

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2020 – THE SHELTER IN PLACE VERSION...

*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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## 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'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 usually meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome! However, due to the current pandemic, our meetings are via "Zoom".

## 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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)). We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://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 [BelgianBea@yahoo.com](mailto:BelgianBea@yahoo.com)

## OCTOBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our October meeting was an interesting and fun experiment with combining an in-person meeting and an on-line Zoom meeting. A couple members showed up at my back yard to get a little “in person” help. I think that it went well, but getting close-ups of branches on my laptop camera didn’t seem to work well, but we tried. We also had a bit of “show-n-tell” with people showing off some of the trees they’ve been working on.



Here is a trimmed branch that we discussed at the meeting, prior to wiring.

## NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

November will also be a Zoom meeting, and depending on the weather, I may also invite people to meet at my house again. Because of the limitations of my laptop camera, we will use this meeting as a show-n-tell, general question and answer session and workshop.

## SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

So, the bonsai season is coming to a close – what a weird and wonderful time it’s been this year. Near the end of November, stop your fertilizing program. The trees will slow down their uptake of any nutrients during the winter months, adding anything during this time will not provide much benefit, so you will just be effectively wasting the fertilizer. Once you see bud swell next year begin again. Finish your final pruning and wiring also by mid-November, and then take some time off and enjoy the upcoming holidays (or as much as you can with social distancing and family bubbles and or whatever other buzzword you want to use) Stay safe and stay sane.

## ELECTIONS

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Marin Bonsai Club Club Fundraising Sale

The Marin Bonsai Club is hosting an outdoors bonsai fundraising sale at the Terra Linda Community Center, 670 Del Ganado Road, San Rafael. We would like to extend an invitation to the entire bonsai community within the greater San Francisco/Bay Area.

Date/Time: Saturday, November 7, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be on sale pre-bonsai, bonsai, pots galore, and more. We accept checks and cash only.

To keep everyone safe, masks are required and we will be following 6-foot social distancing protocols.

Join us for your shopping needs and help our club to raise funds for its educational programs in 2021.

See our club web site for further details <http://marinbonsai.org/>

**UPDATE:** Matthew Walker will be our pro vendor for the sale event selling trees, wire, soil, and pots.



## TIDBITS BY BEA

With only 8 weeks to Christmas, this is the time of year when I usually plan our Club's Christmas lunch. However due to the Pandemic and the many ways it continues to affect us, I am sorry to say that I will not be planning one this year. Hopefully, next year, we will have most of this behind us and we will be able to resume our regular life. Since our Christmas lunch replaces our regular meeting, this year we will have a meeting in December.

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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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