



Saturday May 13, 2023 1pm
SUNY Erie Community College North Campus
6205 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221
STEM Building

President's Corner



I hope everyone enjoyed John Wiessinger talk on fertilizer.



Thank you to those that were able to help at the Cherry Blossom festival. This year's turnout was the best yet even though the weather was not the greatest. There

was a great deal of interest in the club and our upcoming show.



The May meeting is going to be a workshop. This means you can bring in a tree or trees that you need help with. It does not matter if it is to repot a tree, do an initial styling, needing help in refining a tree or trees. Or preparing a tree for the show. There will be enough senior members in attendance to help.

At our May meeting we will have sign up sheets for what trees members would like to display along with sheets for who would like to help in setup and answer questions from visitors during the show.

Supposedly winter is over, and it is hard to believe in the beginning of May we are wearing winter coats! But summer is coming and with it the insects will come. While there are some trees that insects are not fond of there is no tree that is insect proof. Being proactive for insects by treating trees systemically is a better approach than reacting to insect infestations. Depending on the manufacturer they can protect a tree from 6 months to a year and target a range of insects.

You can get systemic products in liquid or granular form. Granular products may be a better option if you do not have a lot of trees as it has a longer shelf life than liquids. Although there is no harm in using a liquid on your bonsai trees then applying it to trees in your landscaping. Just remember, no matter which type of product you select follow the manufacturer's instructions. Adding more product than what is needed

will not super protect your tree, no different than excessive fertilizing does not make a tree grow faster.

If you think you have an insect issue with a tree, the first thing you want to do is move it away from your other trees. This will reduce the chance of other trees contracting the problem. Then treat the problem. Insect issues can be treated with Insecticidal soap, you can also make your own. Neem oil and Pyrethrin are two other options that are natural and not a chemical product. When treating insects several applications will be needed to eradicate them.

Hank Miller has bonsai soil for sale, if interested please contact him at 716-532-3421 to place an order.

Scott

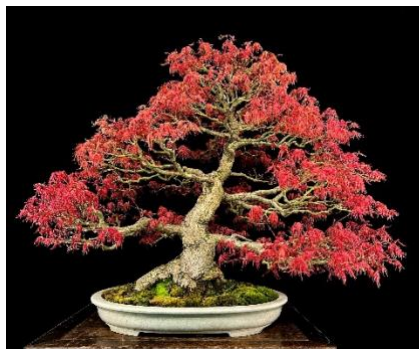
Events & Information:

The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York Show May 21 at the Golisano Autism Center, 50 Science Parkway, Rochester NY 14620

The International Bonsai Arboretum Open House May 20th & 21st 1070 Martin Road, West Henrietta, NY 14586.

September 9-10 U.S National Bonsai Exhibition.

Tree of the Month



By Bill Valavanis West Henrietta, NY
Japanese Maple

2023 BBS Monthly Agenda:

May 13 Workshop

June 10 Scott Russo Wisteria

June 16 & 17 Buffalo Bonsai Show at Botanical Gardens

July 8 Dan Zak intro to bonsai

July 8 & 9 Buzz Around Hamburg Garden Walk

August 12 Club Picnic & Auction Don Matta host

September 16 TBA

October 14 Les Allen Suiseki

November 11 Christine Wilkolaski Plant Physiology

December 7 Christmas Party Ilio DiPaolo's

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