

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

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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' 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

We maintain an e-mail distribution list of our members to release announcements and send out the monthly 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

We spent our November meeting getting input from the members on subject of interest to cover next year. There were many great suggestions, but if you were not able to attend, do not hesitate to send me an email or hit me up at our lunch in December with your ideas. The second part of the meeting was a workshop.



DECEMBER LUNCHEON BY BEA

As in prior years, our December meeting is replaced by our Christmas lunch. This year it will be at Lemon Grass.(invitation was sent to all in a separate e-mail). Unfortunately, the owner of Hanabishi had an emergency and he will not be reopening the restaurant until next year. We wish him good health and a quick recovery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Any remaining shows for this year are in Southern California – if you plan to be in the area, check out the GSBF website for details.

The Mammoth Auction and Sale

All proceeds support the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Live auction on Saturday with preview at 12pm and auction at 1pm Vendors on Sunday, February 9am - 3pm. Bargain sales 10am - 3pm. Feb 18, 2024, 9:00 AM – Feb 19, 2024, 3:00 PM
Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

December and January are slow months for our trees. It is probably a good thing with the end of the year and holidays distracting us, and occupying our attention in other areas.

There are a few things that can be done if you are inclined (or desperate) to work on a tree:

- **Maples and other deciduous trees** can benefit from some light pruning after the leaves drop. I would avoid flowering/fruit tree trimming, unless you are not concerned with getting flowers or fruit next season. Focus on balancing the tree, reduce strong growing branches, and leave the weaker ones to develop. These can be pruned later once they are stronger.
- **Junipers** are another candidate for getting some minor pruning. Keep in mind that any wiring that is done will not really be effective until next spring, since the branches are likely already hardened off for winter dormancy.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA



Just a reminder that the venue for our Christmas lunch has changed to Lemon Grass. Thank you to those who have already responded to the invitation, for the others, I need to know by this coming Friday.

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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 where ever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Don't forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The 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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