

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' 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).

We have a website! Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: 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'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 MEETING THAT WASN'T

The July meeting was cancelled due to Art Under the Oaks – I hope that everyone took some quiet time to relax and spend a couple of hours with their trees.

AUGUST MEETING BY CHARLES

August will be a show wrap up, plus a discussion on pruning your trees for ramification. This will be especially helpful for Maples, Elms and other deciduous trees and evergreens like Boxwoods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REBS 37th Annual Bonsai Show Aug 26, 10:00 AM – Aug 27, 4:00 PM Rohnert Park, 5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, USA The return of the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society hosting its 37th Annual Bonsai Show. New modern facilities with AC. Featuring the international renowned bonsai artist Ryan Neil as guest demonstrator. Ryan workshops, demonstrations and show critique. See quality bonsai displays, demonstrations and raffles at 1 PM both days, vendors, silent auctions. Free admission and parking. Phone: (+1) 707-762-9154

Yamato Bonsai Kai Show

Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors. Free admission and free parking. Demonstrations both days at 1:30 pm, with Jonas Dupuich on Saturday and Yamato Bonsai Kai Club demonstrator Howard Correa on Sunday. Oct 14, 10:00 AM – Oct 15, 4:00 PM Union City, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587, USA Demonstration trees will be raffled off as grand prize each day. For more info and updates find us on Facebook by searching "Yamato Bonsai Kai". Phone: (+1) 510-378-9150 Email: irishfish-boy@yahoo.com

East Bay Bonsai Society

The show features an impressive exhibit of quality bonsai as well as a demonstration by Jason Chan, owner of Eastern Leaf Bonsai Nursery, past board member of GSBF and author of a bonsai book dedicated to helping beginners and new bonsai enthusiasts. Oct 14, 10:00 AM – Oct 15, 4:00 PM Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA There will also be a raffle, silent auction and a sale of bonsai and related materials. For information, visit website www.eastbaybonsai.org. Or contact Michael Hylton mhylton@rocketmail.com.

GSBF Rendezvous

Bonsai Sales • Auction • Workshops • Demonstrations • Joshua Roth New Talent Competition • Lectures • Community Friday – Sunday Oct 20, 10:00 AM PDT – Oct 22, 4:00 PM PDT Santa Nella, 13070 CA-33, Santa Nella, CA

95322, USA,

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Hot enough for ya? Yeah, it has been hot recently. Not only is the heat a possible tree killer, but more importantly, the wind, combined with the heat is almost definitely detrimental to your trees. You will need to pay attention to the moisture levels in your soil. Another thing to be aware of is, if you water during the day, the water droplets can create small magnifying lenses which can burn needles and leaves, therefore, I would recommend watering first thing in the morning or later afternoon / evening. But as I mentioned above, pay attention to the moisture levels, for your conifers, you want the soil to go slightly dry between watering – test with a finger (or sensor if you have one) with a finger, you should feel the soil is cool and slightly damp, but the top should be dry(ish). For deciduous trees, the top soil should be cool / damp but not wet. How often should you water? Your trees will tell you.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Sharing my own personal experience with a fertilizer mistake, I have been cleaning the backyard and getting rid of old stuff that no longer works or is so old that it is better to throw it away than attempting to use it. In the midst of all this, I found a container of Miracle Grow, which is one of the fertilizers that I use (diluted of course for the Bonsais). A few days ago, some of my Bonsais and other plants were looking wilted but the soil was damp. I started to wonder if there was something in the water causing that. But this morning, watering my plants, I reached out for the fertilizer and realized that I had 2 types in the container, one was the regular fertilizer and the other was for Rhododendrons and Azaleas. I inadvertently used the acidic fertilizer. Thank goodness, I only used it once and I am hoping my plants will start perking up soon. Moral of the story, always check the packaging twice before using.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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

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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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