

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

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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?



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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

May was our show prep meeting. There were several exciting looking trees. I discussed the need for cleaning your non-glazed pots with mineral oil. Also for both non-glazed and glazed pots, make sure to remove any lime scale. Any wiring should be clean and evenly spaced. Make sure to remove all weeds and add a clean top dressing – I will bring extra on Friday in case you need it.

JUNE SHOW BY THE CLUB!

It's Show-time! As mentioned in the May meeting, please bring your trees on Friday afternoon so we have time to set up. If you cannot bring your tree on Friday, please make separate arrangements with someone or myself ahead of time. Also, make sure to spray your trees for pests, so we do not infect anyone else's trees. If you have not done so yet, please get me a list of the tree(s) you think you might show, to make sure I have tree labels made. As we have mentioned, we will also have a sales table if you have anything you want to clear out of your collection. The club will take 30%, so price accordingly. I am very excited to see everyone's trees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Show with world renowned special guest demonstrator David De Groot. In addition to show, world renowned special guest demonstrator David De Groot will provide demo Saturday 1-3pm, with Demo tree raffle following. Sunday 1-3pm, David will lead an open to public viewing workshop, with workshop tree raffled after. Both days 3pm benefit raffle and door prizes. Tree Clinic-Vendor Sales-Plant Sales-Free Admission Jun 03, 10:00 AM – Jun 04, 4:00 PM San Mateo, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, USA For additional information: Marsha Mekisich|springhill.2@outlook.com Phone: (+1) 6504774761

East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Auction The East Bay Bonsai Society's in-person bonsai auction on June 14th will start at 7:30pm with a preview at 7:00pm. More? Email: mhilton@rocketmail.com Masks optional Jun 14, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA The East Bay Bonsai Society will be having an in-person bonsai auction on Wednesday, June 14th at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center (Lake Merritt) in Oakland, California! The auction will start at 7:30pm with a preview at 7:00pm. It will include established and starter bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc. Credit cards, checks, and cash accepted. Free admission. Parking available. Sales tax will be added to purchases.

Valley Bonsai Society Show Our 14th annual show will include a bonsai 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. Jun 17, 10:00 AM – Jun 18, 4:00 PM Livermore, 981 Alden Ln, Livermore, CA 94550, USA Valley Bonsai Society's 14th annual bonsai show will be held at Alden Lane Nursery <https://www.aldenlane.com/>

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

We are rapidly approaching that chaos that precedes the show, with getting our trees ready and cleaned up, to figuring out how to get the trees to Alden Lane on Friday afternoon, to doublechecking that our trees are infestation free. But even though it gets a little frantic, I always remind myself, that the reason we do this, is to show off our trees, and to encourage others to get involved, or just admire the beauty that we see every day. I think that everyone should be proud of what they are doing and their trees and I hope that everyone shows at least one of their trees. No matter what level it's at in it's journey to becoming a masterpiece. I hope to see you all at the show.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Hello all, I am back from my trip to Belgium and am working on the coordination of the show. There is a lot to do and we ask that you cooperate and follow instructions to avoid unnecessary chaos the day of. I will be sending separate e-mails so please make sure to check your inbox on a regular basis. As a reminder, if you have not done so already, we need your list of trees!!!! I will be sending a schedule for those of you who volunteered to man the event.

On another note, here are a couple pictures of big Bonsai at fabulous renowned animal park and botanical garden "Pari Daiza"



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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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