

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). 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 or families. 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)

AUGUST MEETING

At our August meeting, we discussed our June show. We reviewed what we liked and what we wanted to do differently next year. Then we went on talking about the plants that are suited for indoor bonsai. In general, we can use tropical plants that have a woody looking trunk and proportionate sized leaves. There are also some other plants that can be convinced to grow indoors, but as you know most of our trees should be grown outdoors.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be a general workshop. This is a good opportunity to work on that tree you've been wanting to spend some time on. Also, if you have any questions, need advice, or just want to show off; we hope that you can attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th, 2018 Cupertino, California

Midori Bonsai Club: 57th Annual Bonsai Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM with a bonsai demonstration by Jonas Dupuich at 1:30 PM. The demonstration tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. There will be a Beginners Workshop for those new to bonsai. A tree will be provided along with basic instruction. The workshop will begin at 10 AM, with a nominal fee. We will also be available to take a look, and advise you on any bonsai you'd like to bring in. There will be several bonsai vendors to supply you with plant material, tools, pots, etc, and a club member's plant sale. Admission is free, with plenty of parking available. Come join us for a fun day of bonsai! For further information contact: Jack Christiansen(408) 280-7539, or Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net

October 13 - 14, 2018 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: 57th Annual Show will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday and 11 AM - 4 PM on Sunday. Jonas Dupuich, will perform demonstrations from 1 - 3:30 PM both days. The show will feature over 50 tree varieties and will also feature a plant sale and raffle. Additional event information can be found at info@eastbaybonsai.org

October 24 - 28, 2018 Sacramento, California

Golden State Bonsai Federation: Convention 41 "Creativity taking Flight" held at the McClellan Conference Center. Registration begins July 1st online at <http://www.gsbfcconvention.org/> for Convention, Workshops, Seminars, Excursions, etc. GSBF recommended lodging is Lion's Gate Hotel at McClellan Park. This year's headliners are Yasuo Mitsuya, Suthin Sukosolvisit, and Bjorn Bjorholm. Please join GSBF and Yasuo Mitsuya's esteemed students in honoring Mitsuya-san for his influence on bonsai in the modern era. Hosting Yasuo Mitsuya's visit are: Kathy Shaner, Hideko Metaxas, Boon Manakitivipart, Kenji Miyata, Cheryl Manning, David DeGroot, Gordon Deeg.

SENPAI CORNER

As we draw near the end of summer be aware that there will be another small growth period right as we enter fall. Watch your wiring for branch swelling and keep up your fertilizing for at least another couple of weeks. Even though we are moving into fall, we will still see several days of high temperatures, so continue to water as you would during the summer, and as I have said previously, even though it may not be very hot, the wind will dry out your trees.

PEST FACTS

Cats, squirrels and puppy's Oh My! These furry pests might be the most difficult to control. If you have one (or more) of these adorable pests, there are a few things that you can try; For those rambunctious kitties and puppies, you can try to tie down your pots with wire or straps, to keep them from being knocked off your bench or shelf. If the critters are digging at your trees, cinnamon or black pepper, liberally shaken on or around the soil can be a natural deterrent

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS

At our last meeting, mother nature surprised us with this beehive that we understand has been on the property for a long time and all attempts to relocate have failed.



And we were also amazed by the appearance of this hawk just a few feet away from our meeting under the oak tree. And yes, that is his lunch dangling down. Mr. Squirrel did not have a chance.



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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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