

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.

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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. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/Valley_Bonsai_Society

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 would 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 BY CHARLES

We spent our September meeting on a wiring demonstration and a general workshop. Many members brought in trees to work on. I see a lot of progress and even though our show was only 3 months ago, start thinking of which trees you might want to consider showing next year.



Mike carved a little heart shape hole in his tree. We thought a little owl would be perfect in that hole.



OCTOBER MEETING BY CHARLES

The October meeting will focus on repotting, since from about October until mid-November is another opportunity to consider repotting your trees. This takes advantage of the short growth that occurs in autumn, before your tree settles down for winter. Then come spring, the tree can devote its energy to growing instead of recovering from a transplant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous

Oct 08, 8:00 AM – Oct 09, 1:00 PM

Santa Nella, 13070 CA-33, Santa Nella, CA 95322, USA

Free daily bonsai demonstrations

- Do-It-Yourself Bonsai work area
- 30+ Northern / Southern California and out of state Vendors in one huge location with trees and supplies
- Silent auctions daily (silent auction consignment opportunities available)
- Mel Ikeda will be leading the Tomodachi group at the Rendezvous

Yamato Bonsai Kai's 51st Annual Exhibit

Oct 22, 10:00 AM – Oct 23, 5:00 PM Union City, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587, USA

Demonstration trees will be raffled off as grand prize each day. Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors. Free admission and free parking. For more info and updates find us on Facebook by searching "Yamato Bonsai Kai".

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

As time inexorably marches on towards winter, and the growth of our trees begin to slow, I try not to panic, when the Gingko or Maple trees start to lose their leaves; but instead reflect on the magnificence of the branch structure beneath. Even a tree without its leaves has a certain majesty, and can even make some spectacular photos if positioned against a wall to catch the shadow. So now is the time to start making sure those fallen leaves are cleaned out of the pots, and the last couple of shoots of oxalis are removed and if we ever get any rain, remember that even though it's raining, to check the moisture in the soil. Also, I would suggest by mid-November to stop your fertilizing as anything from about mid to late November until late January, early February, will just be a waste. During that time, the tree will not use much of what you apply, so it would mostly be washed away.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

This weekend was the Annual Fall Mount Diablo Rose Society show at Alden Lane. As our Bonsai trees are mostly green, it is nice to see a show full of colors. One of our members, Jan Hayward is also a member of the Mount Diablo Rose Society and shows her roses every year. She received several awards last year as I reported in our Newsletter, but this year, her roses were impacted by the very hot weather and though she still had nice specimens, competition was fierce. Nevertheless, I came away with many nice pictures

that I am sharing here with you.



Here are some of my favorites.



Does this rose remind you of a Peonie?

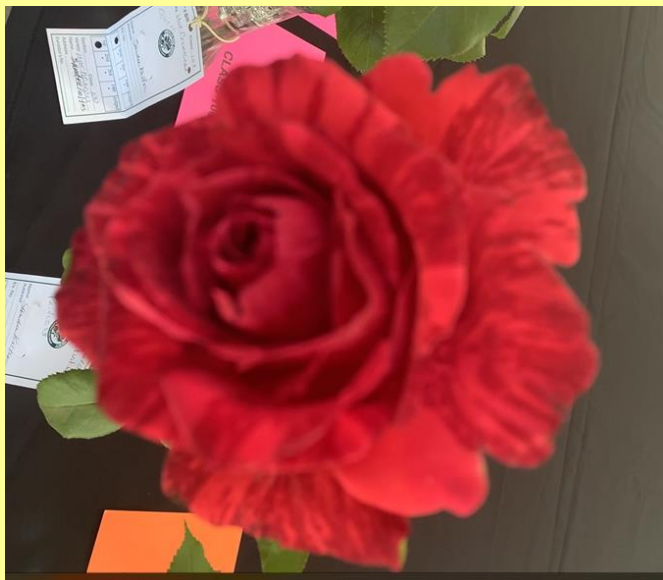


This one reminds me of a Dahlia.



And then they had this green rose, that I have never seen before.

These last two were my favorites.



This one is a little out of focus, but I assure you it was stunning and many people commented on it.

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Thanks to Alden Lane for allowing us to meet for free at the nursery. 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. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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