

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JUNE 2016

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?



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. Please confirm on the website calendar as some months may move due to events being held at Alden Lane Nursery. 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. 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 (bb1727@att.com)

JUNE MEETING

We displayed around 40 trees at our annual show on Father's day weekend. The show was reasonably well attended on both days. Our Saturday demo was a Saikei – landscape planting by Mike Baker and on Sunday, Sam Adina, styled a Shimpaku juniper. The trees each year get a little better as your skills improve and the trees you own mature. I personally believe that it was once again successful and that you should all be proud of our little club.



Saikei by Michael Baker



Shimpaku Juniper by Sam Adina



JULY MEETING

Our July meeting will be pushed out a week to the 23rd due to the annual “Art Under the Oaks” festival taking place on both Saturday and Sunday (July 16 and 17 respectively). It is great fun, come and check out local artists, listen to local bands and singing groups or stop by the Bonsai booth. On the 23rd, we will discuss the show, and talk about what worked and what did not work and what we would like to do and see for next year’s show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6-7 San Francisco Suiseki Kai 35th annual show

Union Bank Community room. Japan Center, 1675 Post St. 10:00 – 5:00 Saturday and 11:00 – 5:00 Sunday.

August 20 – 21 Redwood Empire Bonsai Society 33rd annual show

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Bldg. 1351 Maple Ave. 10:00 – 5:00 Saturday and 10:00 – 4:00 Sunday with demonstrations by Kathy Shaner from 1:00 – 3:00 both days. Raffles, vendor and member sales tables

SENPAI CORNER

Defoliation is a technique that can be used to reduce leaf size or to strengthen a branch on deciduous trees. Only perform this technique on healthy deciduous trees. **DO NOT ATTEMPT ON CONIFERS.** If trying to reduce leaf size, then in late spring, early summer, cut each leaf, leaving the “stem” or if you are hesitant, you can cut the leaf, leaving just a fraction of the leaf. Do this for the entire tree. This will cause the tree to generate a new set of leaves, and generally this set will be smaller and often there will be more of them. If you want to thicken or strengthen a branch, then defoliate the rest of the tree as before, but leave the leaves alone on the branch you want stronger. A lot of the tree’s energy will go to that branch while the remainder will go into developing a new set of leaves.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

This year’s show pictures will be available soon on the website. This is a perfect opportunity to check out prior years and see the progress.

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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 wherever 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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