

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2020 – THE SHELTER IN PLACE VERSION...

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 usually 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

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SEPTEMBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our September meeting was put together by Bea. We went to Olivina and learned about olive oil and its production, plus a little history around the property and early days of Livermore. Near the end, there was olive oil tasting and several of us went home with bottles.



Our Host "Charles Crohare Jr."

A dozen of us attended the meeting.





Our Host was most interested in seeing our Bonsai, so three of us brought in our trees.



Here we are looking at the machine that extracts the oil. There are 10,000 olive trees on the property. Harvest is approaching so this machine will be working for several weeks to get thru all the olives on the property. They also extract oil from olives brought in by other growers.

If you have an olive tree or two at home which produce olives, once a year, the Crohare open their press to the public. You can bring your olives and at the end of the day, you can come and get your oil.

OCTOBER MEETING BY CHARLES

For October, I was thinking, weather and AQI permitting, of having the meeting at my house in the back yard with social distancing as much as possible. I will also set up a Zoom meeting for those that would rather avoid people. This month is a good time for wiring and major styling, so I will cover that on the Zoom call.

I will request that we keep to 8 people maximum in the backyard– I think that would be about the most I can host where people can still keep apart reasonably. I request an RSVP, I will also keep Sunday open if people would prefer a day with less people attending.

In the unlikely (But hopeful) event of rain, we will just meet on the Zoom call.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay tuned...

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

With all of the recent fires, and all the “bad air” I would encourage frequent spraying of your tree’s foliage to rinse off the accumulated ash. As we near the end of the year, you should consider shifting your fertilizing to high Nitrogen, and complete any final wiring and pruning before winter. There are some arguments that this is also a good time to re-pot a tree, since there is a short growth spurt prior to winter, this will provide enough warm weather for the roots to re-establish before it quiets down over winter. This way, come springtime the tree will spend its energy on growing foliage instead of establishing new roots. Stay safe and stay sane.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

This month I thought I would share some pictures of “unwelcomed” visitors. I assumed it was earwigs eating the leaves of my vegetables, rose bushes and wisteria. But, look closer...do you see the culprits? I have seen a dozen or so in my yard lately and they are not going away. There are two on this picture, can you locate them?



Sometime we also have unusual wildlife stopping by for a rest...here is a picture taken from my kitchen window.....looks like a falcon, maybe Peregrine??



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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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