

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2019

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 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 BelgianBea@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting was a general workshop, people worked on their trees, with a final pruning, adding a little wiring and an adjustment to branch placement and even repotting.

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting, we will be covering winter preparation. I will discuss some of the things we need to do as our trees are slowing down and getting ready for winter. As usual, the remaining portion of the meeting will be for working on your trees, asking questions or just socializing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19, 2019 Cupertino, California

Midori Bonsai Club: 58th Annual Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM with demonstration by John Thompson at 1:30 PM and demonstration tree raffled off afterwards. Enjoy our new location and show room with over 60 trees on display. Show will include many vendors selling bonsai related items. Included a large club tree sale, and Doctor Bonsai will be their for guest who bring in a outside bonsai trees. Formal in class bonsai school for outsiders at 10 AM who want to purchase a bonsai starter tree for a nominal charge. Free admission, and plenty of free parking outside the building facility. For further information contact: Jack Christiansen (408) 280-7539, or Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net.

October 19 and 20, 2019 Sacramento, California

Capital City Bonsai Association (CCBA): 20th Anniversary show being held at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM with demonstrations at 10 AM and 1 PM both days. This show is a combined effort of the four Sacramento bonsai clubs (American Bonsai Association, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai, Sacramento Bonsai Club, and Satsuki Aikokai). This year's show is very special as we will honor Gary Judd, who passed away on August 9. Gary was Sacramento Bonsai Club president for 20 years and member of American Bonsai Association, Sacramento, Sierra Bonsai Club, Satsuki Aikokai, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai, and Bay Island Bonsai Club. Gary established the Capital City Bonsai Association 20 years ago with the show as a fundraising event to help support the new GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in Oakland.

October 19 - 20, 2019 Union City, California

Yamato Bonsai Kai: 48th Annual Exhibition and demonstration, featuring Johnny Uchida, will be held at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, located at 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road. Exhibition hours are Saturday, from 12 PM – 6 PM and Sunday from 10 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration each day at 1:30 PM. Free admission and parking. Demo tree will be included in daily raffle as the grand prize. A daily Benefit Raffle will include several nice bonsai and bonsai related items. Event will include a large Vendor and Plant Sales area. Visit our website at: yamatobonsai.org

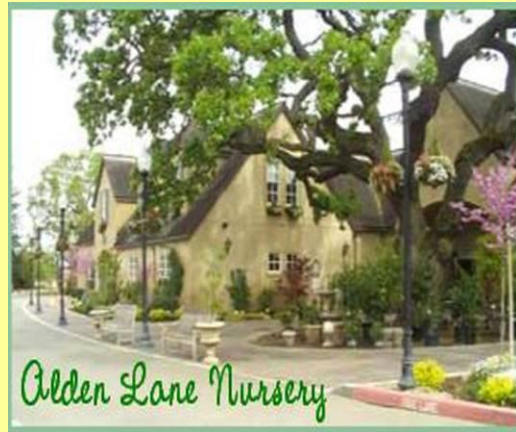
SENPAI CORNER

Some time ago, someone asked John Naka, "how do you do bonsai?" and his response was: "make it look like a tree". The literal translation of bonsai, is "potted plant" and what we are attempting to do with our potted plants is to give the illusion of a small tree, or a tree seen in the distance. So, as you are wiring, pruning and styling your trees, always keep in mind what the final "picture" should be. Often times, I find myself getting lost in the details of how I'm wiring, or where I should cut this branch? that I have to stop myself, step back and ask myself: does this look like a small tree?

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 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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