

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

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OCTOBER MEETING

During our October meeting, we talked about winterizing your trees. Making sure that the leaves and other debris are cleaned out, to reduce the chances of pests, molds and diseases. We also talked about weeding, the last fertilizing needed for winter and, though it seems counter-intuitive, the need to water right before a freeze. We discussed moving or covering any citrus or tropical plants like bougainvillea.

NOVEMBER MEETING

At the November meeting, we will be discussing how to choose the right pot for your tree. Most any pot will work, however, there are some considerations when selecting a pot that compliments your bonsai. As usual, the remaining portion of the meeting will be for working on your trees, asking questions or just socializing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18 - 19, 2020 Oakland, California

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 39th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday 5 – 9 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM. Light dinner at 5:30 PM Saturday followed by a bonsai demonstration by Peter Tea from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Benefit drawing of demo tree. Winning ticket must be present. Sale of plants, bonsai, and other bonsai related items both days. Admission is free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during the park hours. For more information, please contact Janice Dilbeck at janicedilbeck@comcast.net.

February 15 and 16, 2020 Oakland, California

Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. You are invited to the biggest auction and sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, books, stands, art, and jewelry. It is a giant fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Saturday auction preview starts at Noon with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., vendors, plant sale, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas, at gwhaas@comcast.net or visit web site bonsailakemerritt.com.

SENPAI CORNER

With the holiday(s) coming up, sometimes it might seem like a wonderful idea to gift friends or family with a bonsai tree. While to you and I that would be a fantastic idea, for someone that does not share the interest, it might be handing them a responsibility they may not want. So, if you choose to present someone with one of your treasures, or even something that you styled recently with “them” in mind. May I suggest to include a care sheet, and a gift

certificate or a promise to stop by on a periodic basis to assist with trimming and styling. (kind of sound like the voice of experience?)

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

Holidays are fast approaching. Once again, I will be planning the Holiday lunch. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

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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