

# 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.

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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' 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

We maintain an e-mail distribution list of our members to release announcements and send out the monthly 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

We had a good turnout at our October general workshop meeting. There was some repotting, as well as some basic styling. Alan also brought in some Bougainvillea that he donated to the members – thank you Alan.

## NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our November meeting will be a Q&A session as well as a request for upcoming topics for meetings. What do you want me to talk about next year?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All remaining shows this year are in Southern California – if you plan on being in the area, check out the GSBF website for details

## SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Fall has finally arrived and even though we are still seeing 70's during the day, our evenings are starting to get cooler – so please pay attention to the weather guessers when they start to predict low 30's so you can be prepared. Either bring your trees into the house/garage, or move them against the house to take advantage of the radiant heat; although certain species will relish the cold (Pines for example). Think about where your tree normally grows in nature. Is it a mountain or high desert plant? Then it does not mind a couple of cold nights. If it is a meadow tree like a maple or elm, then you should protect it. Anything tropical will definitely need to be in a green house or brought inside for those cold nights.

## ELECTIONS

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

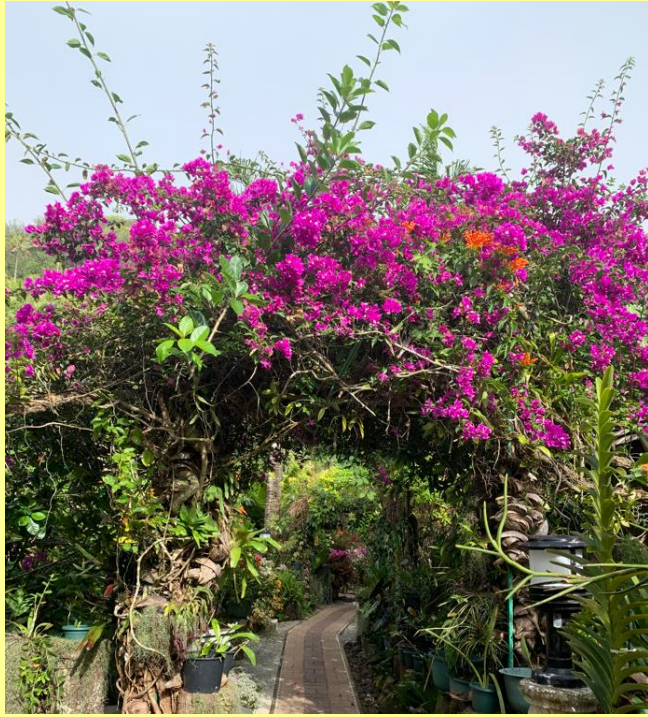
## TIDBITS BY BEA

I am back from my trip to Tahiti and though I did not see any Bonsai, I feasted my eye on the most beautiful and colorful flowers; bougainvillea growing like weeds in every colors and shades, plumeria trees 10ft high in the most gorgeous colors, hibiscus in colors that I only have seen there, orchids growing outdoors everywhere and so much more.

While there, I also visited another island “Rurutu” where people come from all over to see the whales’ migration and swim with them. I was lucky enough to take a picture of a whale breaking the water.

On another subject, I would like to remind everyone that November is our last meeting for the year as December is our annual Christmas lunch. An invitation will soon go out and I hope you will join us again this year.











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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The 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. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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