

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

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*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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)). We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://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

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## JULY MEETING BY CHARLES

July meeting, Hooray!!... We finally, after many months, were able to meet in person (with masks proudly worn). We used this opportunity to have a general workshop and people brought their trees for a little guidance or to just work on, in the company of the club members. It was great to get back together again without the hassle of that little camera and the associated issues with an online meeting.

## AUGUST MEETING BY CHARLES

August is here and this month's meeting will once again be a workshop. Martin has donated several pots and a couple of trees which I will sell at a reasonable price on his behalf if you're interested. Please bring a tree or two to work on and we will likely be meeting out on the deck, near the front again. I hope to see you all there.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 2 and 3, 2021 Santa Nella, California

Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) will host the 2021 GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous. The event theme is "Bonsai Rendezvous." A two-day event for renewal and celebration for the love of bonsai. No registration fee. Open to the public. Free bonsai demonstrations both days. Free professional bonsai critiques, Bring Your Own Bonsai and Do It Yourself Bonsai settings. Vendors from Northern and Southern California in one huge location. There will be silent auctions for quality bonsai and related items. There will be no banquet dinners. Additional information and schedule of activities forthcoming shortly. Stay tuned to [GSBF website](#). For further information or to volunteer in support of the event, contact Rich Guillen at [richguillen@att.net](mailto:richguillen@att.net) or call 831-233-1612.

## SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

It's the middle of summer and unless it is an emergency, now is not the time to repot any of your trees!! But there is still plenty that can be done during this time of year.

You can still do maintenance pruning and minor wiring, but would not recommend any major pruning or restyling for now.

If you did any wiring in spring, check your wiring and branches for swelling. And if you're not sure, go ahead and cut the wire off and see where you're at. You can always re-wire the branch.

Also, with the hot weather and the august winds, keep track of your soil moisture. If you need to, you can always use a cheap cookie sheet and add sand, gravel or soil then place your pots on top to add a little more humidity and moisture.

With water conservation on everybody's mind right now, I might suggest getting a 5 gallon bucket from your favorite home improvement store, and while you're waiting for the water to heat up for your shower, collect that water and

use it for watering your trees – far less guilt when you find that perfect maple for your collection...

## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS BY BEA

Watering and the price of water are definitely on our minds. Besides using that 5 gallons bucket to recoup the water in the shower, I also have buckets underneath planters to catch the runoff from the drip system which I reuse to water other plants. Also remember to use the water that you use to cook your vegetables, eggs or potatoes, it will offer the added bonus of also providing some fertilizing. If you have any other creative ideas to recycle water, please share with the group.

## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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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