

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?



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. 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'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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

JUNE SHOW BY EVERYONE

The Show was amazing! The trees were stunning and you should all be proud of yourselves. Everyone I spoke with commented how impressive it was.



Charles made this little charming display.





Soon Bea will have the presentation with all the trees posted on our website. In addition, Gerardo taped both demos that will also be available to view as soon as he sends the YouTube links.

JULY MEETING IS CANCELLED

Due to Art Under the Oaks occurring on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday, there will not be a space available for the club, so we will not meet in July, but will meet up again in August. Bea is trying to coordinate a field trip but she needs your suggestions!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

REBS 37th Annual Bonsai Show Aug 26, 10:00 AM – Aug 27, 4:00 PM
Rohnert Park, 5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, USA The return of the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society hosting its 37th Annual Bonsai Show. New modern facilities with AC. Featuring the international renowned bonsai artist Ryan Neil as guest demonstrator. Ryan workshops, demonstrations and show critique. See quality bonsai displays, demonstrations and raffles at 1 PM both days, vendors, silent auctions. Free admission and parking. Phone: (+1) 7077629154

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

I apologize in advance if I am repeating myself, and as I have said before, I never repeat myself...So without further ado, why do we fertilize? We add fertilizer for many reasons:

- With limited access to nutrients in the pot, we have to provide the tree an alternate source.
- It contains the appropriate components to encourage root growth and strengthen the root system.
- Improve resilience to outside stress, such as environmental changes, pests and diseases.
- It will encourage your tree to flower and fruit without drawing energy from the rest of the tree.

So, what fertilizer should you use? Pretty much any brand that works for you. I would stick to low NPK numbers like 10-10-10 or less. If anything, during early spring we can use a fertilizer with a higher nitrogen, to encourage new vigorous growth, but then lower the “N” number in your fertilizer by early summer. As for which is best? Liquid, pellet, cake, or time release? That is the question for the ages. What works for you?

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

I wonder if any of you know what this is (no it is not coffee bean!)



Does this give you a hint?

How about this?



Still don't know?

Well? OK, I will end the suspense. Those are berries produced by a fuchsia after the flowers fell off. They are edible (yes, I ate them)...not much of a taste, pretty blend.

Of all the years I have had fuchsias around the house, I never knew that they produced edible berries. I guess the old adage that you learn something new every day is true!

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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The 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. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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