

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.

[HTTP://WWW.VALLEYBONSAISOCIETY.COM](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

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WHAT IS THE VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY?



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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 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 or families. 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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

JULY "NOT" MEETING BY CHIP

Art Under the Oaks was a wonderful event. To those of you who stopped by, thank you for the support; it was great seeing you. Several people visited the booth and expressed interest in the club. However, it may have been the immediate excitement of seeing bonsai trees or maybe the wine? We shall see if anyone new shows up at our next meeting.

AUGUST MEETING BY CHIP

Our August meeting will be a discussion on sharpening tools. Now is not a good time to be re-potting or do any major pruning. If you need to keep that elm under control, minor trimming is fine. If you have any questions feel free to bring in your tree for advice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REBS Annual Bonsai Show

See quality bonsai displays Sat, August 31 from 10 - 5 and Sun, Sept 1, from 10 - 4. Demonstrations & Raffles at 1:00 p.m., both days. Peruse our large bonsai vendor and member sales areas. Exciting silent auctions and food trucks. Free admission & parking Phone: (+1) 707-762-9154 for more info. Time & Location Aug 31, 2024, 10:00 AM – Sep 01, 2024, 4:00 PM Rohnert Park, 5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, USA

East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Show

The show features an impressive exhibit of quality bonsai as well as a demonstration/presentation by bonsai master, Dan Robinson. The show includes a sale of bonsai trees, pots, tools and related materials and raffle. Credit cards, checks, and cash accepted. Sales tax will be added to purchases. Oct 05, 2024, 10:00 AM – Oct 06, 2024, 4:00 PM Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

As we trudge our way through summer, I have to remind myself that "No, I cannot go and re-pot that maple tree that is in desperate need of a new home; instead, I am focusing on what I will be able to do come fall, and look at the silhouette, and make my plan for a couple of months from now. Please continue to fertilize your trees, and even though we have some milder temperature, we are getting some windy days, which is almost as bad as a 100+ day. I will see you all in August.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

I hope you all had a chance to check out the wonderful pictures of our show as well as both demos. They can be found on our website under "Gallery". While there, you may want to check pictures from prior years to see how the club and the quality of trees has evolved since that first show.

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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The nursery has evergreen, 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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