

# 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?



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 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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)).

We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com). Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/Valley\\_Bonsai\\_Society](https://www.instagram.com/Valley_Bonsai_Society)

## 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 would 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

The October meeting was well attended – we talked about repotting trees in the fall. Several members repotted their trees and other trimmed theirs to get them ready for the winter.







## NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

The subject of our November meeting will be all about tree structure. We will focus on features that make up a great tree, and also how to plan for the future development when looking at your tree. Remember me telling you “in a couple of years, this will be great!...” that is what I mean. I hope to see you all there.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **14th Annual Fresno Bonsai Society Yard Sale:**

Nov 05, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Clovis, 945 Clovis Ave, Clovis, CA 93611, USA

Bonsai, Pre-Bonsai, Pots, Books, Bonsai Supplies all at Central Valley prices. Vendors are welcome...Contact [Fresnobonsaisociety.com](http://Fresnobonsaisociety.com) to get a table

### **Pacific Bonsai Expo**

Nov 12, 9:00 AM PST – Nov 13, 5:00 PM PST

Oakland, 210 Burma Rd, Oakland, CA 94607, USA

<https://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com/>

A juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors.

## SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

There have been some really great shows and sales the last several weeks, I hope that you were able to attend some. I always find inspiration and a few people I know. I try to look inside the trees, to see how the artist wired a

branch or how he placed the foliage. I can always find something that gives me food for thought. If you do not normally go to shows, I strongly encourage you to attend one within the next couple of months. The Pacific Bonsai Expo will be a judged event, so you should expect to see some outstanding specimens displayed. Finally, because I do have to talk about your trees a little bit; remember, if we ever get rain, just because it is raining out, does not mean that you do not need to water. Check your trees' soil and make sure to clear out any dead leaves and weeds on the soil surface.

## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS BY BEA

The Holidays are fast approaching – less than 9 weeks to Christmas. As always, we are planning a Christmas lunch instead of our usual meeting in December. If there is no objection, it will probably be held at Hanabishi as in prior years. As a reminder, I need to know who is planning to attend, to give the owner of the restaurant the headcount. He usually prepares a buffet style with a wide variety of Japanese food and there is always plenty of food left. As in prior year, the cost will be \$25 a head, which includes soda, coffee or tea.

Please respond if attending or not so that I have a **response from everybody by Nov 12**. Spouses and significant others are always welcome.

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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.

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.

Don't forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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