The Buffalo Bonsai Society

NOVEMBER 2017 Newsletter



This month's meeting will be held on November 15 @ 7pm at

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President's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope everybody enjoyed Will Hebert's presentation on pots. Will put a considerable amount of information out and as he said pot selection is not as simple as, I like this tree and I like this pot, let's put them together. I am guilty of this I like the color blue so I have a lot of blue pots. Now the blue pots really do not go with a lot of my trees.



Wil Hebert

Maybe someday I will have a proper tree for each of my pots. We all tend to buy pots because they catch out eye then think about what tree will go in it. So here is a short over view of what he said. Shape, square and rectangular shaped pots tend to go with masculine trees. Oval, curved and round pots tend to go with feminine trees.

Size, the size of the pot should be proportionate to the tree. Will gave us the general rule used by Bill Valavanis. The height of tree as measured from the base of the tree to the top of the tree should equal the length plus depth of the pot. Remember when it comes to size you need to consider the watering / horticultural requirements of your tree. The shallower a pot the more you need to water. New pots for young trees and old pots for old trees. Unalazed pots generally are used for conifers while alazed are used for deciduous trees. Color, the color of the pot should contrast with the foliage, fruit or flowers. Color contrast can be a personal statement allowing for some creativity depending on your understanding of the color wheel. Your selection of a pot should enhance the appearance of the tree and should not over power the tree.

However, at the end of the day you have to be happy with your selection.

Smallwood Garden Club in Williamsville was given a lecture, by Christine Wilkolaski, on the art of Bonsai on October 16th. Sunday November 5th is Bunka no Hi a national holiday in Japan. The Buffalo History Museum will be having a cultural event from 12:30 to 3:00. Stop by and see our clubs display.

December13 we will have our Christmas dinner at Rizottos on Maple Drive. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please sign up at the meeting and payments can be given to Paul Pearson.

As an incentive to coming we will be announcing next year's schedule which should prove to be very exciting!

Scott

Events & Information:

Updates: November 5th at the Buffalo History Museum 12:30 – 3:00 is Japan Cultural Day

Tree of the Month

By: Marija Hajdic, Croatia, Wild Plum



2017 Monthly Agenda

Meeting at the Botanical Gardens Administration Building unless otherwise noted:

November 15: Paul Pearson- Celestial Planting December 13: BBS Holiday Party

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