

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 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

OCTOBER MEETING BY CHIP

Our October meeting was a general workshop. It was exciting to see what everyone is working on. There was a little re-potting and a whole lot of pruning.



NOVEMBER MEETING BY CHIP

The subject of our November meeting will be “winter preparation”. If you wired your trees during the spring, then you should check for wires “biting in” to your branches, and general clean up and getting ready for winter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt 25 Year Celebration

Sat, Nov 09, 2024, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, 650 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610, USA
Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

Celebration of the first 25 years of the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM) as permanent home of museum quality Bonsai and suiseki, one of the jewels of Oakland. Performance by the Sonoma County Taiko. Public invited. Free admission. Public parking.

Fresno Bonsai Society Fall Sale and Auction

Sat, Nov 16, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM The Clovis Senior Center, 735 3rd St, Clovis, CA 93612, USA Join us at our annual Fall Sale and Auction. It's a great way to find good material to improve your bonsai collection. Numerous trees, pots, and more will be available for purchase.

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

Each spring, in June, we hold our annual show. We proudly display our trees in an optimal setting, well framed by accent plants, stones or just presented individually to show them off. However, we should also look in our own back yard, and recognize that our beautiful trees should be presented and displayed for our personal enjoyment.

Consider where you have placed your tree in your yard; is it at its ideal location? Or did you stuff it onto a bench with all the other trees and pots in a jumble because you only built a 6 foot long bench to house them?

Perhaps you could find an area for an individual tree to stand out from the crowd, to show it off to visitors or just for your own enjoyment. You could even rotate your trees onto that one special location so that each tree gets some unique and individual attention throughout the season. No, I am not suggesting that you remodel your back yard (unless you need an excuse) but do take some time and see if perhaps there is an area in your yard to have your own personal show.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

Hello all, I am back from my trip. Did you miss me?

We are still experiencing unusually warm weather and that is throwing off the growing cycle of many plants and flowers. All my bulb flowers are already coming up, daffodils, freesia, etc. They are about 5 months ahead of schedule since they are spring flowers, which mean March at the earliest.... So that makes me wonder what does that mean for our Bonsai trees or the

regular trees for that matter? If we do not have a cold winter with several frosts, many pests and diseases will not be killed or eradicated and that will create a pests/diseases control issue comes spring. Therefore, as part of the cleanup and preparation for the winter, it might be a good idea to spray our trees with neem oil to get a head start on a possible infestation.

Now on another subject, our Christmas lunch. Would you all like to go to the Thai restaurant we went to last year "Lemon Grass" or would you rather go back to the Japanese restaurant "Hanabishi"? Please let me know as I need to start planning and it is only a few weeks away.

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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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