# The Buffalo Bonsai Society



## October 2018 Newsletter

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## The next meeting will be held on October 17 @ 7pm at

#### The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

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## **President's Corner**

Hello everyone,

I want to apologize for getting this out so late. Thank everyone that attended the auction last month. I think everyone had a good time and some very nice items were purchased from the club.

This month John Wiessinger from the Finger Lakes Bonsai Society will be doing an evening on pots. He will be bringing samples and has an excellent power point presentation. On the heels of the U.S. Nationals I think this will be an exciting evening. As I have mentioned before a great tree in the wrong pot on the wrong stand does an injustice to the tree and all of the work of the stylist.

At the U.S Nationals the club registered with American Bonsai Tool and Supply company. They have provided a code for us to use to receive 10% of an order. We can provide the code to anyone who would like it. We have not included the code in the newsletter because the newsletter does get posted and felt it was unfair for the whole world to have access to it. American Bonsai Tool and Supply is

located in Florida but they are originally from Elma, NY.

By now those that have tropical trees will have brought them in. Non-topicals are still outside and If you are like me you have the winter storage area already set up. If your tree's (non-tropical) requires wire and you have not done it by now you may wish to wait until spring.

As the tree gears up to go dormant the tree reduces moisture within the branches and trunk. This makes things less pliable and increases the chances of breaking or cracking. The moisture in the branch past the crack or break will not be able to escape. The trapped water will freeze and destroy cell structure. Come spring time the branch will most likely have died. Even if you wrap the branch to fuse the chances are very slim that it will recover because the tree is going dormant. With the available day light decreasing and temperature's getting lower photosynthesis slows down dramatically. The lower temperatures slow down the metabolic rate for processing nutrients however this does not mean you should stop fertilizing. The tree will just take in fewer nutrients.

On Sunday November 4, 2018 from 12:30 – 3:00 will be the Japan Cultural Day at the Buffalo History Museum. We have once again been asked to display some trees. Any one interested in displaying a tree or interested in helping out let me know at the next meeting.

This year we will have our Christmas dinner at Rizotto Ristorante, 930 Maple Road in Amherst. Drinks will start at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00. Those interested in attending see Paul Person to reserve your spot.

Scott

## **Events & Information:**

# **Upcoming Bonsai Events**

November 4 Japan Cultural Day Buffalo History Museum

# 2018 Monthly Agenda

Meeting at the Botanical Gardens Administration Building unless otherwise noted:

October 17 John Wiessinger

November 21 Soil, Water, Fertilizer, Wintering by club members

December 12 Christmas Dinner at Rizotto Ristorante 930 Maple Road Amhest

## Tree of the Month

By Mariusz Folda, Bielsko-Biala, Poland.

Acer ginalla



#### Refreshments for month

October James and Joanne Smith

November

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