



This month's meeting will be held on *February 20 @ 7pm at*

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

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President's Corner

Hello everyone,

The meeting this month had to be move to **Tuesday the 20th** because of an event at the BOTAN's. At the February meeting, Hank Miller, will be working on two trees.



The first tree will be given an initial styling. The second tree will have already had it's initial styling and allowed to grow out. This tree will now be cut back and the fine wiring will begin. This is when you start to develop ramification and texture of the canopy or if you are doing pads. This is, for the most part, what you would do for any tree. I think here is where many people struggle, not so much in how to do it but

having the confidence to cut back on what was initially allowed to grow out. If your tree is healthy, it will grow. Cutting back allows for back budding and new growth, which is how ramification occurs. When you are cutting back after your initial styling you are managing how the tree grows out by making it start with new buds. You will always be repeating this as you develop and manage the tree.

You can improve a canopy by defoliating. Defoliating, if you manage it, will cause a new flush of leaves that will be slightly smaller and you will have more of them. However, you still need the secondary branches to produce tertiary branches to get a canopy or pad to become dense and full. The other part people are hesitant to do is cut off anything that is growing straight down or straight up. Remember the tree is going to grow. Do not get too caught up in what the tree looks like today. Your work today is to envision what it will look like in 6 months to a year from now.

For the March meetings we will be setting up a couple of tables like we do for our show. This is for members to bring in a tree and have Mr. Valavanis or Mr. Pall provide comments on their respective nights.

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

Scott

Events & Information:

Upcoming Bonsai Events

*Plantasia March 22 Presentation by BBS
Hamburg Fair Grounds*

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

*Upstate New York Bonsai Society Show
May 19th and 20th*

U.S. National Bonsai Exhibit
September 8-9

2018 Monthly Agenda

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

February 20	Hank Miller: Tropicals
March 21	Bill Valavanis: Classical Bonsai Styling
March 28	Walter Pall & Jennifer Price
April 18	Preparing your tree for a show
May 16	Mark Arpag: Shoin in the Count Matsudaira Style

June 2-3	Buffalo Bonsai Show
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: Alan Adair, Canadice, New York.
American Larch



Refreshments for month

February -Christine Wilkolaski

March 21st

March 26th

April

May

June

August

September

October

November

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