

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2025

*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?



50 weeks.

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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)).

We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com). Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/Valley\\_Bonsai\\_Society](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 would 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](mailto:BelgianBea@yahoo.com)

## NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

The November meeting was a good discussion on year-end work, and a few last minute potting and clean up.







## DECEMBER LUNCH BY BEA

Our December meeting is replaced with our annual Christmas lunch. Just a reminder that I need your RSVP by Dec 13<sup>th</sup> coming or not so that I may finalize the reservation at the restaurant. Some of you have already responded, but I am still waiting to hear from others.



### *Merry Christmas from the Valley Bonsai Society!*

*You are invited to join us for lunch at 13:00 O'clock on December 20th at Lemon Grass located at 2216 First Street, Livermore.*

*\$25.00 per person for the food and the club will pick up cost of soft drink, tea, coffee, tax and tip.*

*Spouses and significant others are welcome!*

#### *Menu*

*You can order a dish of your liking from the menu.*

#### *Directions:*

*From 580 (Dublin/Pleasanton) - take North Livermore Ave exit, cross Portola, cross Railroad, North Livermore becomes South Livermore Ave. Make a right on First Street. Lemon Grass will be located on your right after the fountain.*

*From 680 (Fremont) - take 84/Isabel exit. Make a right on Jack London, right on Murietta, left on Railroad, right on North Livermore. Remaining directions same as 580.*

*There is a multi-level parking at the end of Railroad behind the Bankhead Theater for ease of parking.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bay Area Bonsai Associates 42nd Annual Show January 17 and 18

Jan 17, 2026, 5:30 PM – Jan 18, 2026, 4:00 PM

Garden Center at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA

Exhibit of fine bonsai, plant sales, raffle, food, and beverages. Free admission. Light dinner Saturday followed by 7pm presentation by Japanese-trained bonsai artist Adam Toth. \$5 parking until 6 pm. Hours: Sat 5:30 - 9:00 pm. Sun 10-4. Questions Ron at 925-997-4446 or [ronreid221@gmail.com](mailto:ronreid221@gmail.com).

## SENPai CORNER BY CHARLES

We are slowly walking into winter and before we realize it, Christmas and New Year will be upon us. This is our quiet time! A time to clean and sharpen our tools, hunt down that perfect pot and observe our trees while they rest. As always make sure to stay on top of watering, even when (or if) it is raining. Use this time to catch up on your reading, watch that video, or plan the progression of your tree. Draw a sketch or even take a photo, and with any editing program "white out" or digitally trim the tree, before making that all important cut. Stay warm, be safe, and enjoy the quiet time with family, friends and your trees.

## ELECTIONS

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

## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The nursery has evergreen, 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 wherever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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