



This month's meeting will be held on **April 18 @ 7pm at**

**The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens**

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## President's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope everybody enjoyed the two demonstrations in March. Classical vs naturalistic is a very hot topic.



William Valavanis and Alan Adair



Walter Pall and Jennifer Price

Here is what I see (in case you wonder or care). When I first started Martial Arts, many years ago the people instructing were traditionalist. Then some people said tradition is good but here is a more modern approach. This was the foundation to what is mixed martial arts. Well here it is almost 40 years later and conversations still takes place over new vs traditional and there is a whole segment of the population who want to learn traditional martial arts. 40 years ago there were some people saying traditional martial arts is a thing of the past.

The same is occurring in Bonsai. Traditional bonsai will still be something of interest 100 years from now. It may look a little different than it does today no different than how bonsai looked 100 years ago. Just as there are different styles of martial arts there are going to be different style of bonsai. The South Africans and Australians style differently than in Southeast Asia which is different than what they do in South America.

As you move across the world different trees exist and grow differently. I personally do not think a South African Acacia would look good as formal upright but as an informal upright with a flat top like it grows naturally it is one of my favorite trees. Just remember when it comes to style the

Chinese started the tree in pot concept. They also developed Martial Arts. For centuries people would travel from town to town and challenge others to see not who was better but what style of Kung Fu was better. The quest for which style is the best has not been settled nor will it be in bonsai.

Many of the trees coming out of dormancy and budding. The crazy weather we have been having can out them at risk. Hopefully we are turning the corner and better weather will soon be here.

The club show is not that far off so time for me to prattle on about it. This year we will have several vendors from outside the area. There will be two demonstrations per day. We would like to have more trees on display.

I am sorry this was sent out so late.

At the April Meeting Hank Miller will be bringing in soil for sale. If you have any questions on cost or quantity please email Hank at [tandamiti@localnet.com](mailto:tandamiti@localnet.com)

As with any meeting, please bring in a tree to talk about or ask questions. Especially if a tree is giving you some problems or you would like some opinions on what to do.

Scott

## Events & Information:

### Upcoming Bonsai Events

*Cherry Blossom Festival May 6*  
Presentation by BBS  
Buffalo Historical Society

*Upstate New York Bonsai Society Show*  
May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Buffalo Bonsai Society Show  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Garden Fest at the Botanical  
Gardens June 30<sup>th</sup>

Erie County Fair Demo August 16<sup>th</sup> at  
6pm

U.S. National Bonsai Exhibit  
September 8-9

### 2018 Monthly Agenda

*Meeting at the Botanical Gardens  
Administration Building unless otherwise  
noted:*

April 18	Scott Russo: Preparing your tree for a show
May 16	Mark Arpag: Shoin in the Count Matsudaira Style
June 2-3	Buffalo Bonsai Show Botans
June 6	Alan Adair: Conifers

- July 21 Picnic
- August 15 Bring your own tree
- September 19 Club Auction
- October 17 John Wiessinger
- November 21 Soil, Water, Fertilizer, Wintering by club members
- December Christmas Dinner

**Tree of the Month**

By: Elsa Boudouri Thessaloniki, Greece.  
Mediterranean cypress



**Refreshments for month**

Please consider signing up for future meetings. We have the Keurig for coffee.

- April
- May
- June
- August
- September
- October
- November

**2018 Board Members**

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