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January 29 at Voorheesville Cooperative Extension
Noon Social and BYO Lunch One PM Meeting and program

TROPICAL BONSAI REPOTTING AND ANNUAL POO BALL WORKSHOP



Something for everyone. Come and work with Bill Jones to make your fertilizer balls for this spring and/or learn how to repot your tropicals. Remember that it is spring indoors and one of the two times it is good to repot your tropicals. Bring your tropicals and potting materials. If you need soil, call or email Pauline. You may also just learn about repotting and do it at home.

Check out the year's schedule later in the newsletter and put the dates on your calendar now. Jon Staples has set up a great program with lots to learn and great guest speakers.



THE HOLIDAY DINNER AND AUCTION

The annual Holiday Party again was great fun and a boon to our treasury. **The auction brought in \$823.** This will go a long way for the new programs in 2012. Many thanks to all who brought items and those who bought

them.

President Tom thanked Dorothy for her many years of service as an officer in MHBS by presenting her with a Sara Rayner pot for her wonderful Shohin Bonsai. >>>>>





During the evening the club presented these annual awards :

- The Helen Jeffers Award for Outstanding Service to Jon Staples
- The Nelson Hopper Award for Educational Service to Pauline Muth
- The Michael Kinnikutt Award for Outstanding Service by a New Member to Larry Mossey

Thanks to Dorothy for creating the awards.



<<<Pauline keeps the bids up.

Tom presented our officers with gifts for their service to the club.

The food was great, the friendship outstanding and the club participation terrific. The club decided to return to the Charlton Tavern again next December. We hope you will all join us.



it is that time of year..... **FOR BONSAI NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

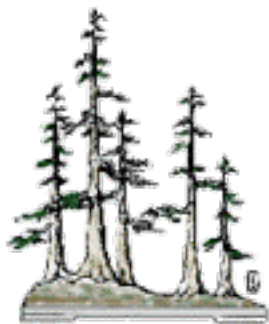


- Each bonsai will be wired and UNWIRED in its proper time.
- My bonsai benches will NOT be overcrowded!
- I will find homes for the extra bonsai and NOT get my spouse to build more benches.
- I will sharpen all my tools OFTEN.
- Fertilizing will be done on schedule.
- I will NOT buy more pots than I can use.
- I will take advice from masters with grace (even if I disregard the advice later)
- I will READ all the bonsai magazine I subscribe to when then arrive (instead of the next winter).
- I will work on all my bonsai as if they were all getting ready for a show.
- I will attend and help with :
 - our MHBS club show
 - the MABS festival
 - the 3rd National Exhibition in Rochester NY
 - the ABS/BCI American West Bonsai Convention in June 2012
 - all club meetings.
- I will sit back and enjoy my bonsai more often and share my love of them with others.
- I will keep trying these every year until I succeed!!

**DUES MAY BE PAID FROM NOW THROUGH JANUARY
FOR 2012**

SEND YOUR CHECKS TO PIERI...CHECKS TO MHBS

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**Save the date for
the MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies
2012 Spring Festival**

The 29th annual MABS Spring Festival will commence Friday evening, April 20, and will continue through Sunday afternoon, April 22, at our family-friendly location: the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey hotel in PA,. Renowned international professional bonsai artists will present lecture/demonstrations, workshops, and critiques of bonsai. Registrants will have weekend-long opportunities to observe and spend time with the artists at breakout sessions between demonstrations, and to view the MABS member clubs' Bonsai Exhibit and the Professional Invitational Artists' Bonsai Exhibit. In addition, bonsai vendors will be on site offering a large selection of bonsai, bonsai-related plants, containers, tools, books and other supplies. The hospitality area will be in the Royal Foyer. To welcome all registrants, complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided, starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening and again after the lecture/demonstration. The Festival's opening lecture/demonstration, starts at 8:00 p.m., and will be given by one of the featured guest bonsai artists, **John Thompson**. Each bonsai creation will be raffled following the completion of styling by its respective artist. This year will also feature the MABS regional runoff for A.B.S- supported Joshua Roth New Talent Competition. It will take place on Friday, 8 am-5 pm. Registrants are welcome to observe these emerging artists working on their contest entries. This year's artists are

ISOA OMACHI - JAPAN

MARIO KOMSTA- SPAIN

JOHN (JT) THOMPSON- USA

New Talent Competition at MABS. On Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM, there will be a New Talent Competition sponsored by the American Bonsai Society. The winner will receive from MABS a prize of \$500 for expenses to participate in the National Competition at the ABS Convention which will be held in Denver on June 21-24, 2012. The winner is guaranteed acceptance to compete in the National Competition. Applicants to the MABS-regional competition must be members of a MABS club and must have been involved in bonsai less than 10 years. Past competitors can participate unless they won the National Competition. To apply for the regional contest: Send photos of three bonsai designed by the applicant to Pauline Muth at ABS@pfmbonsai.com. The deadline for applying is March 10, 2012.

ON A SAD NOTE, WILLI BENZ OF GERMANY HAS PASSED WAY. WILLI WAS A GREAT EXPERT IN SUISEKI AND ACCENT PLANTS. HE SERVED ON THE BCI BOARD FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS A VICE PRESIDENT FOR MOST OF THOSE YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE.



BONSAI EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND

Jan 29	Tropical Workshop with members repotting/styling and making fertilizer cakes Voorheesville
Feb 26	David Knittle workshop and demo (tentative) Voorheesville
March 25	Kusamono workshop PFM Bonsai
April 20 -22	MABS
April 29	Displaying Bonsai workshop with Jim Doyle PM, Open WS AM PFM Bonsai
May 5-6	Club Show at Saratoga,
May 27	Bill Valavanis WS/demo PFM Bonsai
June 8-19	Third National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester NY
June 16-17	Wildwood BBQ Bonsai Weekend Charton OH
June 16 or 17	Montreal Trip to David Easterbrook's nursery
June 21-24	ABS/BCI Convention in Denver CO
July 29	Field Trip to NE Bonsai and Royal Gardens
August 26	Annual Picnic with open WS with David Easterbrook bringing back trees from June trip PFM Bonsai
Sept 30	TBA
October 28	John Romano WS/demo on shohin style PFM Bonsai
November 18	Red Cedar Mame WS with Tom K. PLACE TBD
Dec 2	Annual Christmas Dinner at Charlton Village Tavern



THANK YOU TO OUR RETURNING AND NEW OFFICERS Officers MHBS 2012

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WEB SITES OF INTEREST



American Bonsai Society - www.absbonsai.org

Bonsai Clubs International - www.bonsai-bci.com

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies -

www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com

<<<<<National Bonsai Foundation - www.bonsai-nbf.org

The MHBS newsletter "The Twig" is also posted at

www.pfmbonsai.com

THE MHBS WEB SITE IS
<http://mohawkhudsonbonsai.org/>
be sure to visit it