

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JULY 2011

*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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## ABOUT US



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 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

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 Bea Bauerly [bb1727@att.com](mailto:bb1727@att.com) Or visit our website at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who shares an interest in this fascinating art of Bonsai. The annual dues are \$30 a year for an individual or \$40 for couples. If you 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 [bb1727@att.com](mailto:bb1727@att.com)

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

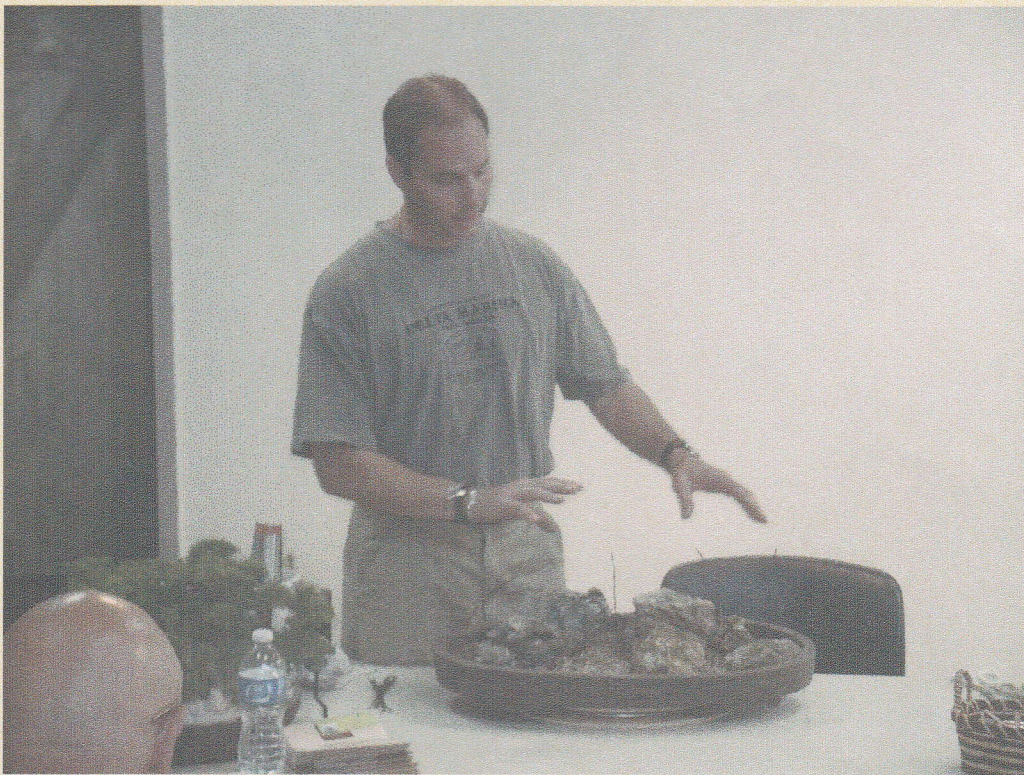
The Valley Bonsai Society has some positions on the board that are vacant. Please see below in our Contacts section If you have any desire to lend a hand and help our tiny club to grow. Then please feel free to volunteer for some of the open positions



## JUNE SHOW RECAP



Our 3rd annual show was a great success! We had a lot of beautiful trees. Even though we had some slow times, both days were well attended. On Saturday, our feature demo was a Seikai (landscape planting) by John McDonald.



Yes this is all going to fit





**Happy winner with finished tree**

Congratulations to one of our members, Dave C who won the raffle on Saturday

On Sunday, Sam Adina styled up a Juniper – actually 2 since he had the time







**Before**

**After**

The transformation from a nursery plant to a styled tree can be amazing to watch.

There was a lot of interest on both days from potential new members.

I want to thank all of you that showed up to help and those that showed their trees, and especially want to thank Alden Lane for supporting us.

Looking forward to next year's show

### **COMING UP IN JULY**

- Wiring Techniques
- workshop (bring a tree to work on)
- Auction (bring your cash or checkbook)

### **BABBLING OF A BONSAI NUT**

As you might have noticed, we are going through a hot time right now. July and August are dangerous times if you do not stay on top of your watering, and if it is windy (which in Livermore seems to be every afternoon) it is especially crucial that you monitor the moisture in your pots. It also will not hurt to submerge your trees into a bucket of water about once a month. If you are planning on doing all of your trees at once, be sure to put a little fungicide and insecticide into the water prior to submerging so you do not transfer any pests or diseases between trees. And keep up with your fertilizing.

Also this is the time of the year for nuts and fruit to be ripening, so beware of squirrels (and dogs) burying nuts and fruit (and bones) in your pots – so if you find the soil disturbed or your plants (like mine) completely uprooted and on the deck, be sure to rock in the soil or alternately sprinkle pepper or cinnamon powder to repel these blasphemous invaders.



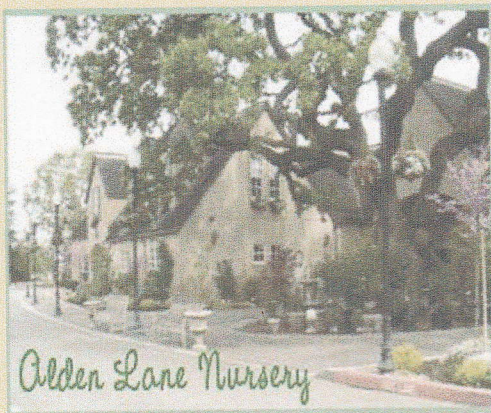
## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – **Art Under the Oaks** – Alden Lane Nursery; This popular and long-running event showcases artwork from local artists who display and sell their work with local vintners showing off their wines and live music fills the air.

August 16<sup>th</sup> - **Marin Bonsai Club: Annual Auction:** Ross, California Marin Art and Garden Center, Livermore Room, 50 Sir Frances Drake Blvd. Viewing at 7PM and auction starts at 7:30PM. Specimen bonsai, pre- bonsai and everything in between, along with pots and other bonsai related items will be auctioned. For more information please contact Craig Thompson, 415-472-6685 or [craigethompson@hotmail.com](mailto:craigethompson@hotmail.com)

August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> - **Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 28th Annual Show** at **Santa Rosa, California** the Veteran's building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Hours are Saturday from 10AM-5PM and Sunday from 10AM-4PM. There will be 200 trees on display, a large vendor area, a members sales room, a demonstration by Kathy Shaner at 1:30PM each day and a benefit drawing and silent auction. Admission and parking are free. Contact Bob Shimon at [shimon@mcn.org](mailto:shimon@mcn.org) or 707-884-4126 for additional information

## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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Thanks to Alden Lane for allowing us to meet at the nursery as we start up. Alden Lane Nursery has evergreen and blooming trained Bonsai specimens in many sizes for indoor 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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