# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

# OCTOBER 2015

# 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.

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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 50 weeks.

## 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! It's just getting going but it's looking good. Thank you Bea Bauerly for keeping it going and up to date. 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. 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 (<u>bb1727@att.com</u>)

# **OCTOBER MEETING**





The October meeting was a workshop where people brought their trees for guidance and to work on. It is good to see the progression of some of these trees. I remember some of these when they were just getting started.

# NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be at the normal meeting time of 2:00 P.M on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Alden Lane. Now is a good time to re-pot and refine any styling prior to the fall season. We will be discussing styling and I will try to provide guidance for finding the tree within.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5: Fresno Ca 8<sup>th</sup> annual bonsai yard sale 8A.M. To 3 P.M. At 736 West Browning Ave.

#### SENPAI CORNER

November is here! Continue your fertilizing until mid to late November and as always stay on top of the watering, as a windy day can be as bad for your trees as a hot day.

You should also spend some time to closely inspect any wiring that you have on your trees as we will get a small growth period during this fall season. You can always cut the wiring off and give your tree a break until next spring.

#### **ELECTIONS**

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

#### TIDBITS

We will <u>not have</u> a meeting in December as it is normally replaced by our annual Holiday party. However, this year, the party will be <u>on the 2<sup>nd</sup></u>

Saturday (Dec 12) at Uncle Yu's in Livermore at 12:00.

69S Livermore Ave, Livermore

As always I have requested a "prix fix" menu.

I will need all RSVP NLT Dec 5. After that day, we can add but we can no longer reduce as we will be on the hook for the numbers of attendees provided.

## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



981 Alden Lane Livermore, CA 94550 (925) 447-0280 www.aldenlane.com 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!

#### SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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