

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2017

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'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

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

At our September meeting, we discussed repotting techniques. We talked

about combing out the roots and working new soil in. If you cannot comb out roots, then one option is to cut out “pie wedges” of root and soil and back filling with bonsai soil then allowing the roots to grow into new soil. After the demonstration, several members worked on transplanting their own trees.

OCTOBER MEETING

In our October meeting, I will cover the technique for developing a phoenix graft. This is basically attaching young live trees, onto weathered wood to give the impression of a much older tree. The Japanese call this Tanuki (implying deception or cheat).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14 - 15, 2017 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: 56th Annual Show will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt.. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday and 11 AM - 4 PM on Sunday. Headliner is bonsai artist, Peter Tea, he will conduct a free styling demonstration on Sunday from 1 - 3:30 PM. The show will feature over 50 tree varieties and ages and will also feature a plant sale and raffle.

October 21 -22, 2017 Union City, California

Yamato Bonsai Kai: 46th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Demonstration, featuring Sensei Johnny Uchida will be held at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. Hours are noon - 6 PM Saturday, and 10 AM – 5 PM Sunday. Demonstration will begin each day at 1:30 PM, with the demo tree raffled as the Grand Prize. The exhibition will feature over 80 trees from veteran and new club members. Benefit raffle immediately after each demo will have dozens of bonsai items and trees each day. Free admission and parking. Large Vendor area and Plant Sales events will be onsite. Visit us at www.yamatobonsai.org for directions and further information.

December 2, 2017 Clovis, California

Fresno Bonsai Society: Tenth Annual Bonsai Yard Sale at the Clovis Botanical Garden, 945 North Clovis Ave. Fun starts at 8 AM and ends at 2 PM. Everything bonsai for sale: pre-bonsai, finished trees, pots new and used, books, soil, stands, accent plants, suiseki and more. Everyone is welcome to buy, sell or trade bonsai related items. Small-town bargain prices. Coffee, donuts, free admission, lots of parking; join old friends for this annual ritual and come early for the best selection. For more information, contact David Soho at sohofive@yahoo.com

SENPai CORNER

Earlier this year I attended a seminar on maples. I thought that I would share some of my notes from that time.

Root pruning should only be done while the tree is dormant; between the months of December to February. Use low NPK fertilizer about once per month from March through October. Use low mineral systemic once per month from March to July and then increase to once per week from June to October. Cut leaf, maples prefer eastern morning sun not western sun. How-

ever, Palmatum maples can handle more sun.

ELECTIONS

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

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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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