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Newsletter of Bonsai Society of Upstate New York Inc



## Japanese Black Pine with Bill Valavanis



Our April meeting will feature a program and workshop by **Bill Valavanis**, our society Vice-President. He will first show a PowerPoint presentation explaining the history, styles of, and design of **Japanese Black Pine bonsai**. They are generally agreed upon to be the ‘King’ of bonsai. With its bright green needles, craggy bark, and graceful features, the Japanese Black Pine bonsai is the perfect image of an aged tree in miniature. Entire books have been written just on Black Pine bonsai.



After the presentation Bill will shape a Japanese Black Pine which will be raffled at the conclusion of the program. Following that Bill will have a **workshop** using identical Japanese Black Pine. They are container grown in three gallon containers and are approximately **12-20** inches high.

The **workshop is Free** but the participants must pay for the Black Pine tree. Materials cost for this workshop is **\$85** payable to the society. You must bring your own wire and tools, no transplanting. People not participating in the workshop are welcome to observe. There is a **limited number of openings available** so register and pay early to avoid disappointment.

Sign up by e-mailing **Diane Koretz** at [treasurer@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org](mailto:treasurer@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org)



*Mark the date and don't miss this demo by Bill Valavanis. You won't be disappointed!!*

- A. Black Pine by Suthin Sukosol visit
- B. Japanese Black Pine, Japan 2011
- C. Japanese Black Pine, Kokufu Prize 2013



**Next Meeting:**  
 Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 pm  
**Black Pine**  
**with Bill Valavanis**  
**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!**  
**Carmen Clark Lodge:**  
 777 Westfall Road, Rochester NY 14620.  
 Near corner of Westfall Rd.  
 and South Clinton Avenue

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**2019 PROGRAMS**  
 April 30: Bill Valavanis-Black Pine Lecture/ demo & Workshop after meeting  
 May 11: Display at Memorial Art Gallery for Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration  
 May 18-19: BSUNY Spring Show  
 June. 25: BSUNY Picnic / Auction  
 July 23: Garden Tour -TBD  
 Aug. 27: BYOT Workshop

## March Meeting Highlights

Our March meeting featured a program by **Boon Manakitivipart** on **Deciduous Bonsai**. Boon shaped and styled a very nice **10 year old in-ground grown Crabapple** tree with the help of **Mark Arpag**. Everyone enjoyed the program and Boon provided some great tips on care, soil, potting, and wiring. **Some of his pointers were:** Find the trunk line first; Curved trunk is best; Top of tree should be bent forward; Graft or thread graft where needed to improve the look of the tree; Center tree in the pot; remove small leaves and leave normal size leaves; Back branches look best straight out, not bent over.

The tree was raffled at the conclusion of the program, and won by **Bob Blankfield**. The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle. Thanks to **Rick Marriott** we had another great refreshment table which everyone enjoyed before the meeting and at the break. The shrimp was great!

*Thanks also go to members who brought Bonsai and Suiseki for the display tables. Great job!*

Over **55** members and guests from Buffalo, Pennsylvania, as well as the surrounding Rochester area attended. In the afternoon Boon had a **Bring Your Own Tree Workshop** for six members. This was an excellent opportunity for personalized, hands-on instruction about refining established bonsai from an acclaimed professional.

*Thank you Boon for your interesting and informative program!*



## 46th BSUNY Spring Show

On **May 18th and 19th** we will be having our annual spring show at the Monroe Community Hospital. **So start preparing your trees now.** As always, we need lots of help and **there's something for everyone to do.** Check out the list of committee chairs on this page. Then, if you still don't know how you want to help, give one of our directors a call and they will be glad to set you up. If you've always wanted to get involved and don't know how, now is the time. Please make sure to sign up at the April meeting to help with security at the show. Show posters will be available to distribute at the April meeting.

**Special Masterpiece Forest & Rock Planting Exhibit at this year's show.**



From left to right: BSUNY Spring Bonsai Exhibition and Sale, members' trees, and Azalea by Joe Noga, the 2018 Irene Valavanis Founder's Award.



2018 Members Choice Award:  
Pine by Bob Blankfield



## Tree Labels for Spring Exhibit

If you are showing a new or unusual species or variety in our upcoming May show, kindly **notify Tom Friday**, by email at [tfriday23@gmail.com](mailto:tfriday23@gmail.com) so he can print a label.

In order to expedite setting up the show, please put a slip of paper in your tree with the **species or common name**, so we can find the right label quickly. There is a

glossary available of the botanical & common names of 175 bonsai species, updated periodically by Iris Cohen. Contact **Tom** if you would like a copy.

If you have any questions about the identity of the bonsai, you can ask any knowledgeable member of the bonsai society, or contact **Marc Arpag** or **Bill Valavanis** about the correct name.



## Spring Show Committee Chairs



<b>Directors</b>	Harvey Carapella Bill Valavanis	426-6548 334-2595
<b>Admission/ Reception</b>	Tom & Linda House Joe & Jean Lentner Diane Koretz	
<b>Bonsai Placement</b>	Bill Valavanis	334-2595
<b>Demos/Videos</b>	Mark Arpag Harvey Carapella	244-6241 426-6548
<b>Educational Exhibit</b>	John Wiessinger	
<b>Members Choice</b>	Jim & Rita Dolce Mark Arpag	943-9141 244-6241
<b>Membership Table</b>	Rick Marriott	247-3401
<b>Photographer</b>	Joe Noga	
<b>Web/Drone Photographers</b>	Tom Friday, Jason Henderberg, Irma Abu-Jumah	
<b>Publicity</b>	Tom Friday, Irma Abu-Jumah Jason Henderberg, Joe Galley Tom/Marci Macinski	

<b>Signs</b>	Alan Adair Harvey Carapella	
<b>Raffle</b>	Irma Abu-Jumah Bob Pfromm Tom Friday	278-3803 421-0378
<b>Refreshments</b>	Rick Marriott	247-3401
<b>Vendors &amp; Donations</b>	Alan Adair	235-0567
<b>Security</b>	Glenn Morton Bob Pfromm	
<b>Staging</b>	Joe Lentner, Alan Adair, Tom House, Doug McDade, Steve Kozlowski	
<b>Suiseki Display</b>	Les Allen Ron Maggio	872-0382
<b>Tokonoma</b>	Glenn Morton Amar Oesterly	
<b>Tree Labels</b>	Tom Friday, <a href="mailto:tfriday23@gmail.com">tfriday23@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Set-Up &amp; Clean-up:</b>	<b>Entire Membership!</b>	

## BSUNY & International Bonsai Arboretum at GardenScape

**G**ardenScape 2019 is the annual flower and garden show in Rochester, New York, which ran from March 14-17, 2019. It was held at the dome in Henrietta, NY. Top landscape companies from around the area transformed the Dome into a living garden. GardenScape showcases the most unique designs, displays, plants and products for attendees. This year's theme was *Enchanted Gardens*. The **Bonsai Society of Upstate New York** and the **International Bonsai Arboretum** have both displayed bonsai in each of the 23 shows of the past. Several seminars were presented throughout the four day event. **Bill Valavanis** presented two seminars during the show on topics relating to Bonsai.

The **Bonsai Society of Upstate New York** won the **Non-profit Award** for *Best garden or display with educational value for the gardening public*. Our display was next to the International Bonsai Arboretum so half of an entire wall featured bonsai. **Special thanks to all of you who helped:** set-up, tear down, exhibited, answered questions, and gave out club information in the club's display. The exhibit got a tremendous amount of attention and interest thanks to everyone. **Mark Arpag** said it well: *Congratulations and thank you to our dedicated Club members for our Award winning display!* Trees on display were brought in by **Mark Arpag, Harvey Carapella, Bill Valavanis, Rick Marriott, Alan Adair, Joe Moore, Joe Galley, Ron Maggio, Jason Henderberg, and Tom Friday.**

The **Arboretum display** won **six Awards**, and included a **new larger gazebo** designed and constructed by **Joe Lentner** where **Harvey Carapella, Alan Adair and Bill Valavanis** presented continuous demonstrations working on two different trees at a time. Questions were answered during the event about what they were doing as well as about the formal displays. Bill's Monday 'Senior Crew' of club members assisted him in the set up of his display. Twelve people including Bill's son Chris, and two club members from Ithaca, NY began on Monday morning at 9 am and finished up the BSUNY and International Bonsai displays on Wednesday morning.

*Well done everyone!!!*



### Officer Election Results

Our election of officers for **2019-2020** was held at the March meeting. All of the current officers have graciously volunteered for another term and voted back in. Special thanks to the election committee also. Our meeting are top notch thanks to our officers and board members.

- ✓ **Mark Arpag,**  
**President**
- ✓ **Bill Valavanis,**  
**Vice-President**
- ✓ **Jason Henderberg,**  
**Secretary**
- ✓ **Diane Koretz,**  
**Treasurer**



### Shohin Study Group Meeting

Prior to the April bonsai club meeting, the **Shohin Study Group** will gather for **Dave Paris's** presentation on multiple ways of displaying shohin bonsai in preparation for the May show. This will include displaying as a single tree, two trees, and three or more trees. We'll also be discussing the creation of a larger display through selecting trees from multiple owners. *See you then, Dave Paris.*

