

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'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 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 (bb1727@att.com)

MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting, we talked about what to look for when selecting material for developing bonsai. I took some basic material from the nursery and we talked about interesting trunks, evidence of starting nebari or root spread, and looking for low branching that could be the beginning of a nice tree. I also spent a little time talking about some of the species of plants that could work well for an indoor bonsai.



APRIL MEETING

At our April meeting, we will be talking about tree shaping, pruning and pad development. We will also be talking about the show coming up in June and will spend the remainder of the time as a workshop to continue refining the trees that we will put into the show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21, 2018 Modesto, California

Modesto Bonsai Club: 36th Annual Show at the Clarion Inn, 1612 Sisk Rd. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with demonstration by Bonsai artist Sam Adina at 1 PM. Free admission, open to the public. Exhibit, multiple raffles, and sales of trees, pots and other related items.

April 21 – 22, 2018 Palo Alto, California

Kusamura Bonsai Club: 58th Annual Show, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Show hours are Noon – 5 PM Saturday, and 11 AM - 5 PM Sunday with demonstrations at 1:30 PM each day. Saturday's demonstration by Darren and Laura Wong (Soh-Ju-En Satsuki Bonsai) and Sunday's demonstration by club members. Free admission and kids corner. Bonsai trees, pots, and other bonsai-related items will be for sale. For more information contact Charlene Fischer at charlenerae@mac.com or visit www.kusamurabonsai.org.

April 29, 2018 Watsonville, California

Watsonville Bonsai Club: 45th 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 4 - 5, 2018 Sacramento, California

Sacramento Bonsai Club: 72nd Annual Show Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Show hours are Noon - 5 pm , Saturday and 10 am - 4 pm Sunday with demonstrations at 2 pm by Bonsai artist Sam Adina both days, followed by benefit drawings. Free Admission, open to the public. Club member sales of bonsai-related items.

May 19 - 20, 2018 Oakland, California

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA): 23rd Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstration by Johnny Uchida Saturday 1 – 3 PM (Demonstration tree to be raffled). Beginning bonsai workshop Sunday 1 – 3 PM limited space available, \$20 fee and sign-up required. Participating vendors – North American Satsuki Bonsai Center – Rick Garcia and Shojuen – Darren and Laura Wong. Free admission. Public

parking available. For more information contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or visit BASA website <http://satsukiazaleabonsai.org>.

May 19 – 20, 2018 Sacramento, California

Satsuki Aikokai Association: Annual show held at Shepard Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations at 1:30 PM both days by botanist and bonsai nurseryman Yuzo Maruyama. Create your own azalea bonsai class at 11 AM both days. Raffles, vendors and Satsuki information booth. Free entrance and parking. For more information contact: Ronn Pigram (916) 428 8505 or email - satsukiaikokaisac@sbcglobal.net

May 19-20 Oakland, California

California Suiseki Society: Suiseki and aiseki stones exhibition at the Garden Center at Lake Merritt (1600 Bellevue Ave.) in conjunction with the Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai show of flowering azaleas. Show hours are Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM.

May 19 - 20, 2018 Palo Alto, California

Akebono Bonsai Club and Kashu Suiseki Kai: Annual Show held at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road. Show hours are Noon - 5 PM with a demonstration at 2 PM both days. Free Admission. Raffle drawing for door prizes and demonstration tree immediately following each demonstration. Must be present to win. There will be bonsai trees available for sale by the club. For additional information, contact Carl Yanari at (408)781-5937.

SENPAI CORNER

June is our annual show, so start thinking about which trees you might consider showing this year. I would like to review your trees prior to the show, so start bringing them into the meetings for advice, touch ups or general appreciation. Now is a busy time of year for us. With all of the weeds sprouting up, the insects emerging and ravenous, the rains (what rain?) tapering off; and buds and flowers starting to pop out. Take this time to relax and enjoy yourself while tending to your trees and do not become annoyed with that oxalis, just keep weeding it out. Spray for insects and fertilize to keep your trees healthy and resistant to pests.

PEST FACTS

Speaking of Oxalis – I found some information for you and a link at the end of this article so you can learn more:

Oxalis looks a bit like a miniature clover plant, and it bears tiny yellow flowers. It is occasionally grown as a groundcover but to most gardeners it is a tenacious and annoying weed. This persistent plant is found in many parts of the world and rises from stem fragments, seeds and tiny bulbils. The low growing plant can re-establish from just a tiny stem fragment, fragile breakable rhizomes or bulbils. It produces volatile viable seed and also relies upon bits of itself being transported by animals, or us, to establish itself in almost any type of soil. Oxalis is a perennial weedy groundcover, which spreads through interlocking rhizomes that are easy to break apart. Each rhizome will eventually

produce tiny bulbils. The seeds are also prolific and are ejected violently when mature from tiny seed pods that look like miniature okra. Anywhere the stem touches the ground the plant can root, potentially producing more and more plants. It also forms a fleshy taproot and an extensive branching root system. Managing Oxalis weeds can be a huge challenge due to all the tough root system and the different methods the plant has to reproduce itself and persist.

Read more at Gardening Know How: Managing Oxalis weeds:

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/weeds/managing-oxalis-weeds-in-lawn.htm>

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

The show is fast approaching. Please forward your list of trees to Charles and me. I will send, shortly, a request for volunteers. Please make sure to respond timely.

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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!

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