

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MAY 2022

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. 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'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

MAY MEETING BY CHARLES

The May meeting focused on our show prep. People brought some of the trees they plan to show, and we spoke about cleaning up calcium deposits and using mineral oil on the non-glazed pots to dress them up a bit. We also talked about using top dressing to create a uniform appearance. We are all getting ready for our June show.



JUNE SHOW BY EVERYBODY

It's Showtime!!! Please bring your trees on Friday to Alden Lane before 5:00PM – I will be there between 12:00 and 1:00 to begin setup. If you cannot make it on Friday, please arrange with me or someone else to pick up your trees and have them delivered to Alden Lane on Friday on your behalf. There will be NO TIME on Saturday to handle last minutes drop off.

We will be showing on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 4:00 each day - Bea has already sent out an email regarding sales table and other details. I hope to see everyone – and your trees there. It is going to be great!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18 & 19, 2022 Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 13th 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.

July 9, 2022 Oakland, California

Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM): BGLM will conduct a special one day auction and sale of bonsai trees from the personal collection donated by Dennis and Joanne Makishima, on July 9, 2022, at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt, Oakland, California. Preview of auction will start at 11:00 a.m. and live auction at 12:00 p.m. Sale follows immediately after auction. This event is predicated on the largest single donation ever made to BGLM. Bonsai trees include legacy pines, cedars, maples, and more, dating back to the early 1950s and 1960s. All proceeds go to support the newly created Dennis and Joanne Makishima BGLM curator fund. For fur-

ther information, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or visit the BGLM website <http://bonsailakemeritt.com>.

August 6, 2022 San Rafael, California

Marin Bonsai Club (MBC) and Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS):

Joint Bonsai Sale, hosted by MBC and REBS, on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Terra Linda Community Center, 670 Del Ganado Rd, San Rafael. The sale will include established and starter bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc. Checks and cash accepted. Free admission. Parking available. For details, contact Diane Matzen at dcmatzen@gmail.com or George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

When preparing to show your trees, take some time to make sure your pots are free of any calcium deposits, unwanted weeds and debris from the soil surface. To make a clean appearance to the soil, you can use a screened material to have an even particle size as a top dressing – this can be lava, or pumice, or even gravel or pebbles. If you leave wire(s) on your tree, make sure it is neat and even. See you soon and let us plan for a great come back show in June.

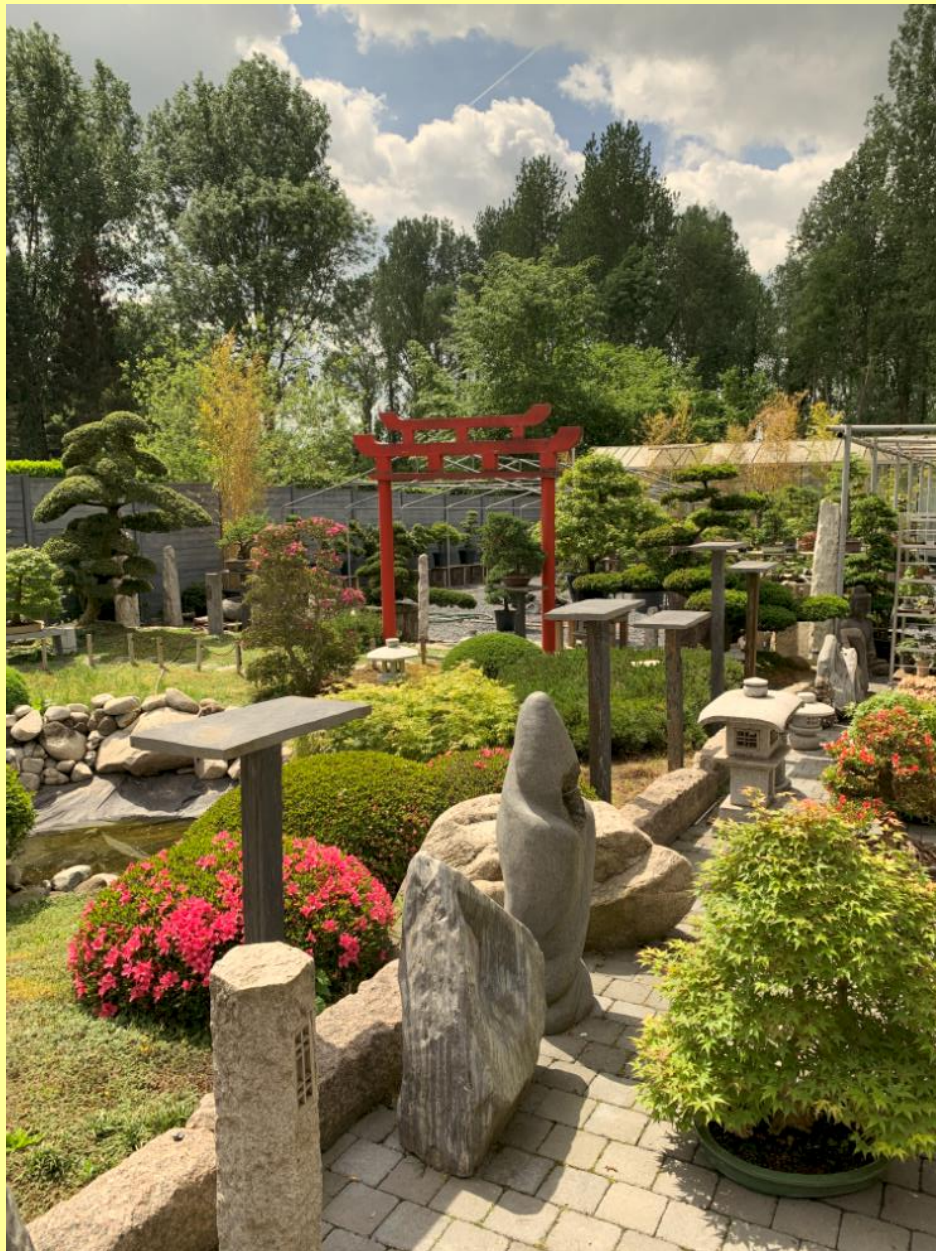
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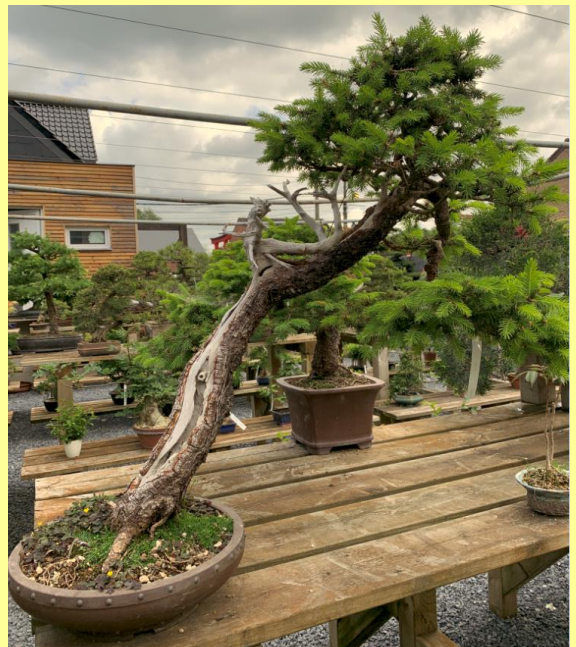
Positions on the Board are still available. Please contact Bea if you are interested.

TIDBITS BY BEA

As you all know, I spent the month of May visiting with family and friends in Belgium. For many years, I wanted to visit the Bonsai nursery in my hometown but never had the time. This year, I did. They have very nice specimens as the pictures below show, but the prices are to the roof! They also have a school and pretty much like our club, they are loose about the rules. I left the nursery owner with one of our pamphlet and we promise to be in touch via e-mail. It would really be nice to have an ongoing relationship with another club across the ocean.









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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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