

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2020 – THE SHELTER IN PLACE VERSION...

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 usually meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome! However, with current situation, we are now meeting on Zoom. Invites will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our November meeting was relatively short, with only a handful of people “Zooming” in. Despite the fact that it was a quick questions and answers session with well wishes for the coming holidays, we all had a great time.

DECEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

December will also be a Zoom meeting. Because of the limitations of my laptop camera, we will use this meeting as a show-n-tell, general questions and answers session and a great opportunity to see our fellow bonsai friends.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

December is a quiet time for our trees. This is the time that we spend sharpening our tools (if you haven't been doing that already through the year) and a perfect time to evaluate our trees after the leaves have fallen off, so we can identify what needs trimming. I would also encourage you to stock up on wire, look for new pots, or read that bonsai book you've been meaning to get to all year. Stay safe and stay sane.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

As Charles mentioned, this is maintenance time for your tools and assessment time for your trees. Remember to dip your tools in alcohol to get rid on any bacteria or fungus. Use some steel wool to make them shiny.

This is also the time of year when I remind everybody to pay the dues. However, this year, because of the Pandemic and the fact that we have not been able to meet in person, we feel that our members have not benefitting of the full extent of their membership. So, until we can resume our meetings at Alden Lane, **we will not be charging membership fees for 2021.**



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 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.

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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. Don't forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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