

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

JUNE 2024

*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?



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

50 weeks.

## 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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)).

We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com). Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyBonsai> or Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/Valley\\_Bonsai\\_Society](https://www.instagram.com/Valley_Bonsai_Society)

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is opened 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 at [BelgianBea@yahoo.com](mailto:BelgianBea@yahoo.com)

## JUNE SHOW BY EVERYONE!

The show was amazing! Everyone's trees were beautifully presented. The visitors seemed to really enjoy and were impressed with the display. You should all be very proud of yourselves and your trees. Plus, we added several new members.



## JULY – NO MEETING

Our normal day and time for our July meeting coincides with Alden Lanes "Art Under the Oaks" so there will not be any space for us to meet. Please use this day/time to spend a little time with your trees, or if you wish, there are several great nurseries both locally or further abroad that I would suggest checking out. Besides Alden Lane, there is Calaveras Nursery and Lisa Arnold off Calaveras Road (on either side) or if you feel like a drive, there is Momiji and Lone Pine in Sebastopol or in the other direction is Maruyama in Sacramento, or Lotus Bonsai in the Placerville area. We will see you all in August.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Marin Bonsai Club Show

The Marin Bonsai Club returns to the County Fair with our first show since 2020. Come check us out in the Exhibit Hall for a fantastic formal display.  
Time & Location: Jul 03, 2024, 11:00 AM – Jul 07, 2024, 9:00 PM  
Marin County Fair, 10 Ave of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903, USA

### REBS Annual Bonsai Show

See quality bonsai displays Sat, August 31 from 10 - 5 and Sun, Sept 1, from 10 - 4. Demonstrations & Raffles at 1:00 p.m., both days. Peruse our large bonsai vendor and member sales areas. Exciting silent auctions and food trucks. Free admission & parking Phone: (+1) 707-762-9154 for more info.  
Time & Location Aug 31, 2024, 10:00 AM – Sep 01, 2024, 4:00 PM Rohnert Park, 5401 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, USA

## SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

As I said above, the show was incredible! I want to thank everyone who showed a tree, and those who helped not only with set up and tear down, but also during the show helping to keep an eye on the trees, and manning the sales table – which was well stocked this year. Oh, I should also mention that we are starting to see some pretty hot days, so pay attention to your soil moisture, and remember that heat plus a bit of wind will dry out your trees faster than oxalis grows. Have a safe and wonderful Fourth, and I will see you all in August.



## ELECTIONS

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

## TIDBITS BY BEA

Thanks to all who participated in the show. Many beautiful trees! As soon as Charles gives me the pictures taken of each tree, I will post them on our website. Also, Gerardo recorded the demo both days and as soon as he is

finished editing, I will also post the YouTube link on our website as well.

As mentioned earlier, we will not meet in July, but Charles will be at Alden Lane showing the Art of Bonsai. If you have time, stop by to show your support.

Finally, welcome to the six new members who signed up during the show. I hope to see you all at the August meeting.

## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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

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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 wherever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Do not forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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