

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MAY 2018

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

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 (bb1727@att.com)

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting was spend on discussing various items to prepare for our show: how to prepare our trees for display, what is acceptable wiring, how to make our trees presentable and most importantly to spray for pest to ensure they are pest free, so not to infect other people's trees.

JUNE MEETING

It's show time! This is our annual show instead of our normal meeting. It will be both days, Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00am – 4:00pm, with demonstrations at 1:00pm both days. Please bring your trees on Friday afternoon, any time after 1:00 P.M. to allow Charles time to set up and get organized. If you have not done so yet, we really need your tree lists, so we can make sure we have a label for it.

I encourage every member to show a tree, even if it is not specimen level, you should be proud of what you are doing and by having all stages of tree development, that will help encourage new members to give it a try.

We will also have a member sales table, so bring in your unwanted pots, plants or other bonsai related items, and price them to sell. Remember, the club will be taking 30% (this helps pay for guest speakers, displays and banners, tablecloths etc.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 - Sept. 30, 2018 Fresno, California

Clark Bonsai Collection: "Going Native" a bonsai exhibition at the Clark Bonsai Collection in Shinzen Friendship Gardens, Woodward Park. Exhibition lecture by Curator Bob Hilvers on June 9 at 10 AM. Join us and marvel at desert Junipers over a thousand years old or an ancient Live Oak known as the Del Monte ogre. Gaze in wonder at a Pygmy Cypress that displays the very image of a coastal monarch yet is only 30 inches tall. See the rarest of the rare, a Monterey Pine bonsai. These and other wonders of the art of bonsai will be on display. Visit us at gsbfclarkbonsaicollection.org for more information.

June 16 - 17, 2018 Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 10th 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. Bonsai pots, soil, etc. available for purchase. Admission is free.

August 25 - 26, 2018 Santa Rosa, California

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 35th Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Kathy Shaner from 1 to 3 PM both days. Demo trees will be raffled. See the largest bonsai exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and member sales. Exciting silent auctions or "buy it now". Free refreshments by the Bonsai café. Free admission and parking. For more information visit our

website www.rebsbonsai.org or contact Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126 or shimon@mcn.org.

SENPAI CORNER

June is our annual show, so I hope that your trees are getting ready to display themselves. As I mentioned several times, make sure that you have sprayed, either natural or chemical, for harmful insects and diseases. If you do not have top dressing, I will be bringing some to the show, and we will add to your tree's appearance. Also, if you do not have Dai to display your trees, do not worry, as I will be bringing my collection of stands. Every member should display something, for a number of reason: 1. you should be proud of what you are doing, 2. having all levels of trees at the show will encourage new people to try their hand and 3. I take photos of everyone's trees, so it is neat to see the progression of your tree over the years if you display it multiple years.

PEST FACTS

Eek! Spider mites! This little pest is a member of the Acari sub class of the Arachnida class. They live on the undersides of leaves and spin protective silk webs. They feed by piercing the cell walls of the plant, which will show up as stippling on the leaves, or leaf yellowing and eventually die off. To eliminate these nasty little critters, there are a couple of options: there are natural sprays, such as Neem oil, Pyrethins and Horticultural oil. Then there is chemical options, such as Malathion, Seven brand insecticide or many other chemical insecticides. Then there is good old ladybugs. Whatever method you use, make sure for your plants sake, that you monitor and catch them early, as a small colony can severely damage your tree, and if left unchecked, can infect your entire collection.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

As Charles mentioned, this is show time! This year, in addition to the backdrops, we have added black tablecloths. Thank you Margaret for volunteering to sew! If you are on duty at the show, please remember to wear your club shirt as we want to have a professional appearance. Every year, we build on the previous year! We have come a long way from our 1st show. I encourage members to check our gallery on our website to see pictures of previous show.

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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