

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2022

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. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/Valley_Bonsai_Society

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

For the November meeting, I had other obligations that came up last minute. I was unable to hold the planned demonstration, but Dave and Bea came to the rescue.





DECEMBER LUNCH BY CHARLES

Our December meeting will be a luncheon that Bea is organizing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bay Area Bonsai Associates Show

Jan 14, 2023, 4:00 PM – Jan 15, 2023, 4:00 PM

Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue, Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA

Saturday, January 14th (open 4pm-9pm) Special Presentation Saturday at 6:30pm with: Daisaku Nomoto (Japan) and Jonas Dupuich (USA) Light snack & beverages Sunday, January 15th 11 am - 4pm Free admission to 40+ high quality Bonsai for your viewing pleasure!

Annual Mammoth Auction & Sale 2023

Feb 18, 2023, 12:00 PM – Feb 19, 2023, 3:00 PM

Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Now that the leaves have fallen off or falling off your deciduous trees, it is the perfect time to look at the branch structure. Look for any upper branches that are larger than the lower branches, and ask yourself if you should remove the upper branch or, possibly the smaller lower branch.

As I have shown you in the past, use your hand or a piece of paper to visually hide either branch, and determine if the structure appears better. If both branches are needed for the overall shape, then perhaps the solution would be to cut the larger upper branch back hard to the first or second (secondary) branches, and let the lower branch grow un-touched for a season or two, which should allow it to thicken up. The tree might look a little strange for a couple of years, but ultimately it will improve the overall shape. Sometimes, it takes a few awkward years to make a truly stunning tree.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Just a reminder that we will not have a meeting in December. Instead, we will have our annual Christmas celebration. Thank you all who responded. We will see the rest of you in January. Happy Holidays to all.

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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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