



This month's meeting will be held on **May 16th @ 7pm** at

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

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President's Corner

Hello everyone,

This month Mark Arpag, from Upstate Bonsai, will be doing an evening on Shoin style. Please do not forget we meet in the garage.



The vast majority of times when we need to bend a branch or trunk we wire it, bend it and move on. Sometimes on older trees the branch or trunk will need to be wrapped in Raffia, or the product of your preference so once the wire is on you can bend the branch and not have it break. When you wrap the branch you need to

make it tight but you do not want to strangle the branch for lack of a better way of describing it. Wrapping also allows something to be bent to an extreme. But what if the branch or trunk is too thick? If you are only looking to bend something in a single movement like lower a branch or change the angle or curve of a trunk, cutting a wedge or a V is an option. Using a fine tooth saw cut a V on the inside of the bend. The cut should not be any more than a 1/2 to 2/3 through the branch. The width of the cut should be no larger than is needed to bend the branch or trunk. When the bend is completed there should be no V or gaps. This is so the branch will fuse. If you cut a larger V than what was needed and the gap is not closed then there is a good chance the branch or trunk will not fuse and die. Start with a smaller V and work your way up to the size you need. I think on larger bends you should wire first, cut then bend. However on larger bends do not try to bend it all at once. Move the branch part way and wait to give everything a chance to relax, say 10 or 15 minutes. Wood while ridged does have some elasticity to it, so bending in

steps does allow the branch or trunk to be moved further than if you tried in just one step. With cutting a wedge you may want to still wrap the area leaving the wedge exposed but still protecting the entire back side. While this may be a bit over kill if you cut a larger wedge than needed wrapping will allow the gap to be closed and help prevent it from breaking.

The club was represented by myself and Christine Wilkolaski at the Niagara Falls Ontario Bonsai Club.



A demo tree and lecture were completed.

The club show is not that far away Please sign up indicating what trees you will have. We have new cards with tree names and would like to make sure everybody has the proper card for their tree. The sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting. If you would prefer you can email to me at srusso1830@gmail.com

We will also need people for both days to talk to people and to help with set up and take down. We will have a sign-up sheet for that. Last year a lot of the members for each day showed up and everybody had a good time!

At the May meeting Hank Miller will have soil for sale. If you have any questions on

cost or quantity please email Hank at 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 19th and 20th*

*Buffalo Bonsai Society Show
June 2nd and 3rd*

*Garden Fest at Botanical Gardens
June 30th and July 1st*

Lewiston Gardenfest June 16th & 17th

*Erie Country Fair
Demo August 16th at 6pm*

*U.S. National Bonsai Exhibit
September 8-9*

2018 Monthly Agenda

Meeting at the Botanical Gardens Administration Building unless otherwise noted:

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

Refreshments for month

May
June
August
September
October
November

Tree of the Month

By: Nguyễn Hoàng Phong, Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam. Larch



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