

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MAY 2017

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)

MAY MEETING

At our May meeting, in preparation for our upcoming show, we discussed the

importance of cleaning up pots, getting all mineral deposits removed, and in the case of non-glazed pots, adding a light rub of mineral oil to give it a clean look. We also touched on the wiring and if it is acceptable to leave wiring on a tree for display. If there is any wiring on a tree, it should be neat and minimal. We also talked about making sure the trees are trimmed to shape and have been sprayed for pests. I look forward to seeing you all at the show.

JUNE SHOW

Finally, our June show, which is over Father's Day weekend (June 17th and 18th), is here. Please bring your trees on Friday June 16th, in the afternoon, after 3:00pm. This will allow me time to get all of the trees set up and labeled. If you have a specific Dai (tree stand) that you have paired with your tree, let me know when you bring the tree. I will have my collection of Dai, so if you do not have one, do not worry. If you have not yet signed up for a time to help out during the weekend, please let Bea know so she can update the schedule. Each year our show gets better and better, so I look forward to setting up and seeing our trees this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17 & 18, 2017 Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 9th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM with a demonstration at 1PM on both days. The finished tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstrations. Admission is free. For additional information contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

June 24 – 25, 2017 Palo Alto, California

Kusamura Bonsai Club: 57th Annual Show will be held at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Hours are Saturday, Noon – 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM - 5 PM with demonstrations at 1:30 PM each day. Saturday demonstration provided by Jonas Dupuich of Bonsai Tonight. Sunday demonstration provided by club members. Free admission. Bonsai trees, pots, and other bonsai-related items will be for sale. For more information contact Charlene Fischer at charlenerae@mac.com or www.kusamurabonsai.org.

July 12, 2017 Oakland, California

Attend the **East Bay Bonsai Society's** Annual Auction on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:30pm (preview opens at 7:00pm) to get your hands on bonsai trees, pots, tools, and accessories. The event will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, located at 666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, CA. 94610

SENPAI CORNER

Sorry to repeat last month's Senpai corner, but I feel that it is very important to cover this information again, since some of you did not attend our May meeting.

When displaying your tree, you want to make sure that no matter what stage of development your tree is in, that it is presentable. I want to point out that I

encourage all members to display something, as you should be proud of what you are working on.

- Your trees should be trimmed and either in its final shape or it should be apparent what shape it will become.
- Any wiring on branches should be neat and evenly spaced. It is acceptable to show a tree with wire, but if possible keep wiring to a minimum.
- The pot should be free of mineral deposits, and if a non-glazed pot, after cleaning, wipe it down with mineral oil.
- A top dressing should be applied. The material should be of a consistent particle size and preferably of a consistent tone or color.
- It should go without saying to make sure that there are no weeds or other debris on the soil surface.
- Please make sure that you spray for pests and diseases a couple of weeks before the show to ensure your trees health as prevent endangering other trees.

Our show is over Father's day weekend and I hope to see you all there.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

This month is all about the show. Charles covered the trees and I just want to remind all members to wear the Bonsai Club's polo shirt. I will try to remember to bring new name tags. As always, the Club will provide lunch, sodas and water.

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!

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