

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MAY 2021 – THINGS MAY BE IMPROVING...

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?



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 usually meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome! However, with current situation, we are now meeting on Zoom. Invites will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

Fees are waived for 2021 due to the Pandemic and limited ability to have live meetings.

MAY MEETING BY CHARLES

Our May meeting was a virtual field trip. I got caught in traffic on the way, so did not log in til later than the original start time. Due to a sketchy internet connection, I was only able to show people some of the nursery; just enough for a few members to request trees and after several dropped calls, finally gave up. But hey! We tried...



JUNE MEETING BY CHARLES

June – It's show time!!! Actually no, it is not, but we will still have a meeting. Once again, I will hold a workshop in my back yard, and arrange a Zoom call for those who do not or cannot stop by. Perhaps we can reminisce about shows gone by! Please bring a tree to work on while I am hosting the call. I hope to see you all on Saturday.

We also made a trip arranged by Bea to the Olivina property and dug up some olive seedlings.

Here is a nice one...

and we filled in our holes....



while a few friends kept watch...



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2 and 3, 2021 Santa Nella, California

Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) will host the 2021 GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous. The event theme is "Bonsai Rendezvous". A two-day event for renewal and celebration for the love of bonsai. No registration fee. Open to the public. Free bonsai demonstrations both days. Free professional bonsai critiques, Bring Your Own Bonsai and Do It Yourself Bonsai settings. Vendors from Northern and Southern California in one huge location. There will be silent auctions for quality bonsai and related items. There will be no banquet dinners. Additional information and schedule of activities forthcoming shortly. Stay tuned to [GSBF website](#). For further information or to volunteer in support of the event, contact Rich Guillen at richguillen@att.net or call 831-233-1612.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

It is May and early June, and we are already seeing near 100 degree temperatures. So once again, I will preach the mantra of "keep an eye on your soil moisture". With high temps and a little breeze, your pots will go dry quick. Also, another mantra "check your wiring". I miss seeing your trees other than through the little lens of my PC camera. My hope is that come fall, we may be able to meet in person at Alden Lane.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA



As Charles mentioned above, we were invited to dig some volunteer olive trees at the Olivina property. They have over 10,000 mature olive trees on the site and several varieties. We all congregated to the part of the property

where the last "offspring" of the Old Mission San Jose 200 + year old olive trees grow. It was hard work under the watchful eyes of the wild turkeys and deers; nevertheless, we all managed to go home with several trees each.

Next time, we will do this during the rainy season when the soil is easier to dig!

Here are some more pictures of the wonderful wildlife that is found on and around the property.





If you are interested in purchasing their olive oil or fig vinegar, father and son can be found every Saturday at the Pleasanton Farmers Market.

If you would like to taste the many varieties, their tasting room is opened on the property every 3rd Sunday from noon to 4:30. No tasting available at the Farmers Market because of COVID restrictions.

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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