

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MAY 2024

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?



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' 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

50 weeks.

MEETINGS

The club meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome!

NEWSLETTER, EMAIL LIST AND WEBSITE

We maintain an e-mail distribution list of our members to release announcements and send out the monthly 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

At the May meeting, we talked about our upcoming show, the need to spray and inspect the trees for pests and the need for tidy wiring. In addition, we reminded everyone to make sure that the pots are clean and free of weeds and mineral buildup. I saw some amazing trees during this meeting and cannot wait to see them displayed in June.



JUNE SHOW BY EVERYONE

Its show time! Please bring your trees on Friday afternoon between 2 and 5, so I have time to arrange everything. As we have mentioned, doublecheck your trees for pests and make sure they are presentable. If you are unable to drop your tree off on Friday, please arrange for someone to bring them. Also a reminder that the show lasts until 4:00 on Sunday, so if you cannot wait until that time again, make sure to have someone that can claim your tree after the show is over. If you have not already done so, please provide Bea and I the list of trees you are thinking of putting into the show, so we can make sure I have the tree label made.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Valley Bonsai Society 15th Annual Bonsai Show

Bonsai demonstration will be held at 1PM on both days. The finished tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. Bonsai pots, soil, etc. available for purchase. Admission is free. Jun 15, 2024, 10:00 AM – Jun 16, 2024, 4:00 PM

Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Ln, Livermore, CA 94550, USA

Marin Bonsai Club Show

The Marin Bonsai Club returns to the County Fair with our first show since 2020. Come check us out in the Exhibit Hall for a fantastic formal display.

Time & Location: Jul 03, 2024, 11:00 AM – Jul 07, 2024, 9:00 PM

Marin County Fair, 10 Ave of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

It's showtime! But I am not going to hammer home anymore comments about cleaning your pots, or tidy wiring, or all of the stuff I've been nagging you about for the last several months; instead, this time I am going to talk about that now is a great time to de-candle your black pines (late May, early June) – if you have them, and also to remind you that with the hot weather, to be extra diligent about the moisture levels in your soil and with heat and wind, it'll crip up your maples in an instant. So be aware of where your trees are and what they are telling you, regarding their health and wellbeing. Also, a reminder that even though you own an evergreen tree, to expect that there will be yellowing and some minor "die-off" of old leaves and needles. Stay on top of your fertilizing and weed control, and keep your eye out for aphids, white flies, squirrels and spider mites to name a few of the many pests you might encounter. I look forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks at our show and take care of those little trees in this hot spring we are having. See you all at our show!

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA



Just wanted to mention that Brussels Bonsai is having a tool sale during the month of June. This might be the opportunity, you were waiting for to buy that special tool.

Here is the link:

https://brusselsbonsai.com/bonsai-tools/?utm_campaign=06.03.24%20-%20June%20Tool%20Sale%20-%20Just%20in%20time%20for%20Father%27s%20Day%20%2801HZ2VW6F07MQRSM68GBBNEP71%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=House%20List&kx=w5I-HYAYgEmI0tQUJg1rr6lqe95dd64kvgdl3kKKzhl.NZ49P4

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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The nursery has evergreen, 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 wherever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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