

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2015

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?



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 50 weeks.

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! It's just getting going but it's looking good. Thank you Bea Bauerly for keeping it going and up to date. Visit us at 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. 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 (bb1727@att.com)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thank you to Larry for loaning the tree that we used for the demonstration. We took one of the major branches and put a significant bend, almost back onto itself, all without breaking it. A great amount of trust with a little bit of wincing and it went where we wanted it to go. Sorry for the poor quality of the photos.



OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting, scheduled at of 2:00 P.M on Saturday October 17 at Alden Lane, will be a workshop. This month is a good time to re-pot and refine any styling prior to the fall season. Please bring in your own trees to work on after the discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 17-18 Union City
Yamato Bonsai Exhibition
32975 Alvarado Niles Rd Saturday Noon to 6 and Sunday 10-5
Oct 24-25 Sacramento
Capital City Bonsai Show
3330 McKinley Blvd Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4

SENPAI CORNER

October is here and boy the year seems to be flying by! It seems like it was just a couple of weeks ago that we had our show. With the fall fast approaching, now is the time for any style refining and re-potting if so inclined. Continue your fertilizing until mid to late November and as always stay on top of the watering, as a windy day can be as bad for your trees as a hot day

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

We have two more meetings scheduled this year, October and November...so please make the most of it. December will be reserved for our Annual Holiday Lunch! More to come on that.

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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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