

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' 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

We maintain an e-mail distribution list of our members to release announcements and send out the monthly 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'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 BY CHARLES

Our September meeting was all about pots and how to choose the best pots for our trees. I brought several pots glazed and non-glazed in a variety of shapes. We then discussed how the shape and glaze color or non-glazed applies to our trees. As a general guide, use your tree as inspiration; for trees with soft bark, gentle lines and rounded leaves, select a pot with curved corners, round or oval shape. For trees with rugged bark, angled trunk/branches and or sharp leaves, choose a pot with square, angled or sharp corners. We spent the second part of the meeting repotting and styling trees.

OCTOBER MEETING BY CHARLES

Our October meeting will be a general workshop. Since we can expect several more days of warm weather; this is another opportunity to re-pot trees before everything settles down for the winter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

East Bay Bonsai Society

Oct 07, 10:00 AM – Oct 08, 4:00 PM

Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA The show features an impressive exhibit of quality bonsai as well as a demonstration by Jason Chan, owner of Eastern Leaf Bonsai Nursery, past board member of GSBF and author of a bonsai book dedicated to helping beginners and new bonsai enthusiasts. Daily demos, a sale area and vendors. There will also be a raffle, silent auction and a sale of bonsai and related materials. For information, visit website www.eastbaybonsai.org. Phone: (+1) 5102203339

Yamato Bonsai Kai Show

Oct 14, 10:00 AM – Oct 15, 4:00 PM

Union City, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587, USA Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors. Free admission and free parking. Demonstrations both days at 1:30 pm, with Jonas Dupuich on Saturday and Yamato Bonsai Kai Club demonstrator Howard Correa on Sunday. Facebook at "Yamato Bonsai Kai" Demonstration trees will be raffled off as grand prize each day. For more info and updates find us on Facebook by searching "Yamato Bonsai Kai". Phone: (+1) 510-378-9150 Email: irishfish-boy@yahoo.com

GSBF Rendezvous

Sunday Oct 20, 10:00 AM PDT – Oct 22, 4:00 PM PDT

Bonsai Sales • Auction • Workshops • Demonstrations • Joshua Roth New Talent Competition • Lectures • Community Friday –Santa Nella, 13070 CA-33, Santa Nella, CA 95322

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Fall is in the air – the leaves are changing color – but why? Science has identified that the main cause for this change is due to the length of nighttime which starts to break down the chlorophyll in the leaves. This allows the other chemicals like Carotenoids and Anthocyanin, to become dominant. The fall weather reaches a point where the days are warm enough to generate the sugars, but the nights are too cold and long for the sugars to move downward in the tree. Therefore, in the presence of daylight, the sugars produced are trapped in the leaves that will then produce the yellow colors from the Carotenoids and the red colors from the Anthocyanins. Enjoy this time of year, not only with your bonsai trees, but also in the world around you. As I have mentioned before, this time of year is another opportunity to re-pot your trees before they “settle down for their long winters nap...” I would also consider wrapping up your fertilizing regimen by the end of October, not that it will harm your tree, but it will not really utilize the nutrients once it goes dormant for winter, so it will just be a waste.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Just a reminder that I will not be at the next meeting. I will see you all in November, our last meeting for the year. December, as usual, will be our Christmas lunch. For those who ordered shirts, I will bring them at the November meeting.

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Thanks to Alden Lane for sponsoring our meetings at the nursery. The 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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