

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'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

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 (bb1727@att.com)

OCTOBER MEETING

At our October meeting, we discussed the techniques of creating a phoenix

graft, or Tanuki. (implying deception or cheat). This is a unique way of creating a tree with some size and age without the need to find a large specimen or yamadori.(tree collected from nature). This process is frowned upon by most traditionalists, but is starting to be accepted by the community at large.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be a workshop. This is probably about the last little bit of work you should be doing with your trees before they settle down for winter. By the end of the month, you should be complete with any repotting, trimming and cleanup. Keep an eye on your trees over the winter months, make sure to keep the leaf debris cleaned up, and pay attention to your moisture levels in your pots. Even though it is raining, it does not always mean your trees are getting the water they need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2, 2017 Clovis, California

Fresno Bonsai Society: Tenth Annual Bonsai Yard Sale at the Clovis Botanical Garden, 945 North Clovis Ave. Fun starts at 8 AM and ends at 2 PM. Everything bonsai for sale: pre-bonsai, finished trees, pots new and used, books, soil, stands, accent plants, suiseki and more. Everyone is welcome to buy, sell or trade bonsai related items. Small-town bargain prices. Coffee, donuts, free admission, lots of parking; join old friends for this annual ritual and come early for the best selection. For more information, contact David Soho at sohofive@yahoo.com .

February 17 – 18, 2018 Oakland, California

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: The Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fund Raiser will be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt. Saturday: Auction preview at Noon with Auction starting at 1 PM. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 AM; Plant Sales start at 10 AM; Demonstrations start at 1 PM. Everyone is encouraged to submit their bonsai and bonsai related items for consideration to be included in the Mammoth Auction at the earliest date possible. The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt will be open that weekend 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday. Please visit the Garden and observe the many installments under the Garden Revitalization Opportunity (GRO) project. For more information or to sell bonsai, email bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com and visit <http://gsbf-lakemerritt.org>.

SENPAI CORNER

As we are heading into winter, the amount of activity needed for your trees is reduced. So now is the perfect time to study your trees for how they should be styled and refined. What bends or cuts need to be made, is it positioned in the pot correctly, or is it even the right pot? Also, now is a good time to sharpen your tools, if you have not kept up with it. Another fun activity is to go rock hunting, either during an afternoon stroll down a creek path, or digging through bins at a fish supply store. (just be careful not to select coral as the

salts contained within would kill most trees) but they usually have nice selections of lava, or pumice. Another great place to look are the various landscaping/rock yards as they have other types of interesting stones beside volcanic. These stones can be used for root over rock plantings, root in rock plantings, seikai (miniature landscapes) or even just a nice addition or offset to your tree.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Our December meeting is usually replaced by our Christmas lunch. So December 16 will be our Christmas lunch. All are invited including significant others. This year we will change venue to a Japanese restaurant. We try to limit the cost to \$25 a head. A formal invitation will be send soon with all the details.

Also, time to think about renewing your membership, which is due January 1st. \$30 for individual and \$40 for couple.

THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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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!

SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.