

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JULY 2025

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?



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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 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 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

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Fourth of July, and spent time staying on top of trimming and minor work on their trees.

AUGUST MEETING BY CHARLES

At our August meeting, we will discuss weeds, pests and a little bit about deciduous tree pruning. We still have a little growing time left, so there is still an opportunity to refine those maples or other deciduous trees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS) Bonsai Show

Aug 23, 2025, 10:00 AM – Aug 24, 2025, 8:00 AM

Rehnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, USA

Featuring Mike Pistello, Bonsai artist and instructor, winner of the Joshua Roth Rising Stars Competition at GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous 2023. Quality bonsai displays, demo and raffle at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, large vendor and member sales, silent auctions, free admission and parking.

East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Show and Sale

Sep 20, 2025, 10:00 AM – Sep 21, 2025, 4:00 PM

Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

We're excited to invite you to the East Bay Annual Show and Sale! We'll have a shot of vendors and club sales this year as well as an amazing headliner, Michael Hagedorn! Come join us in Oakland and see some amazing trees.

SENPai CORNER BY CHARLES

There is still a little time to refine our deciduous trees, especially with the mild summer we have been experiencing.

Any work on your evergreens should be limited to: mild pinching, light wiring and basic shape maintenance. There will be plenty of time to work on them in a couple of months.

As there is a lot of the growing season still left, and if the weather remains reasonable, you can certainly work on your deciduous trees giving time to major cuts to callous over before fall.

Pay attention to the weather guessers, in case we do suddenly get a heat-wave of 100+ days. Try to avoid any major work prior to, or during any high heat (if we actually get any); otherwise, continue your fertilizing, and as al-

ways, pay attention to the moisture needs of your trees, those that need to “dry down” verses the water hogs loving trees.

There is always something we can do to spend time with our trees, even if it is just sitting with a cup of coffee in the morning to admire them.

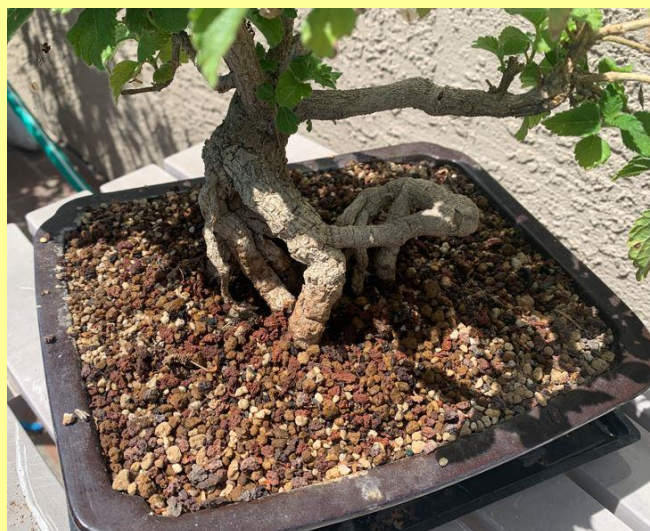
ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Opportunities for Bonsai can come from unexpected sources. Here is an example. I had a lantana bush in a pot that had been struggling and recently was stepped on by probably someone checking the gas/electricity meter.

I was about to dispose of it, when....Eureka! Why not clean it up and turn it into a Bonsai. I am always looking for Bonsai that actually produce flowers, so this rescued lantana was a perfect candidate. As an added bonus, it also has a very interesting nebari. I let you all be the judge!



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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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