

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?



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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 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

NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHIP

Our November meeting was all about winter preparation: making sure to clear leaves and debris from pots, removing any remaining weeds, and clearing space in the moss if it has covered the pot. Also, a reminder that even if it is raining, you will still need to check the moisture levels in the soil of your trees, and water if needed. On the other hand, if you see water pooling, try adding a small stone or something under one edge to allow the water to drain off. It also is a good idea to put a marker on that tree, so that when spring comes, you will remember that it likely needs re-potting.





DECEMBER LUNCH BY BEA

The December meeting will be a luncheon at Lemon Grass in Livermore at noon. Please let Bea know if you plan to attend so she can finalize the reservation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Bonsai Events scheduled until next year.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

I am sitting here in front of my laptop, dreaming and reflecting on the year that is sliding quickly to a close. There were many hot days this summer! Days when the leaves on my maples gave up their green luster with a quiet whimper only to stubbornly produce a bouquet of new leaves several weeks later; and an elm tree, that against all reason, decided last month to put on a growth spurt, when by all rights, it should be settling down and getting ready for winter.

At the last meeting, there were even some people talking about trees that decided they were not done for the year and started blooming again, which goes to show us that our trees can always provide us with wonder and surprise, regardless of what we expect. Hopefully, they soon will settle down and realize that it is time to go to sleep for a while, and then the quiet time begins and we can focus on ourselves, and our families for the holidays. (Convenient that) Therefore, I suggest we follow their example and slow down too, rest, and enjoy the next couple of months with some relaxation and peacefulness. Good night sweet trees, I will enjoy your exuberance next spring to provide me with newfound joy and amazement.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

By now, you should all have received the invitation to our annual Christmas Lunch. Remember to respond by the invitation deadline

This is also the time of year when the dues are up for renewal. Remember dues are due by January 1, 2025.

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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.

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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