

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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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' 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 EVERYONE!

Another amazing show! The trees were beautiful, and it is always a pleasure to share your trees while they are on display. Be sure to visit our website for a complete set of pictures, and I believe there is a video of the Saturday Demo on Instagram.



JULY FIELD TRIP BY BEA

No meeting in July. Bea is attempting to arrange a field trip to Sebastopol, so stay tuned for more details and check your email box.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Marin Bonsai Club August Bonsai Sale

Aug 01, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Terra Linda Community Center, 670 Del Ganado Rd, San Rafael, CA 94903, We extend an invitation to the entire bonsai community to join us. Sale items include bonsai trees, pre-bonsai and bargains on bonsai pots and tools, scrolls and bonsai stands. We will accept cash, Zelle, checks, and credit cards. The proceeds will help fund future club demonstrations.

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS) Bonsai Show

Aug 22, 2026, 10:00 AM – Aug 23, 2026, 4:00 PM

Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, Explore the living art form of Bonsai with headliner Sam Tan, studied under

the renowned Ryan Neil of Mirai. Formal Displays, BYOT Workshop, Vendor and Member Sales, Benefit Drawings, Silent Auctions and Trees in Training. Free Admission and Parking. Hours: Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

What a wonderful show! You should all be very proud of yourselves. Every year it gets better and better. Now that the show is over, we should all be planning for next year (he he). Actually, I am a little serious. Stay on top of your wiring, make sure that any wires applied earlier this year do not bind and scar. Continue your fertilizing and remember that heat and wind will dry out your trees in less time than you would think. Wait until later this year or early next year to perform any re-potting - unless there is a (squirrel) emergency.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

To repeat what Charles said above, what a wonderful show! I think the attendance was up this year due to some strategic advertising – next year we have to remember to bring a counter. Mike Butler's azaleas were stunning! After all expenses, we made a little money for the club. We usually break even, but thanks to Ivan's many trees and Charles many pots, we actually came out in the black.

Now about the fieldtrip – July is always reserved for Art under the Oaks, which is a wonderful event to attend at Alden Lane with the many vendors and Charles doing demos to inspire new members. So no meeting space available for us and thus the reason why we try to organize a field trip. I sent an e-mail earlier this month seeking interest from our members. So far not many people have expressed interest. To give an opportunity to Charles to join us, we are **moving the date to the last Saturday of the month – July 25th**. So please reply ASAP if you are planning to join so that we can arrange carpooling.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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

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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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