

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

APRIL 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.

[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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)). We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://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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## MARCH MEETING

At the March meeting, we spent some time trying our hands at grafting. Mike very generously provided some junipers to work on. There was a lot of material to work with, so everyone had a chance to try their hand at this new technique. We will have to have Mike keep us updated on how our grafts are doing.



## APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be covering wiring and styling techniques. I will talk about aluminum versus copper, and will also show how to use multiple wires at once to help speed up wiring a branch. Bring a tree that needs some work or even one that you are just beginning. We will also begin discussion for our upcoming show.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **April 6 – April 7, 2019 Sacramento, California**

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: 42nd Annual show will be held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration at 2 PM each day by Yuzo Maruyama. Free Admission. Amenities include refreshments, light snacks, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. Member and vendor sales of plants and bonsai-related items, as well as a food vendor will also be available. For more information contact Bonsai Sekiyu Kai at [bonsaisekiyukai@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaisekiyukai@gmail.com)

### **April 6 – April 7, 2019 Santa Cruz, California**

The Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai will be hosting their 31st Annual Bonsai Exhibit on April 6 and 7 at the Museum of Art and History (MAH) the same location as the last three years. The show opens at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. We have the Watsonville Taiko performance on at 11am Saturday and the Nori Project performance at 11am Sunday. We have a demonstration on both days at 2:00 p.m. -- Saturday's demonstrator is Mike Pistello and Katsumi Kinoshita on Sunday.

We would also like to extend our invitation to join us for lunch if you happen to be at our show during the lunch hour--wear your club's name badge so we will be able to acknowledge your attendance!

### **April 13 - 14, 2019 Sacramento, California**

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: Annual Spring Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration by Dennis Makishima at 1:30PM both days. Beginner workshop: Sunday morning from 10 AM - Noon. Large member sales and vendor areas, free admission and plenty of parking. Benefit drawings both Saturday and Sunday, will include each day's demonstration tree and many bonsai and bonsai related items. For additional information visit our website: <http://abasbonsai.org> or contact Renee Seely at (916) 929-2106, email [breadcrust@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrust@comcast.net)

### **April 13 - 14, 2019 San Jose , California**

San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 48th Annual Spring Exhibit at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth Street . Hours are Noon – 5 PM Saturday and Noon – 4 PM Sunday. Demonstration at 1 PM by Steve Iwaki on Saturday and Mr. Katsumi Kinoshita from Monterey on Sunday. Venders will be American West Trading Company (June and David Nguy) will be there with lots of soil, pots, tools, and more. Also, Bonsai Fusion will be there with small handmade pots and small rose trees and more. Club member sales of plants and containers. For information call Carl Morimoto at (408) 296-7660.

**April 27 – 28, 2019 Palo Alto, California**

Kusamura Bonsai Club: 59th Annual Show, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Show hours are Saturday Noon – 5 PM and Sunday 11 AM - 5 PM with a demonstration at 1:30 PM each day (Saturday's demonstration provided by Sam Adina and Sunday demonstration provided by club members). Free admission. Bonsai trees, pots, and other bonsai-related items will be for sale. For more information contact Charlene Fischer at [charlenerae@mac.com](mailto:charlenerae@mac.com) or visit [www.kusamurabonsai.org](http://www.kusamurabonsai.org)

**April 28, 2019 Watsonville, California**

Watsonville Bonsai Club: 46th Annual Bonsai Exhibit will be held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St. Show hours are 11 AM - 4 PM, with a demonstration by award winning Bonsai Master Katsumi Kinoshita at 1:30 PM. Over 50 outstanding large, small, young and old bonsai will be on display. A raffle of bonsai items, plants and the demo tree will follow. Tea & cookies will be served. Plenty of parking for vehicles of all sizes; even for group outings. Member / Vendor Sales area. For more information contact Michael Anderson at (831)247-9028 or [margiesmemories@aol.com](mailto:margiesmemories@aol.com)

**May 4 - 5, 2019 Pleasanton, California**

**Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council: Treasures of Japan:** The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, with the financial assistance from the Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission and the Japan Foundation, LA, and nominal support from the office of the Consulate General of Japan, SF, will showcase Japanese culture through bonsai, sumi-e, kendo, photo-haiku, origami, ikebana, youth games (including abacus), fashion, language, tea ceremony, and music. Admission to the two-day event is FREE.

**May 4 - 5, 2019 Sacramento, California**

Sacramento Bonsai Club: Annual Spring Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Rd. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM, with a Sam Adina demonstration at 1:30 PM, both days. Large member sales and vendor areas, free admission and plenty of parking. The benefit drawings both days will include the demonstration tree and many bonsai and bonsai related items. For additional information visit our website: <http://www.sacramentobonsaiclub.com> or contact Lucy Sakaishi-Judd at (916) 300-8103 or e-mail [juddbonsai@att.net](mailto:juddbonsai@att.net)

**SENSEI CORNER**

Spring is here! My quince is in full bloom, the leaves are starting to come out and that maple I was worried about, has come back from the dead. We are now in a busy time of year, pruning and weeding and fertilizing. Remember that your wiring will not expand with your branching, so pay attention to your branches. If you have not started yet, begin fertilizing your trees and even with a little rain still falling, pay attention to the moisture levels in your soil. With all of this activity and chaos, take a little time to step back and enjoy the beauty of this time of year.

## ELECTIONS

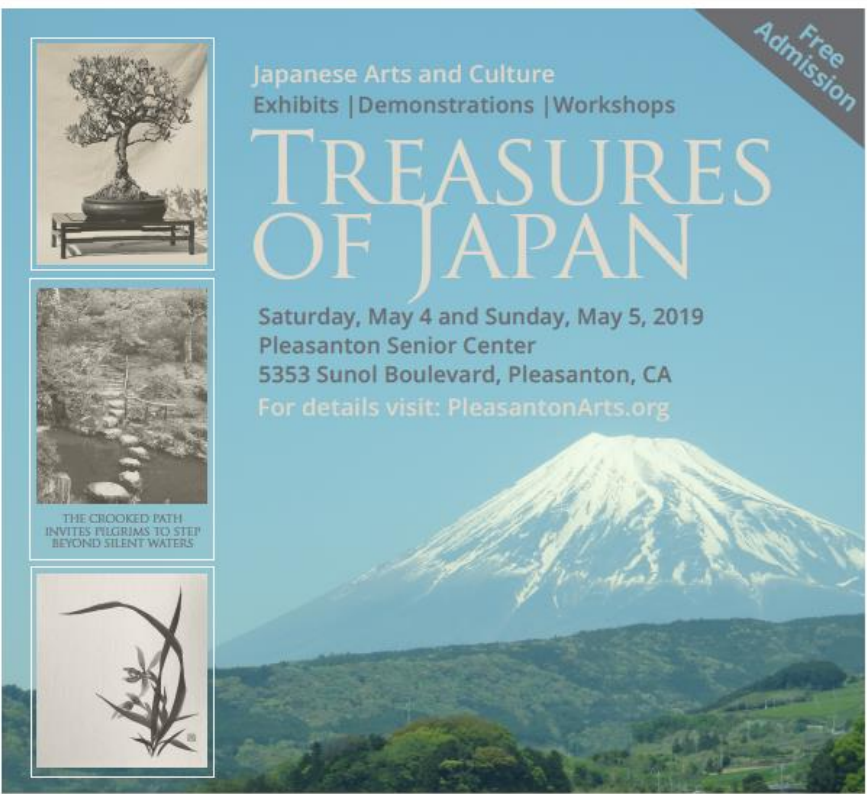
Positions on the Board are still available. Please contact Bea if you are interested.

## TIDBITS

Our own club member, Dave Wright, has been putting together an exhibit called "Treasures of Japan". It is a free event on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Please consider supporting Dave by attending it. I would also be grateful for some pictures as I will be out of the country and will miss this wonderful event.

Valley Bonsai Society has been asked to exhibit some of our trees. We are looking for 12 to 15 trees. Contact Charles if you are interested in showing your particular tree(s).

See below for more info on the event.



Japanese Arts and Culture  
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**TREASURES OF JAPAN**


Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 2019  
Pleasanton Senior Center  
5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA  
For details visit: [PleasantonArts.org](http://PleasantonArts.org)



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Sakura Gakuen Language School  
Masako Music Studio, Sansei Landscaping



## TREASURES OF JAPAN MAY 4-5 A PERFECT FAMILY EVENT, AND IT'S FREE!

**Purpose:** to delight and inspire those who wish to experience the culture, and art of Japan.

**Featured:** Bonsai (dwarf trees) Sumi-e (Ink painting), Photo-haiku, written in English with photos of Japan.

**What's included:** This two-day event includes taiko drums and demonstrations in ikebana, sumi-e, kendo, bonsai, origami, Japanese fashions, and language.

**Also included:** Japanese tea ceremony, games and activities for youths, and Japanese music.

**Workshops:** Also, at a nominal cost, the event provides workshops in sumi-e, bonsai, and photo-haiku.

Register and pay online at:  
[pleasantonarts.org](http://pleasantonarts.org)

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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!

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.

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.