

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MARCH 2021 – YET ANOTHER SHELTER IN PLACE VERSION...

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?



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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'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 usually meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome! However, with current situation, we are now meeting on Zoom. Invites will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

MARCH MEETING BY CHARLES

We had a couple members showing up at my house for our March meeting; the rest of the participants attended via Zoom. We tried to have a demonstration of repotting Larry's redwood, but our session was cut short due to a well-timed power glitch and a stubborn internet. Though we lost most of everyone, we pushed on and even without the video support, completed the repot.

Ah well...we persevered! Thank you to all who tried to zoom meet.

APRIL MEETING BY CHARLES

Our April meeting will be via Zoom (again – maybe?).

I finally have Akadama!!!. For those interested in an in-person meeting and wishing to brave it, I will open up my backyard if you want to stop by. I will have tables set up for people to work on.

Due to video limitations – both with camera viewing, and possibly connectivity - the topic of this meeting will be a show and tell, question and answer and perhaps a great opportunity for people to see each other.

If anyone needs Akadama, feel free to stop by or make arrangements to pick up some bags. As I mentioned earlier, I have to charge \$10 per gallon for the Akadama, but will keep the \$5 for gallon for the lava and pumice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nothing is posted currently for CA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

As you spend this time of year repotting, wiring, pruning and fertilizing, remember to keep your tools sharp and clean. Use either a little rubbing alcohol or an antiseptic, even some “Dawn” soap, a little water and mineral oil. Should one of your trees have an issue, keeping your tools clean and sharp will help reduce the possibility of transferring any disease from spreading.

Dull bonsai tools can crush plant cells instead of a creating a clean cut, resulting in damaged plant tissue. Sharp tools, along with regular cleaning will keep diseases and fungi from unwittingly spread around to your collection.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

I don't know what you all think, but Zoom sessions are not the same as in person meetings. We don't get the same benefits. When you combine the PG&E power glitches with the slow internet, we miss the true enjoyment of the art of Bonsai, the sharing of the knowledge, the welcomed advise of our members and the plain old camaraderie. Charles has checked with Alden Lane, but Jackie is still non-committal. So if you are ok with it, for the time being, we can meet at Charles. Of course, we will all be wearing a mask and try to social distance. We understand completely if you do not feel safe and respect your decision not to attend in person. We will continue to have the Zoom sessions no matter what. We just like to give you the option.

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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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