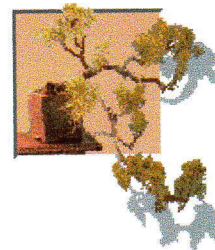




VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

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What Is The Valley Bonsai Society?

We are a group of folks who share a common interest in this ancient oriental horticultural art form. It is our goal is to encourage and equip each other as we share our common interest and enjoyment of Bonsai and to encourage others to explore this art form. We have a diverse range of experience and interest. Many of us started exploring their interest level by taking one or more of the classes Charles teaches thru Alden Lane, some have had a plant they received as a gift and some had been struggling along on their own. We even have some people with extensive collections and trees they have trained for as long as 50 years. We also have people who are still trying to get a tree to survive 50 weeks. It doesn't matter. So join us and explore and grow your interest to the extent you desire. All are welcome. We are all learning together!

Meetings

We meet the third Saturday of each month at 1pm. Currently we meet at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. See the last page of the newsletter for Alden Lane Info. Our next meeting is August 15.

Newsletter, Email List & Website

An email list is maintained to release announcements and send out an electronic newsletter. Please send an email request to be added (or removed) to this list to Bill Boehner per the contact information at the end of the newsletter. We have a website! It's just getting going but it's looking good. Thank you Neema Kopole for your hard work. Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com

Membership

Membership is not required, but if you have been visiting with us for a while we do ask you to consider supporting the society by paying annual dues of \$30 a year (\$40 for couples) or \$5 a meeting. Celeste and Bob Wilson are always happy to receive your dues. If you have any questions regarding membership please contact Bob Wyckoff. Their contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

Bonsai Show – June 6th & 7th

In June we held our first Bonsai Show as part of a larger show at Alden Lane which included Bonsai, Koi, Carnivorous Plants, Cacti & Succulents, Orchids and pottery. It was a great success and exceeded expectations for our young Bonsai Club's first show. Displaying tree's from our own members, along with contributions from Josh and other Alden Lane staff, we filled the room with displays. In addition to the tree's on display, we had door prize drawings, a demonstration on Saturday by Sam Medina of the Modesto Bonsai Society and Blue Oak Nursery, and on Sunday by our own Charles Harder. A raffle was held after each demonstration of to raffle off the demonstration trees. We also received several new members and mailing list additions. The support from Alden Lane was exceptional and certainly a key to our success along with the trees and volunteers from our members. Thank you everyone.

Bonsai Show (cont'd)



Plenty of Trees Were on Display



Welcoming Table



Door Prize Drawing Winner – A Starter
Tree and Pot



Big Thoughts.....Small Tree



An old friend of Charles provided
security



Larry and Bea Hustle to Keep up With
Raffle Ticket Sales.

Bonsai Show – Sam Medina Workshop



The Most Coveted Tree at the Show
Won By Neema!

Bonsai Show – Charles Harder Workshop



Lucky Raffle Winner and Her Prize!

July 18th Field Trip

For our July 18th meeting we met at Lowe's Home Improvement for a field trip to Modesto to Blue Oak Nursery, a Bonsai Nursery and the home of the Modesto Bonsai Society. Rumor has it that some members also took an unplanned tour of the back roads of Ceres. But officially we were never lost. While the demonstration at the meeting was cancelled, our folks didn't lose any time exploring the nursery as they fought to control to urge to purchase just one more tree....or maybe two! The selection was extensive, from styled trees to basic stock and the prices right. Triple digit temperatures didn't deter us and after a couple of hours we had filled the back of Larry's truck with tree's and headed off for some local BBQ and the ride home. It was a great outing!



The Modesto Club meets in a tent at the Nursery with lots of tables for people to work on their trees



A man, his dog and his trees, life's good!



Hey, I don't have one of those

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our own Mike Brosius, whose trees won several awards at this year's Alameda County Fair. Valley Bonsai Society, home of award winning Bonsai stylists!

Speaking of the Fair

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the 2009 Alameda County Fair to not only support the Fair, but to raise money for the club.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Saturday, August 15th at 1pm at Alden Lane as usual. There is a brief demonstration in the works and an opportunity for you to bring a tree to work on, brag on or get some help on. If Neema's back we can see if the "Most Coveted Tree" is still alive.

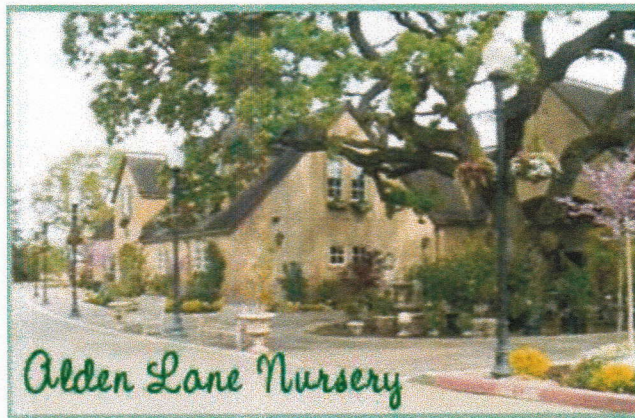
Thank You Bea

A big thank you to Bea Bauerly, our secretary, who drafted our bylaws. Bea also did all the research into what is required to incorporate as a non profit and get us well on our way to being "legit". Thanks Bea!

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE

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 our Bonsai experts help you design your own Bonsai masterpiece from our selection of Bonsai pots and starter plants. We 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 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. More importantly don't forget to say THANK YOU for their incredible support!



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