

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

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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

OCTOBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our October meeting was all about repotting. Several people brought trees that went nicely into new pots. A little trimming here and there and voila, they are ready to settle in for fall and winter.

NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

For our November meeting, we will revisit wiring, techniques and tips. Wiring is critical for shaping the branches of our trees, and for positioning them according to your design. Good wiring and placement will be beneficial to a successful shape and style. I will also be bringing soil for those who might need some. I hope to see you all there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19 and 20, 2022 Oakland, California

Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, 2022 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, and related material. A Mammoth fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Saturday auction preview starts at 12:00 p.m. with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., large showing of vendors, plant sales, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or stay tuned to [BGLM Website](#).

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

November is here which means that the holidays season is just around the corner. I know that I have a lot to be thankful for, even with the pandemic! (who would have believed we would experience something like this – it almost feels like we're in a science fiction movie). However my trees are flourishing – remember the plum from last newsletter?

I am looking forward to making thanksgiving dinner for my mom and I am desperately trying to figure out what to get the wife for her birthday and Christmas. Besides that, life is good – even if a little crazy. Count your blessings and I hope everyone has a very happy Thanksgiving. Oh, I almost forgot a little bonsai wisdom; I would continue with a low balanced fertilizer until about Thanksgiving Day, then hold off until probably mid-February – or bud swell, whichever comes first.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

October 2nd and 3rd was the 28th Annual Fall Rose Show at Alden Lane. Every year, members of the Mt. Diablo Rose Society delight us with their choice of roses. I spent some time at the show with one of our members who is also a member of the Mt. Diablo Rose Society, Jan Hayward. Jan got a few awards this year for her beautiful roses:

- Best one stem climber – Class 500



- Best single miniature bloom – Class 420



- Best OGR Introduced 1867 and After – Class 900



And here are some more samples of the many beauties displayed at the show:



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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 wherever 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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