

President's Corner

I hope everyone enjoyed **Dan Zak's** presentation on Japanese maples. There are over 1,000 different types of Japanese Maples so finding one that you like should not be hard.

There is no meeting this month at the Critchen on July 9th. The club will be at the **Hamburg Garden Walk** and vendor show. July 9th and 10th. 10 to 4 each day, we will be working on trees and have a display to show the public what we are about. If interested in helping call Christine for details.

Instead this month is the **club's picnic** at Phil Grefrath's house. For those that will be going, Phil has the nicest Koi Pond in Western New York. **RSVP** Christine if you plan to attend what dish you are bringing to pass. 716-662-9429.

Saturday July 23 we will be doing a **BEER AND BONSAI**. We have nursery stock junipers for material. We are looking for members to assist the people in working on their tree. Please email me if you are interested in helping (srusso1830@gmail.com). it will be at the Critchen starting at 2:00pm.

Our **Augusts meeting** will be the **CLUB AUCTION**. This year the club has many pots that were donated by my late friend Gregg Gawel. Please, any items you are interested in selling bring to the auction in August.

For our Fall meetings, we have in September, **Bill Valavanis** will be coming to do a demonstration. October will be **Ron Maggio** from the Rochester club to do a talk on **Suiseki**. In 2014 the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum held their first Suieseki exhibition Ron was one of the only 6 Americans asked to display from his collection. November, we will have **David Williams** in doing an **Ikebana** demonstration. David has been doing demonstrations at out last 3 shows.

We are already starting to develop a schedule of demonstrators and topics for next year. If there is something we have not covered in a while or something of a particular interest or you feel you are struggling with let us know.

NEXT MEETING

July 16, 2022

3pm

CLUB PICNIC

Board Members

Scott Russo- President

Paul Pearson – Treasurer

Sandy McDougal – Board

Jerry Rucker - Board

Jim Smith – Board

Christine Wilkolaski- Board

(Membership - 716-662-9429)

UPCOMMING MEETINGS

July -Club picnic Phil Grefrath

August - Auction Display at Fair

September – Bill Valavanis

October – Suiseki, Ron Maggio .

November–Ikebana,David Williams

December Christmas party

,Junipers, when styled in defined pads with nothing on the bottom look spectacular. The problem is they do not stay that way. It does not take to long before they start to lose their defined shape. Pinching them back constantly to maintain the define tabs will weaken the tree. Junipers must be given a chance to grow out before you trim them back. If you constantly pinch them back to maintain in a few years you will kill the tree.

To reduce leaf size a conservative approach is to remove just the largest leaves. You will need to keep after it as new leaves appear. This approach takes longer than defoliating the entire canopy but puts less stress on the tree.

When refining a tree start with removing anything that is growing straight down. Remove anything that is growing towards the trunk. Yes, you will reduce the amount of foliage but you will get new growth and some of it will be where you want. The more selective you are with what you keep the better the tree will look and it will get better with each passing year.

Scott

Tree of the month



Boxwood

Don Manta , Sanborn , NY

TIP OF THE MONTH

When you break a branch, provided it is not broken more than half way through, you can use raffia or equivalent to save the branch. Wrap the branch where the crack is. Make sure to bind it tightly where the split has occurred, and it is matted back to its original position.

SAVE THE DATES

Hamburg Garden Walk
July 9th and 10th

BEER AND BONSAI

July 23rd

2pm

Erie County Fair Display
August 18 -21