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.

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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

50 weeks.

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 <u>www.valleybonsaisociety.com.</u> Follow us on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai</u> or Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/Valley_Bonsai_Society</u>

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 <u>BelgianBea@yahoo.com</u>

JUNE SHOW BY EVERYBODY

The June show was amazing! We had a great turnout both days, and the quality of trees continues to improve year after year. I am really proud of how well all your trees looked.





JULY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our July meeting will be a show wrap up, discussing what worked, what did not, and what changes we should make at next year's show. We will also have a general workshop. In addition, I will be bringing bonsai pots for people to pick out. I hope to see you all on the 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 9, 2022 Oakland, California

Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM): BGLM will conduct a special one day auction and sale of bonsai trees from the personal collection donated by Dennis and Joanne Makishima, on July 9, 2022, at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt, Oakland, California. Preview of auction will start at 11:00 a.m. and live auction at 12:00 p.m. Sale follows immediately after auction. This event is predicated on the largest single donation ever made to BGLM. Bonsai trees include legacy pines, cedars, maples, and more, dating back to the early 1950s and 1960s. All proceeds go to support the newly created Dennis and Joanne Makishima BGLM curator fund. For further information, contact George Haas at <u>gwhaas@comcast.net</u> or visit the BGLM website http://bonsailakemerritt.com.

August 6, 2022 San Rafael, California

Marin Bonsai Club (MBC) and Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): Joint Bonsai Sale, hosted by MBC and REBS, on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Terra Linda Community Center, 670 Del Ganado Rd, San Rafael. The sale will include established and starter bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc. Checks and cash accepted. Free admission. Parking available. For details, contact Diane Matzen at <u>dcmatzen@gmail.com</u> or George Haas at <u>gwhaas@comcast.net</u>.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

I think that you should all be proud of yourselves with how far you have come with your skills as bonsai artists. Wow! Another show behind us and we are already halfway through the year; it is amazing how quickly time passes. Time is always a part of a tree's development, and improvement, but it is your care and nurturing during that time that is reflected in the health and appearance of your trees. I am looking forward to next year and the development and improvements we will see at that show.

ELECTIONS

Do you want to be more involved in the Club? Charles and I can use some help. Reach out to us if you are interested.

TIDBITS BY BEA

As Charles mentioned, we had a spectacular show. It is amazing that all these trees are coming out for the show and we hardly see them during the year. As always, we took many pictures and as soon as Charles and Gerardo give me theirs, I will put a PowerPoint presentation together that you will be able to access thru our website.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



Thanks to Alden Lane for allowing us to meet for free at the nursery. 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.

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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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