

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

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

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

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NOVEMBER MEETING

At our November meeting, we talked about how to choose the right pot. Though a tree might fit in a certain pot; it may not be the correct one based on the style of tree you are putting into it. We had fun moving a small tree from pot to pot with different shapes, types and colors to illustrate some of the differences. In some cases, the difference was very subtle, but in the end, we all determined that only one pot fit the tree to best compliment it.



DECEMBER MEETING

Happy Holidays! We did not have a meeting this month due to the Holidays and family commitment. Normally we would have gotten together for a lunch instead of our usual meeting. However, since the restaurant we had selected was opening their door just for our club, we decided to cancel due to lack of interest. I wish you all a very merry holiday and a safe and prosperous new year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18 - 19, 2020 Oakland, California

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 39th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday 5 – 9 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM. Light dinner at 5:30 PM Saturday followed by a bonsai demonstration by Peter Tea from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Benefit drawing of demo tree. Winning ticket must be present. Sale of plants, bonsai, and other bonsai related items both days. Admission is free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during the park hours. For more information, please contact Janice Dilbeck at janicedilbeck@comcast.net.

February 15 and 16, 2020 Oakland, California

Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. You are invited to the biggest auction and sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, books, stands, art, and jewelry. It is a giant fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Saturday auction preview starts at Noon with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., vendors, plant sale, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas, at gwhaas@comcast.net or visit web site bonsailakemerritt.com.

SENPAI CORNER

Winter is coming on slow this year! We are finally getting some much-needed rain, and as I keep saying, even though it is raining, that does not mean you do not have to water. Check the moisture in your pots to make sure they are getting the water they need. But also, check to ensure that there is no standing water from leaves or other reasons. You can always put a stone or some other object under one side to allow water to drain off. The frost is also coming soon. I know my thermometer is getting close to freezing temperature in the mornings (Brrr), so cover your citrus and other tropical or deciduous plants, or bring them close to your house to gain from some beneficial radiant heat. And as counterintuitive as it may seem, make sure to water your trees if you are expecting a hard frost, the extra water will actually help your trees (provided of course you do not have standing water... but then we're back to my earlier comment). Happy holidays and we will see you next year in January.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Just a reminder that the yearly membership dues will be due in January.

Also, we are now on Facebook and Instagram. Thanks Gerardo for setting this up.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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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