

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JUNE 2025

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 would 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 CHARLES

The Show this year was great! A little smaller than previous years, but we still had wonderful trees on display! The attendance was better than expected with the opening weekend of the County fair, plus Rodeo weekend, but surprisingly we had quite a few visitors attend. For images of the trees and the show, please visit our website - www.valleybonsaisociety.com



JULY NO MEETING

Due to Art Under the Oaks, there **will not be** a July Meeting. Nevertheless, come and enjoy the day with many vendors in support of Alden Lane who so generously host our meeting every month!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS) Bonsai Show

Aug 23, 2025, 10:00 AM – Aug 24, 2025, 8:00 AM

Rehnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, USA

Featuring Mike Pistello, Bonsai artist and instructor, winner of the Joshua Roth Rising Stars Competition at GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous 2023. Quality bonsai displays, demo and raffle at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, large vendor and member sales, silent auctions, free admission and parking.

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East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Show and Sale

Sep 20, 2025, 10:00 AM – Sep 21, 2025, 4:00 PM

Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

We are excited to invite you to the East Bay Annual Show and Sale! We will have a lot of vendors and club sales this year as well as an amazing headliner, Michael Hagedorn! Come join us in Oakland and see some amazing trees.

SENPai CORNER BY CHARLES

The heat is on!

The hot weather is upon us, and besides the never-ending watering, we need to be aware of the wind, which is almost as bad for our trees as the heat.

My suggestion is to water in the morning or evening, so the water droplets do not turn into tiny magnifying glasses and burn the leaves. This is the time of year – almost like the middle of December – but for different reasons, that it is difficult to leave our little trees alone and not get too enthusiastic with re-potting and pruning. Minor trimming to keep the growth in check is okay, and some light wiring is also okay, just refrain from getting too carried away and let them do their thing for a couple more months.

Now is a good time to sharpen your tools, look at your trees and plan for fall pruning and styling. Oh, and continue your fertilizing to maintain the vigor and growth.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

To add to Charles advice about the wind, remember that you can use “Cloud

Cover". Most people know to use it in winter to protect the little trees from the frost, but it is as effective in summer too to retain the moisture in the leaves. So especially for the maple that are so sensitive to the wind, spray, spray, spray!

I know we have talked in the past about the water we use to water our plant, some of us use the water collected from the rainfalls and some fill bottles and let them sit for a while before using them; but there is also the **Boogie-Blue filter**. Many years ago, one of our members mentioned it and if you are concerned about the chlorine, this filter is an ideal solution. It attaches to your garden hose.



The Boogie Blue Basic filters will last for **10,000-15,000 gallons of spray volume** while the Boogie Blue Plus filters will last for 40,000-50,000 gallons. Both filter and remove up to 99% of the chlorine.

<https://www.boogiebrew.net/water-filter?srsId=AfmBOoojqzmtMk-IberMGzaaQophxWwGztPa73glctWtFSLnYhqpiERy>

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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The nursery has evergreen, 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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