

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.

[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'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 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

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

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. If you 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 (bb1727@att.com)

THANK YOU MARTIN FOR ORGANIZING THE NOVEMBER TRIP

Our November 15 meeting is another fieldtrip. Boonie Lang has a beautiful Japanese garden in Granite Bay which she opens for viewing for a short time in the spring and again in the fall. Seeing it is only by appointment but there is no charge other than a freewill donation. Suggested \$5 minimum donation. We will gather on the driveway at her place at 10:30 for the tour which will take a little over an hour.

Directions from Livermore:
I-580 East (13.6M) to I-205 East
(13.5M) Take ramp to I-5 North
(13.3M) Take ramp to CA-4 East towards Angels Camp/Downtown Stockton
(3.4M) Take ramp left for CA-99 North towards Sacramento

Keep straight onto CA-99N
(10.5M) Keep straight on to CA-12 East/CA-99 North
Keep straight onto CA-99N
(31.8M) Keep straight onto I-80 East Branch/Capital City Fwy
(9.3M) Keep straight onto I-80 East
(8.5M) At exit 103A, take ramp right and follow signs for East Douglas Blvd.
Keep straight onto Douglas Blvd
(2.3M) Turn right onto Sierra College Blvd/ CR-E3 S
Turn right onto Douglas Blvd (ARCO/AMPM on the corner)
(3.0M) Turn left onto Auburn Folsom Rd (Shell on corner)
(0.8M) Turn right onto Morningside Dr. (Private rd)
(.08M) arrive at 7920 Morningside Dr. (Look for the rocks and Zen garden on your left).
The last intersection is Oak Glen Ln. If you reach Twin Rocks Rd, you've gone too far.

Please park only on their side of the street! You may use the grass shoulder just past their driveway.

OCTOBER MEETING

For our October meeting several members met at the Yamato Bonsai Club Show (see our website for pictures).



Johnny Uchida and crew styled up a prostrata Juniper which was then raffled off. Note that the pot alone had a value of \$200. The juniper was specifically grown for Bonsai and is between 25 and 30 years old. It took about one hour from start to finish, including wiring.

SENPAI CORNER

Hello everyone, this month I want to talk about the fall season and your bonsai trees.

Here again is a second growing season, perhaps not as rapid or vigorous as in the spring time, but your trees have another opportunity to get out of control!

You will begin to learn which trees you will need to spend more time with. Feed your trees with a high phosphate fertilizer for your flowering trees to build up reserves and buds for next spring, this is also a good fertilizer for your pines and junipers.

After about Thanksgiving, you should slow down and stop adding fertilizer because the trees will begin to go into a dormant period and will not use as much of the fertilizer so it will be wasted.

If we start getting rain, make sure you are checking the moisture levels of the soil as the tree may shelter the soil from getting as much moisture. Also you will want to clean up fallen leaves and other debris so insects and funguses do not have places to call home.

ELECTIONS

We have a few open Board positions. Anyone interested in applying, please contact Bea Bauerly at bb1727@att.com.

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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.

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!

SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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