tree raffled off afterwards. Enjoy our new location and show room with over 60 trees on display. Show will include many vendors selling bonsai related items. Included a large club tree sale, and Doctor Bonsai will be their for guest who bring in a outside bonsai trees. Formal in class bonsai school for outsiders at 10 AM who want to purchase a bonsai starter tree for a nominal charge. Free admission, and plenty of free parking outside the building facility. For further information contact: Jack Christiansen (408) 280-7539, or Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net.

SENPAI CORNER

Wow, It's August already! Tempus Fugit. If you did any wiring earlier this year, you may want to check your branches for swelling. As always, cut your wire off, do not try to unwrap it, as it could break off leaves and small branches. If it doesn't hold, then you can always apply more wire. Hey; practice! I know I keep bringing this up, but pay attention to your soil moisture. With the random hot and cool weather, plus occasional windy days, one must be vigilant about watering. I hope that you are also continuing to fertilize your trees as we are not quite to the point in the year where we shift to low nitrogen, high phosphorus fertilizer to prepare our trees for winter – hint: probably mid to late September.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Patience is a virtue. Everyone had heard that, but no one understands it better than those working with Bonsai. Bonsai is an art in patience. Don't be too quick in discarding trees that look dead. I was reminded of that a few times this year. Last year I had a wisteria that turned into a dry twig, no sign of life, I left it alone and after watering the "twig", I was pleasantly surprised with new growth. Same happened to my plum tree, it was doing fine for years and then a few month ago, it shriveled up. I was going to throw it away, but something told me to hang on to it, so I put it in a shaded area and continued to water it. A few weeks ago, after months of showing no sign of life, I saw a little green and now I have more green leaves. This makes me wonder about all the trees I threw away over the years..maybe they were not dead after all and I should have been more patient then too!

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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 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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