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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York Inc



## It's Show Time Again! 46th Annual Spring Show



On **May 18th and 19th** we will be having our Annual Spring Show at the **Monroe Community Hospital**. Our two featured demonstrations for the Spring show this year will be our own **Mark Arpag** on **Saturday 18th** and accredited teachers of **Ikebana International** with Jerome Cushman and Karen Napoli on **Sunday 19th**. Both talks with demos will be at 2:00 pm.

There will be a display of **Suiseki** (viewing stones) by the **Upstate New York Suiseki Study Group**, and **Ikebana International Chapter 53**.

About Demo #1: **Mark Arpag** has been a member of the Bonsai Society of Upstate New York for 27 years and is our current President. He is a long time student of Wm. N. Valavanis and teaching assistant at the International Bonsai Arboretum. His Bonsai have been displayed in all 6 US National Exhibitions and the Artisans Cup. Mark has received a number of National and Regional Awards as well as photographs featured in a number of Bonsai books and magazines.

About Demo #2: **Ikebana International Rochester Chapter** has been in existence since 1961 and its members have a common bond of love of flowers and a passion for the Japanese art of flower arrangement. They uphold the motto of Ikebana International, which is: *"Friendship through flowers."*

**Special Display of Masterpiece Forest and Rock Plantings!** The trees will come from private Bonsai Collections of Bonsai Society of Upstate New York Inc members. Virtually any material can be used in the preparation of a forest planting. Usually the same material is used throughout. This assists in the horticultural maintenance of the planting. Mixed forests can be done Particularly recommended are: Beech, Birch, Cryptomeria, Elms, Zelkova, Hornbeam, Juniper, Larch, Euonymous and Maples.

***Come help, enjoy, and learn at our annual show!***

### *Wine and Cheese Reception*

All members are invited to come at 5:30 on Saturday evening for a private viewing of our exhibition. Enjoy light refreshments and some relaxed conversation with fellow members. We will then vote for your favorite bonsai for our annual **Members' Choice Award** in memory of Yuji Yoshimura. There will be a **Second Award** presented again this year, the **"Irene Valavanis Founders Award"**. It will be selected by **Bill Valavanis** for any outstanding style of Bonsai.



Azalea by Joe Noga, 2018 Irene Valavanis Founders Award



Pine by Bob Blankfield  
2018 Member's Choice Award



## We need your trees! We need your help!

Set up will start at **3:00 pm Sharp** (NO EARLY ARRIVALS) on **Friday, May 17th** and be completed by **8:00 pm**. Please make sure to bring your **cleaned and prepared bonsai** to the Monroe community Hospital at **5-6 pm Friday** to be in show. The trees do not have to be masterpieces but should look their best.

**There are many jobs to be done.** Try to participate in the show somehow: Submit a tree, help setup and/or takedown, sell raffle tickets, work security during the show by signing up in our **DOODLE schedule sent to you by email or by clicking in the link below:**

<https://doodle.com/poll/mkx8xd6dc9mi9upe>

If you don't know what you can do, **please ask!** Remember, **many hands make light work!**

For more information call **Bill Valavanis (334-2595)** or **Harvey Carapella (426-6548)**.

## BSUNY Activities

### MAG-Asian Pacific American Heritage Family Fun Day

**BSUNY** was invited to take part in this years annual **Memorial Art Gallery Asian Pacific American Heritage Family Fun Day on May 11th**. There were art activities, music and dance, cultural displays, tours and storytelling that presented a brief view of Asian culture and the Asian American dispersion. Literature about the society was given out to visitors. We had several bonsai and stones on display as well as information on the Spring Exhibition featuring Forest & Rock Planting Bonsai, Suiseki and Ikebana at our **46th Exhibition on May 18-19**. The trees and stones on display were supplied by **Mark Arpag, Harvey Carapella, Joe Moore, Rick Marriott, Jason Henderberg**.

Thanks to Ron & JoAnn Maggio and members who came to see the exhibit and Tom Friday for the photos. **Harvey**



## Bonsai Trees Season Planner -SPRING-

**S**pring is perhaps the most exciting time of the year for the bonsai enthusiast. This is the time when plans and dreams can be acted upon and enthusiasm is at its greatest. The trees come back to life with a burst of energy and promise. Buds open, leaves and shoots emerge looking fresh and green. This is the busiest time of the year and there is much to be done.

- Repot trees - now is the perfect time to improve a tree's appearance by giving it that special pot
- Protect freshly repotted and tender trees from strong winds, and rain
- Lift trees that you previously earmarked for collecting last year and search for others
- Check garden centers for the arrival of any new stocks of trees and examine carefully before purchase, especially the root and base structure
- Trees will require watering more frequently as the weather warms, as the roots and foliage begin to grow rapidly.
- Style potential material that has an established root system, protecting from frosts
- Prune out any dead branches or twigs as they become apparent
- Structural pruning can be carried out, but avoid large branch removal, at this stage and attention
- Repot and prepare all accent plants....You can now look forward to Summer.



# April Meeting Highlights

At our April meeting **Bill Valavanis** presented an educational bonsai program on **Japanese Black Pine**. First, Bill showed many pictures of some great looking Black Pines while including information on: Growth Characteristics, Winter Hardiness, Sources, Styles, Pruning and Training. Bill provided two very good handouts of information to take home. Several members brought their trained and in training Japanese Black Pine bonsai for the display table to illustrate techniques.

Over **55** members and guests attended our meeting, several of them from Buffalo, Syracuse, Ithaca (including one Cornell professor), Erie, and Williamsport, PA (about 3 hours away), as well as members from the surrounding Rochester area. The winner of the demo tree raffle was **Martha Macinski**.

After the demonstration six members participated in a workshop with Bill using pre-trained Japanese Black Pines. The students created the basic shapes and did the initial wiring. They will complete the wiring and bring the trees back to Bill for final touch adjustments at a later date. Some members stayed to observe, comment, and ask questions. Black Pines have very good bark characteristics and can grow very thick. The bark tends to be a lot harder and does not flake off as easy. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program and some excellent questions were asked.

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

Many thanks to **Rick Marriott** for the fine refreshments, and the great baked goods brought in by other members. Members also appreciated the many flowering bonsai on the display table brought in by fellow members.



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## It's That Time Of The Year Again...

Spring has finally arrived! Maples and flowering trees are starting to leaf out and bloom. By now, all your outdoor, winter-hardy bonsai should be outside in the full sun. If they are showing small leaves already then it's a good sign that they made it through the winter in good condition. But, it's too early to be sure.

Winter damage does not always show up until the really hot weather arrives in June. Be sure to protect bonsai that are in full leaf from sudden cold. The key temperature I look for is 25° F but 30° F is safer. If the temperature threatens to drop below what you feel comfortable with, then move your bonsai indoors for the night, then move them back out the next morning. It's a big job, but it's worth it to save the bonsai.



Cherry Blossoms

Members have lost some trees when fooled by the weather (and the weathermen) into leaving them out when they should have come in. At this time of year, it is best to just reconcile yourself to a lot of running in and out with trees. By now, my watering is a daily task, usually about 3-4PM. Flowering bonsai require more water than conifers. Bonsai that have been recently transplanted will not require too much water, but do need extra protection from wind and for the first few days, from too much sun. Misting helps newly transplanted bonsai. If deciduous species have not leafed out by the time you transplant, you can put them directly in the full sun, but watch out for wind. Start thinking about fertilizing, but just think for now. I will include some tips on fertilizer soon. The next three to four weeks are the most active and fun for bonsai enthusiast. Ninety percent of my transplanting and new bonsai creations are done now, so I have to go, because, **It's that time of the year... W.N.V.**



### BSUNY Picnic Reminder

*Dear friends:* This is to remind you about the picnic supper meeting on **June 25th**. This special meeting will be at the usual meeting place, **Brighton Town Lodge**

**at Buckland Park**. The picnic promises to be a great time with many attending and plenty of good food. Spouses and significant others are welcome to come.

The club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, coffee, tea and soda pop. We need those attending to bring dishes to pass like potato & macaroni salads, baked beans, and desserts. A tray of appetizers, a three-bean salad, and a lettuce salad would also work well. You could also bring your special dish you make with your secret recipe. If you would like to bring something, please let me know what you plan to bring, and how many will be attending. I look forward to talking with you during our **May Exhibition** at the **Monroe Community Hospital**.

You can call me at home after 7:00 pm at (585) 247-340 or contact me by e-mail at [refreshments@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org](mailto:refreshments@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org)

Thank you! Rick Marriott



### 2019 BSUNY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- 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

### Our next meeting: BSUNY Spring Show

Saturday and Sunday  
May 18-19, 2019

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

2pm Demonstration (both days)

Monroe Community Hospital,  
435 East Henrietta Rd. Rochester, NY 14603

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# How to use the DOODLE Calendar

1. Open the link provided: <https://doodle.com/poll/mkx8xd6dc9mi9upe>
2. There is **no need to register or Log-In**.
3. In the main page **enter your name in the empty field**.

The screenshot shows the Doodle poll interface for the 'Security Schedule - BSUNY Spring Show'. The top navigation bar includes the Doodle logo, 'Pricing', 'Help', 'English', 'Sign up', 'Log in', and 'Create a Doodle'. The main heading is 'Security Schedule - BSUNY Spring Show'. Below this is a calendar grid for May 17-19. Each day has a time slot (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM for May 17, and 9:45 AM - 11:30 AM, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM for May 18 and 19). A red arrow points to the 'Enter your name' input field in the bottom row of the calendar grid.

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Participants	0 participants	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0
Name Field	Enter your name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The screenshot shows the Doodle poll interface with the name 'John Smith' entered in the input field. A red arrow points to the input field.

	May 17 FRI	May 18 SAT	May 18 SAT	May 18 SAT	May 18 SAT	May 19 SUN	May 19 SUN	May 19 SUN	May 19 SUN
Time Slot	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	9:45 AM - 11:30 AM	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Participants	0 participants	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0
Name Field	John Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Then **select** the **Two-hour shift** you would like to cover.

The screenshot shows the Doodle poll interface with the 'Two-hour shift' selected for May 18 and May 19. A red arrow points to the selected cells.

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Participants	0 participants	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0	✓ 0
Name Field	John Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Once you are done, click on **SEND**.

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6. **YOU ARE DONE!**



**NOTE: Two new shifts were added this year:**

- One for the **set up time**, so we keep an eye on our trees while working setting up the tables.
- One at the **end of the show** on Sunday afternoon for the same reason.