

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?



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'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

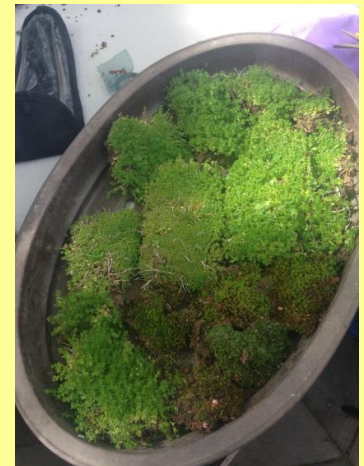
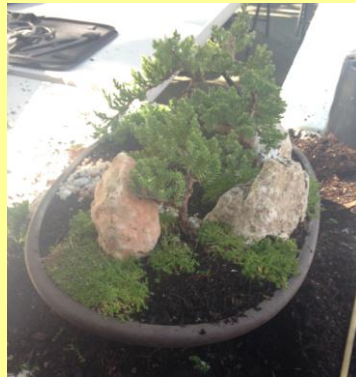
MEMBERSHIP

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. 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 (bb1727@att.com)

MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting was about Saikei or landscape planting. We started out

with a tray or shallow dish. Then we arranged rocks of the same type and coloration, making sure they were of different sizes and visually interesting. Then we trimmed and styled a couple of small junipers. Always remember to use an odd number of trees, unless you are creating a forest type of planting or once you are over about seven trees. After placing the trees, we filled the rest of the tray with soil, added mosses and ground covers, a small line of rocks to suggest a pathway or stream, and then the planting was complete.



APRIL MEETING

The April meeting, we will discuss group or forest plantings. So bring your trays, lots of seedlings or trees and follow along. As usual, if you have another tree that you want to work on, need help with or just show off, please feel free to bring it along.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8 – 9, 2017 Sacramento, California

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: Annual Spring Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Show hours are Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM, and Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations by headliner Jonas Dupuich at 1:30 PM both days. Beginner workshop Sunday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Large member and vendor sales area, plenty of free parking, and free admission. Benefit drawing Saturday and Sunday includes bonsai, bonsai related items, and that days demonstration tree. For additional information contact Renee Seely: (916) 929-2106 & email breadcrust@comcast.net or visit our website <http://abasbonsai.org>.

April 8 - 9, 2017, Santa Cruz, California

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 29th Annual Show at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM both days with demonstration at 2 PM. Saturday's demonstrator is Eric Schrader and Sunday's will be Mr. Katsumi Kinoshita. Demonstration tree and trees prepared by club members will be part of the raffle each day after the demonstration. Sales area will include quality vendor and member trees, pots, and other related bonsai items both days. Admission price of \$5.00 includes the Bonsai Show as well as admission to all the Museum exhibits. For more information contact Ed Lambing at edinbonnydoon@comcast.net.

April 22, 2017 Sacramento, California

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: Bus Trip to "The Second Annual Fundraising Event for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen. 12 hour bus trip departing the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center at McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, at 7 AM and returning at 7 PM. Must have a commitment from 40 people by March 15 to book the bus. For reservations mail check made out to ABAS to: Patti Fletcher, 3901 Don River Ln., Sacramento, CA 95834. For more information contact Renee Seely (916) 929-2106 or via email breadcrumb@comcast.net

April 22 - 23, 2017 Fresno, California

2nd Annual Kōen-Nai No Bonsai Fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen.

Enjoy a wonderful bonsai weekend in the beautiful setting of the Shinzen Garden at Woodward Park, at Friant and Audubon Roads. Hours are Saturday 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Peter Tea and David Nguy will provide demonstrations for this event. The event will include a huge bonsai auction with a wide selection of trees, complimented by a mammoth vender area. Toko-Kazari Display Competition will provide beautiful artistry together with tours of the Regional Bonsai Exhibit in the garden. Several Shohin workshops will be offered. For more information, contact Bob Hilvers at bonsaigui@comcast.net

April 30, 2017 Watsonville, California

Watsonville Bonsai Club: 44th Annual Bonsai Exhibit held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St. Show hours are 10 AM - 4 PM, with a demonstration by award winning Bonsai Master Katsumi Kinoshita at 1:30 PM. Over 50 outstanding bonsai, large and small, young and old, will be on display. A raffle of bonsai items, plants and the demo tree will follow. Tea & cookies will be served. Plenty of parking for vehicles of all sizes; even for group outings. A vendor will be available to sate your plant appetite for bonsai or otherwise. For more information contact Michael Anderson at (831)247-9028 or margiesmemories@aol.com

May 6 - 7, 2017 Sacramento, California

Sacramento Bonsai Club: 71st Annual Bonsai & Suiseki Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Show hours are Noon - 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM - 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration at 2 PM each day. Demonstration by Sam Adina, followed by the demo raffle and more prizes. Free Admission. For more information contact Lucy Sakaishi-Judd at juddbonsai@att.net or visit sacramentobonsaiclub.com

SENPAI CORNER

Wiring is an important tool in our collection of ways to train our bonsai!

When wiring, select a gauge that is appropriate to the branch that you want to bend. If the wire is not strong enough to hold the bend, it is perfectly acceptable to place another wire alongside of the first wire. Just make sure that you do not cross over the first wire as that will put a lot of pressure in one small area and cause the branch there to swell.

When wrapping the branch, try to keep an even pressure and an even spacing as you move out to the end of the branch. Also, always anchor the wire either to another branch or the trunk or even by pushing it down into the soil if you are wiring the trunk.

After a couple of months, check the tree for swelling in the area of your wiring. Missing this step can cause severe scarring, which may take years, if ever, to go away. If in doubt, cut the wire off and check the branch position.

Remember, we use wire to move a branch to a new position. Once it has been trained to grow in the new position, there is no longer a need to keep the wire on the branch.

Our show is in June so start thinking of what trees you want to display and please provide a list in April or May, so I can make sure that I have labels printed.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

We had a good turnout at our meeting and some members even tried their own Saikei.



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!

SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.