

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 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 (bb1727@att.com)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting was a general workshop. Several people brought trees to work on. I just wanted to comment that your trees are looking fantastic, and there is great potential. I am excited to see everyone's trees at our June show in 2019.

OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting will be a General discussion, Q&A and general workshop. This is a good opportunity to work on that tree you've been wanting to spend some time on. Also, if you have any questions, need advice, or just want to show off, we hope that you can attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13 - 14, 2018 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: 57th Annual Show will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday and 11 AM - 4 PM on Sunday. Jonas Dupuich, will perform demonstrations from 1 - 3:30 PM both days. The show will feature over 50 tree varieties and will also feature a plant sale and raffle. Additional event information can be found at info@eastbaybonsai.org

October 24 - 28, 2018 Sacramento, California

Golden State Bonsai Federation: Convention 41 "Creativity taking Flight" held at the McClellan Conference Center. Registration begins July 1st online at <http://www.gsbfcconvention.org> for Convention, Workshops, Seminars, Excursions, etc. GSBF recommended lodging is Lion's Gate Hotel at McClellan Park. This year's headliners are Yasuo Mitsuya, Suthin Sukosolvisit, and Bjorn Bjorholm. Please join GSBF and Yasuo Mitsuya's esteemed students in honoring Mitsuya-san for his influence on bonsai in the modern era. Hosting Yasuo Mitsuya's visit are: Kathy Shaner, Hideko Metaxas, Boon Manakitivipart, Kenji Miyata, Cheryl Manning, David DeGroot, Gordon Deeg.

November 9, .2018 San Francisco, CA

Bonsai Society of San Francisco (BSSF): BSSF invites you to join in this demonstration 7 – 10 PM by (Japan trained) Bjorn Bjorholm at the Hall of Flowers (A.K.A: Strybing Arboretum, the County Fair Building or San Francisco Botanical Garden Society), 10th Avenue and Lincoln Way, on the edge of Golden Gate Park. Enter through the parking lot off Lincoln and walk along the south side of the building. Demo tree will be raffled.

SENPAI CORNER

This is a great time to consider repotting before we head into fall and winter. By repotting at this time, we are taking advantage of the several warm days we will see this month; this allows time for the trees to settle into their pots before winter. Then when spring arrives, the tree will spend its energy with

growing, instead of splitting it between growing and settling into its pot. I would also recommend shifting to a high nitrogen fertilizer for these last couple of weeks before we stop fertilizing for the winter.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Christmas is fast approaching, which means we need to settle on where we want to celebrate this year. Please let me have your input on a nice restaurant. Last year, we celebrated at Hanabishi – the food was delicious.

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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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