

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JUNE 2019

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'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). 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 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

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JUNE SHOW

Another great show! First, I want to thank everyone who helped set up, take down and who was there one or both days of the show. Without your help, we would not be successful. The trees were magnificent and anyone who presented trees, should be very proud of his/her accomplishments. I also wanted to mention, that many of you have gained confidence with your knowledge, as I overheard several of you talking with our visitors about bonsai, care, and techniques. There was a time not too long ago, when whenever someone had a question, I was called over to provide answers. It was a fantastic show.

JULY MEETING

Our July meeting will be a field trip instead of our usual get-together at Alden Lane. Bea will be providing the details, as I am performing a demonstration at Art Under the Oaks that weekend, so will not be attending. Use this opportunity to get more material, or if you are not planning on going, use the time to work on a tree at home. If you do not wish to do either, stop by the nursery either day, as it is an amazing event, with art of various mediums, music, wine and food.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10, 2019 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society (EBBS): Annual Auction will be held at Lakeside Garden Center, located at 666 Bellevue Ave. Auction starts 7:30pm (preview opens at 7:00pm) to get your hands on bonsai trees, pots, tools, and accessories.

August 24 - 25, 2019 Santa Rosa, California

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 36th Annual Bonsai Show, at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave. Featuring Bonsai Master Kathy Shaner. Bonsai demonstrations both days, 1- 3 PM. Demonstration tree to be raffled. Largest bonsai and suiseki stone exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and plant sales. Exciting silent auctions. Free admission and parking. Relax with the Bonsai Cafe. Contact Bob Shimon at 707-884-4126 or shimon@mcn.org. Visit our website www.rebsbonsai.org

October 12 - 13, 2019 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: Annual Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt, located at 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM with a demonstration at 1PM on Sunday by Sergio Cuan, notable bonsai artist awarded the "finest deciduous bonsai" at the US National Bonsai Exhibition. There will also be a benefit drawing and sale of bonsai and related materials. For additional information, visit www.eastbaybonsai.org.

SENPAI CORNER

Another show is behind us, and as I mentioned above, you all should be very proud of your trees. We are solidly in July now, so with the heat and after-noon winds, it is very important to maintain the moisture in your pots. Continue fertilizing and stay on top of those weeds. Try to avoid re-potting for a couple of months, and if you do find yourself faced with a need to re-pot your tree (Squirrel) keep it in filtered sun for a couple of weeks and really stay on top of the watering, as the tree has undergone enough stress. Enjoy the field trip and I hope you find some great treasures.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

As Charles mentioned earlier, our July meeting will be a field trip since Alden Lane is hosting Arts under the Oaks that weekend.

I will send the details under separate e-mail. We will visit three (3) local nurseries – some of which have Bonsai stock and an assortment of succulents.

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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