

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2025

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' 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).

We have a website! Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: 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

OCTOBER MEETING BY CHARLES

The October meeting focused on Fall / Winter prep. It was also an opportunity to do a bit of repotting and styling while there is still a little time.



NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

At the November meeting, we will talk about end of the year activities, tool maintenance and what to look for while our trees are dormant.

UPCOMING EVENTS



FRESNO BONSAI SOCIETY
**FALL SALE
& AUCTION**
TREES, POTS, & MORE

NOVEMBER 15, 2025
10 AM - 4 PM

JOIN US AT
THE CLOVIS SENIOR CENTER
735 3RD STREET, CLOVIS, CA

WWW.FRESNOBONSAISOCIETY.COM

Fresno Bonsai Society Fall Sale and Auction
Nov 15, 2025, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Clovis Senior Center, 735 3rd St, Clovis, CA
93612, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Now is a strange time of year for our trees!

They are beginning to go dormant for the winter, some are dropping leaves which may cause us to panic thinking that perhaps we did something wrong. Other trees are defying our expectations and putting out new leaves or in the case of my Cape Honeysuckle, starting to bloom again! I know, right?



That said, avoid working on trees that are confused!

Anyway, we still have time now to do a little wrap up work on our pine trees and check out the wiring done during springtime. If you have not stopped fertilizing, this month is probably a great time to end it – not that it is “bad for your trees”, it is just that the trees are not really going to use it while they are

dormant, so you will just be wasting it. Winter is also a great time to evaluate our deciduous trees, looking at the branch structure and determine where or what to prune for next year's growth.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Well, it starts to look like Christmas or not! Unbelievable temperatures for this time of year, which I think, is what is causing certain trees to bloom early. The apple tree that I trimmed a couple month ago is blooming , so is my Forsythia and my Camelia



My hibiscuses are looking better now than they did all summer long with lots of buds and blooms.



This year, my garden became a temporary host to this beauty who left this behind.



Cannot wait to see all the little babies' praying mantis come out.

Before I forget, talking about Christmas, just a reminder that our December 20th meeting will be replaced with our **annual Christmas lunch**. An invitation will be sent shortly. As always, significant others are invited. I hope to see many of you there!

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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The nursery has evergreen, 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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