

# 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'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 ([bb1727@att.com](mailto:bb1727@att.com))

## JUNE SHOW

Thank you to all who helped make our show a success. With a very special thank you to Alden Lane for once again providing a wonderful venue for us to display our trees. Also, to Margaret and Bea for sewing the wonderful fabric tablecloths that allowed our trees to be displayed with more professionalism this year. Gone are the days of plastic Dollar Tree table covers. If you were not able to attend, we had a very good turnout on both days, but not too busy that we were overwhelmed. Each year our show gets better. Check out all of the photos on our website.



## JULY MEETING

July there will be no meeting due to Alden Lane hosting Art Under the Oaks. Instead, there will be a field trip up to Sebastopol. We will meet at Momiji Maple nursery then go on to Lone Pine Nursery. Both of these places have wonderful material, and I would encourage you to go if you have not been there before.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **August 25 - 26, 2018 Santa Rosa, California**

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 35th Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Kathy Shaner from 1 to 3 PM both days. Demo trees will be raffled. See the largest bonsai exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and member sales. Exciting silent auctions or “buy it now”. Free refreshments by the Bonsai café. Free admission and parking. For more information visit our website [www.rebsbonsai.org](http://www.rebsbonsai.org) or contact Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126 or [shimon@mcn.org](mailto:shimon@mcn.org).

### **October 24 - 28, 2018 Sacramento, California**

Golden State Bonsai Federation: Convention 41 “Creativity taking Flight” held at the McClellan Conference Center. Registration begins July 1st online at <http://www.gsbfcconvention.org/> for Convention, Workshops, Seminars, Excursions, etc. GSBF recommended lodging is Lion’s Gate Hotel at McClellan Park. This year’s headliners are Yasuo Mitsuya, Suthin Sukosolvisit, and Bjorn Bjorholm. Please join GSBF and Yasuo Mitsuya’s esteemed students in honoring Mitsuya-san for his influence on bonsai in the modern era. Hosting Yasuo Mitsuya’s visit are: Kathy Shaner, Hideko Metaxas, Boon Manakitivipart, Kenji Miyata, Cheryl Manning, David DeGroot, Gordon Deeg.

## SENPAI CORNER

Summertime is here. The days are hot. Watering is an important task at this time of year. I know it seems obvious; “it’s hot, I should water...” but, you will

need to pay extra special attention to your trees, especially if we have a windy day. Heat plus wind can dry out your trees very rapidly. When watering, if you have good bonsai soil, you should water at least until the water runs out of the bottom of the pot. There is a saying, when you water; water three times: once for the tree, once for the soil, and once for the pot. This kind of makes sense if you think about how the soil particles work. Some of the fired clays will take a little time to soak up the moisture whereas the organics in the soil will sponge the water up quickly. Also the leaves of your tree would probably appreciate a bit of water as this will rinse off dust from the leaves and allow better breathing and sometimes can knock loose an unwanted pest or two. Some trees actually thrive with the spraying or misting of the leaves. Think about Junipers growing in the high desert; they get a little morning dew on their leaves, but only the occasional rain.

## PEST FACTS

Aphids. A ladybugs favorite food and unwanted on our trees. There are several ways to get rid of these little critters:

- There is the old fashion method of brushing or pinching them off of the leaves and stems.
- High pressure water from the spray nozzle can knock them loose.
- soapy water
- Our trusty friend Neem oil but be sparing with this as it could deter some beneficial insects as well.
- Another method is to make up a batch using equal parts of: Thyme, peppermint, clove and rosemary oils. Again, a little dab will do ya.
- There is the afore mentioned ladybugs and praying mantis
- Then of course, we can resort to chemicals.

Any and all are effective, it just depends on how bad the infestation is, and in the case of ladybugs and friends, how hungry they are and how patient you are.

## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS

I am still working on getting all the pictures of the show and demos together. Soon you will be able to enjoy them on our website.

## 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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