



# THE TWIG



DAVID KNITTLE:

FOR THE LOVE OF AZALEA BONSAI

February 26 at PFM Bonsai (weather permitting)

**SPECIAL TIMES: 11 AM PROGRAM 1 PM WORKSHOP**



We know we **love** azaleas but sometimes we really do not know how to best work with them. Come and learn with David. He is a true expert in the horticulture and art of azaleas. So that we can learn before we work on our trees, we have set the lesson first at 11 AM to be followed by a brief time for BYO lunch and then the workshop at 1 or so.

The workshop is is to be determined. It may be BYO azalea or if we are very lucky we will have azalea to work with. Interested? Email or call Pauline to register. First come, first served. Once you have registered mail our treasurer, Pieri your check made out to MHBS to confirm the reservation for \$30. IF David finds some azaleas, we will send out an email and their price, otherwise it will be BYO azalea.

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The meeting place will depend on the weather. An email will be sent out a few days before the meeting to confirm the place. **At this point plan on meeting at pfm bonsai unless we finally get a real winter.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR AZALEA ( in bloom or not) for show table.**

**FOR THE FEW WHO HAVE NOT PAID DUES  
FOR 2012  
SEND YOUR CHECKS TO PIERI...CHECKS TO  
MHBS**

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**Save the dates April 20-22  
for the MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies  
2012 Spring Festival**

**SEE <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/> FOR DETAILS**

**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](mailto:ABS@pfmbonsai.com). The deadline for applying is March 10, 2012.

**ABS John Y Naka Design Awards** It is not too late to submit your best bonsai. See <http://absbonsai.org/latest-news/158-naka-design-award-ad>

**BONSAI EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND**

Feb 26	David Knittle workshop and demo PFM bonsai 11AM
March 25	Kusamono Lesson and workshop PFM Bonsai
April 20 -22	MABS Grantville PA
April 29	Displaying Bonsai workshop with Jim Doyle PM, Open WS AM PFM Bonsai
May 5-6	Club Show at Saratoga Arts Center
May 12	Nature's Way 39th Spring Open House Harrisburg PA
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 21-24	ABS/BCI Convention in Denver CO
June 30 July 1	Montreal Trip to David Easterbrook's & Montreal Gardens
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 4-7	International Stone Appreciation Symposium Grantville PA
October 20	Nature's Way Fall Open House in Harrisburg PA
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

**MHBS Minutes January 2012**

President Tom called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

15 members and 1 guest were present.

The minutes from the November Twig were accepted as published.

Treasure Pieri reported that the opening balance for January 2012 was \$2813.21 and the current balance as of 1/29/12 was \$2,213.21

The raffle netted \$71.00. Thanks to all who participated. If you owe dues, please send them to Pieri.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 26 Satsuki azalea demo and workshop with David Knittle . Demo begins at 11 and workshop begins at 1. Watch e-mail for location (weather permitting it will be a PFM studio instead of Voorheesville).
- March 25 Kusamono demo and workshop at PFM studio. No cost unless you buy plants and pots from Pauline. You may bring your own plants and pots.
- April 20-22 MABS Mario Komsta of Spain will not be attending. Chase Rosade will take his place. Brochures are not yet available. More information to follow soon.
- April 29 Jim Doyle demo on displaying bonsai in AM and an open workshop in PM.
- May 5-6 club show in Saratoga

#### Old Business

- Our web-master, Larry, encouraged all members to go to our web-site, click, and put in their e-mail. You will be provided with reminders and important updates. In Phase 2, you will be able to post your own pictures and ideas for discussion threads.
- Remember the New Talent competition at MABS. Talk to Pauline for further details. Also enter your best bonsai in the ABS John Naka Design contest;
- Club members voted and approved to include both the Bill Valavanis and John Romano workshops and demos on shohin style bonsai in events because each artist will have a different approach to the style.

#### New Business

- MHBS will be hosting the ABS convention in Saratoga on the second weekend in Sept. 2013. Our club will be helping with the exhibits and the vendors. We need to be stocking up on items for the raffle. Any books, pots, trees, etc. are needed and will be greatly appreciated. The staging of the exhibit is our responsibility and ABS will provide funds for the set-up. Whatever we build or make will then ours to use at our future shows.
- Molly and Pauline are working on the details for a new presentation for our spring show in May. Each person will have a space to fill. This may mean fewer trees on display, but we will be able to see the trees better, and it will give experience in set-up for the national ABS 2013 show. Remember that all levels of expertise and ability will be included in our display.
- Date change.....Montreal trip is now scheduled for June 30 and July 1, 2012. Pieri made a motion that we stay overnight and it was seconded by Michael. The voted and approved the motion. We would go to the Botanical Gardens on Saturday and to David Easterbrook's Nursery on Sunday morning. Pauline is waiting to hear from David about accommodations.

#### Miscellaneous announcements

- Bill Jones volunteered to be the "keeper" of the blue bin.
  - Items for the raffle for club meetings are needed. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
  - Poo balls are currently drying in Bill Jones' shed and will be available for purchase by the pound at future meetings.
  - Thank you to Bill, Jon, and Tom for the program presentations. We definitely had fun and learned some new basic ideas about repotting and fertilization of bonsai.
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Respectfully submitted, Sandy Kiszkiel, secretary - MHBS



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### WEB SITES OF INTEREST

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Bonsai Clubs International - [www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies - [www.midatlanticbonsai.freemembers.com](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freemembers.com)

National Bonsai Foundation - [www.bonsai-nbf.org](http://www.bonsai-nbf.org)

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