

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MARCH 2026

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?



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

50 weeks.

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

MARCH MEETING BY CHARLES

Our March meeting was very well attended. We discussed our up-coming show in June. We talked about the need for clean wiring – if you feel wire is needed to keep the shape of the tree. The pot must be cleaned and soil clear of debris and weeds.



APRIL MEETING BY CHARLES

At the April meeting, we will continue our conversation on show preparations. Please bring the tree(s) you are planning to present at the show for a last-minute review or advice. I will also bring premixed soil for sale in case you need some.

UPCOMING EVENTS

American Bonsai Association Sacramento Bonsai Show and Sale

Please join us for a weekend celebrating beautiful bonsai and suiseki! Enjoy beginner workshops -sign up soon, they fill quickly, member and vendor sales and daily demonstrations by our headliner, Jennifer Price. Jennifer will present demonstrations each day from 1:30–3:30 PM, followed by a raffle.

Time & Location

Apr 11, 2026, 7:00 PM – Apr 12, 2026, 11:00 PM

Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

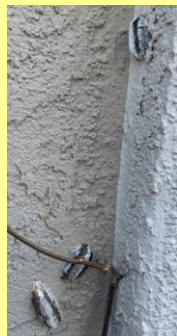
This is a wonderful, exciting and busy time of year. The trees are growing like weeds and it seems like the weeds are growing just as fast! The trees need to be repotted (without the weeds), fertilizer must be applied, tools need to be sharpened...all the amazing tasks that bring joy to my heart and reminds me why I love this art. Spending time with my trees is always satisfying; with clip-pers in hand, and envisioning where my trees need to be adjusted to bring out the story or statement I am trying to impart. Have a glorious spring!

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Some of you may remember that a few months ago I shared these pictures:



If you do not remember what they are, they are praying mantis eggs sacs or oothecas. **Trivia question:** how many eggs in a praying mantis ootheca? **Answer:** between 50 and 400. Keep in mind the sac is only 1 inch long by ½ inch wide...this gives new meaning to “crowded like a can of sardines”. I have been waiting for months for them to hatch. Well they finally did and I had over a hundred baby mantises not bigger than a grain of rice.



Actually I thought they were little specs of weed caught on my screen and I was about to brush it off when I noticed that they were moving. I must have caught them the day they hatched because the next day, they were all gone. I hope some of them decided to make my yard their forever homes.

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 dedicated bonsai tree hobbyist.

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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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