

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MAY 2019

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'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

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MAY MEETING

At the May meeting, we spent some time talking about show preparation. We talked about pot cleaning and ensuring the neatness of any wire left on the tree. We discussed top dressing and the importance of trying to present our trees in the best possible condition. It should be a great show.

JUNE SHOW

Our show is upon us: It is the weekend of June 15,16. We will be open from 10:00 until 4:00 both days. Please arrange for your trees to be at Alden Lane on Friday the 14th so we have time to set up. Also, please try to avoid removing your trees until 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon. Make sure your trees are neat and tidy. The pot is clean and any wiring is neatly presented. I encourage everyone to bring at least one tree to display. As I have said in the past, you should be proud of your trees(s) and even though it may not be a specimen tree, it may encourage newcomers to try their hand at bonsai if they see trees that are in a "younger" state.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1- 2, 2019 San Mateo, California

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai: 36th Annual Show at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way (next to Beresford Park). Show hours are 10 AM - 4 PM both days with demonstration from 1 – 3 PM. Demo tree will be raffled. Large club member plant sale, vendors, door prizes and our always popular raffles. Admission is free. Dr. Bonsai will be available to offer styling and care tips. For more information contact Marsha Mekisich at ecletic.gardener@yahoo.com.

June 2, 2019 Seaside, California

Monterey Bonsai Club: 56th Annual Exhibition at the Monterey Buddhist Temple, 1150 Noche Buena Street. Show hours are from 11 AM - 4 PM. Demonstration is at 1:30 PM by Katsumi Kinoshita. Bonsai door prizes and bonsai trees will be available. Silent auction area will include bonsai, pots, plants and books. For more information: email Rich Guillen at richguillen@sbcglobal.net or Drew Tucker at dtucker1286@gmail.com.

June 15 - 16, 2019 Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 11th 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.

June 29 - 30, 2019 Oakland, California

San Francisco Suiseki Kai, California Suiseki Society, Bay Area Shohin Society, and California Shohin Society: Inaugural Bay Area Suiseki and Shohin Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 11 AM to 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM Sunday. Suiseki Presentation on Sunday at 1 PM. Large vendor area. Members of all Bay Area Bonsai and Suiseki Clubs are invited to exhibit. Clubs can purchase vendor tables for

club sales. If you would like to exhibit or be a vendor, please contact Lisa Harper at lisaharper@me.com, or call (510) 220-3339.

SENPAI CORNER

It's Show Time! I have already gone into detail about the condition of your trees that you are presenting next month; so, I will only add that you make sure that your trees are "pest" free. Either Neem oil, or insecticidal soap, or go with a nuclear option of some form of chemical insecticide. Now that that is out of the way: I am, as I type this newsletter, trying out a new "muck" recipe that utilizes corn starch, and adding akadama fines and cut sphagnum moss. I will be demonstrating a saikei at the show, so I will let you know how it turned out.

ELECTIONS

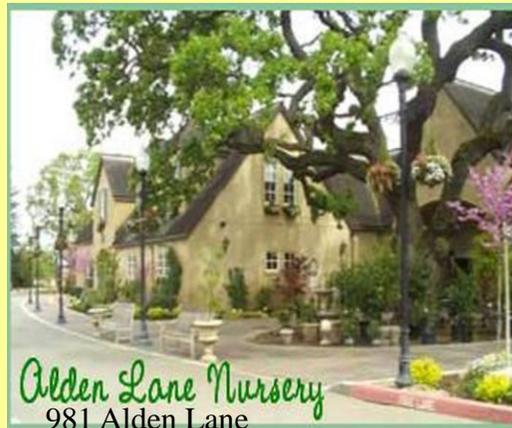
Positions on the Board are still available. Please contact Bea if you are interested.

TIDBITS

As Charles mentioned, the show is upon us. The request for volunteers was sent out. Please if you can attend, let me know your availability and also send us your list of trees. A lot of logistic goes into this show, the earlier your reply, the better it will be for Charles and I. As always, the Club will provide lunch for those present at lunch time.

If you are planning to sell items, this is also a reminder to let me know so that I can plan to have enough tables. Remember to label each item with the asking price and some marking or initials so that we may identify the seller for disbursement of proceeds at the end of the show. The Club's share is 30%, so please price accordingly.

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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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