

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'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. 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'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

Our March meeting was about repotting and how to secure a tree into a pot. Attendance was good and I saw lots of trees that are looking great. Remember that our show is approaching, so start thinking about which trees you want to display. I encourage everyone to show something.

APRIL MEETING BY CHARLES

April will be a major trunk bending. In addition, we will discuss how to keep tools clean and sharp. We will also begin talking about getting our trees ready for our upcoming show in June. Yes, it will be upon us before we know it. I still have soil if you need some, just email or call/text and we can meet somewhere. Of course, soil will be available at the April meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The American Bonsai Association, Sacramento's (ABAS) 63rd Annual Spring Bonsai & Suiseki Show and Sale will feature headliner, Todd Schlafer of First Branch Bonsai. Demonstrations will take place both Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM Time & Location: Apr 08, 10:00 AM – Apr 09, 4:00 PM Sacramento, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816, USA

Modesto Bonsai Club Show Join us for our 40th annual Bonsai and Suiseki show. We will have sales of trees, pots, tools, and other bonsai related items throughout the day. A demonstration will be presented by Sam Adina at 1:30 pm Time & Location Apr 15, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Stanislaus Agricultural Harvest Hall, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358, USA

Kusamura Bonsai Club Exhibit, Sale and Demonstration Demonstrations starting at 1:30 both days, followed by benefit raffle and door prizes. Saturday Demonstration given by Michael Greenstein. Over 60 bonsai on display. Time & Location Apr 29, 12:00 PM – Apr 30, 4:00 PM Addison School, 1045 Webster, Palo Alto, CA

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai Exhibit & Sale Join us for the Show & Sale but stay for the Demonstration at 1pm. www.santacruzbonsaikai.com Time & Location May 13, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Aptos, 2555 Mar Vista Dr, Aptos, CA 95003, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

I am sitting here on my couch, with a cat in my lap, watching the little pip pop birds hopping around outside on the bird feeder, trying to think of some critical or informative thing to write about bonsai. We create our trees for relaxation and beauty, and the time with our trees is special. However, one should also take some time out to just be in the moment, and pet that cat and watch those birds...just pray that said cat doesn't notice said birds. And of course check your wiring that you did last year, and perhaps cut it off and re-wire if needed. (I couldn't help it, I had to give you some advice about your trees)

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

For those interested, I have organized a field trip to the Olivina property across from Wente's restaurant and next door to the Veterans Hospital for this Sunday at 12:00. The address is 4555 Arroyo Rd, Livermore. We did a dig a few years ago and it was brutal because the soil was so hard after so many years of draught. However, we still managed to dig up some nice specimens. This year with all the rain, the soil should be much looser to make the job much easier. Nevertheless, still plan to bring tough tools like pickaxe, crowbar, etc.

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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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