

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 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?



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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

SEPTEMBER MEETING BY CHIP

The subject of this month's meeting was pests, weeds and moss. Since we are heading into fall, now is the time to keep our pots free of dead leaves which can harbor pests and weeds. I hope you have been pulling those little evil things all spring and summer; and if your pot has been taken over by moss, you may want to remove some so that water can get to the soil. The mat of moss can keep water from penetrating past the wonderful green blanket.

OCTOBER MEETING BY CHIP

Our October meeting will be a general workshop – bring your trees for advice, or to work on during the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

East Bay Bonsai Society Annual Show

The show features an impressive exhibit of quality bonsai as well as a demonstration/presentation by bonsai master, Dan Robinson. The show includes a sale of bonsai trees, pots, tools and related materials and raffle. Credit cards, checks, and cash accepted. Sales tax will be added to purchases. Oct 05, 2024, 10:00 AM – Oct 06, 2024, 4:00 PM
Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610

Midori Bonsai Club 61st Annual Bonsai Show

Join us for a demonstration by John "JT" Thompson, beginner's workshop, Dr. Bonsai and a fine Ikebana display in collaboration with a local club. Free admission. Oct 19, 2024, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014, USA

The Pacific Bonsai Expo

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibit featuring beautiful bonsai and top vendors from across the US. Saturday, October 26 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday, October 27 9:00 - 4:00 pm. For more information, visit <https://pacificbonsaiexpo.org/> Oct 26, 2024, 9:00 AM – Oct 27, 2024, 4:00 PM
Oakland, 10 10th St, Oakland, CA 94607, USA

SENPAI CORNER BY CHARLES

So, I've trimmed my tree, it has been wired for a while, and I am monitoring it to make sure that it is not biting into the trunk or branches. I have also sharpened all my tools; now what?

Now is a great time to look at your tree and plan the future growth and shape. Especially once the leaves fall off to reveal the branches and structure. You can sketch a rough outline of how it looks, and determine if a branch needs to be moved, or even removed. You can watch videos, or read books discussing techniques and styles; or you can start looking for a special pot if it is not

in the ideal one. Regardless of what you do, there is always something you can do to improve your tree(s) and or your understanding and knowledge.

ELECTIONS

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

TIDBITS BY BEA

We had a low attendance at the August meeting which was surprising since lately our meetings have been well attended.

On Tuesday, I will be on my way to Tahiti and I will not be at the October meeting. I will see you all at the November meeting.

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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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