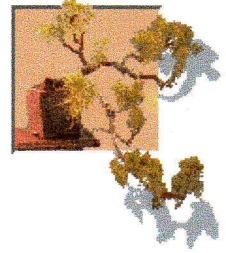




## VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

[www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

Newsletter vol 7: August 29, 2009



### 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 September 19th.

### 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 Koppole for your hard work. Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://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.

### Thank You County Fair Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who served as a volunteer at the 2009 Alameda County Fair. The work you did at the Fair generated a \$124 donation to our club which will help greatly. The Fair did a great job taking care of the volunteers from orientation to providing free passes for a return trip to the fair. The good news is not only are they looking at using volunteers again for next years Fair, but possibly for other events as well.

Great Job!!!



## August 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our August meeting was packed! Thank you Alden Lane for rushing in more chairs. Martin did a demonstration on rooting cuttings. Showing both powdered and liquid rooting hormone, Martin showed us how quickly we can build up our bonsai stock by taking cuttings and rooting them in perlite. As a bonus Martin brought some Serrisa plants he had rooted from cuttings last year for people to take home.



With the large turnout and many first time attendees, Charles also did an impromptu talk on some Bonsai basics, from watering, feeding, soil, basic design, etc. Thanks to both Martin and Charles! As always some people worked on their trees. Neema is back from vacation so we had an opportunity to see if the tree she won in the raffle at the Bonsai show is still alive. As you can see it is alive and well. I am still jealous!





## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE

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 indoors and outdoor gardens. Stop in and let one of their Bonsai experts help you design your own Bonsai masterpiece from their 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 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!



**Alden Lane Nursery**  
981 Alden Lane  
Livermore, CA 94550  
(925) 447-0280  
[www.aldenlane.com](http://www.aldenlane.com)

### Valley Bonsai Society Officers & Contacts

<b>President:</b>	<b>Charles Harder</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Larry Levin</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Bea Bauerly</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Currently Open</b>
<b>Membership:</b>	<b>Bob Wyckoff</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	
<b>&amp; Plant Tagger:</b>	<b>Larry Levin</b>
<b>Newsletter:</b>	<b>Bill Boehner</b>
<b>Website</b>	<b>Neema Kopple</b>

***bonsainut@comcast.net***  
***lvnlvm@comcast.net***  
***bb1727@att.com***

***california\_bonsai@yahoo.com***

***lvnlvm@comcast.net***  
***myallforjc@gmail.com***  
***nkoppole@hotmail.com***

If you need to contact any of the above please make sure you reference Valley Bonsai Society in the subject line!