



THE TWIG



Jim Doyle Returns to MHBS April 29

9 AM: BYO or BUY Workshop

1 PM: The Art of Bonsai Display

Workshop followed by BYO lunch, then the program at PFM Bonsai

Join us for one of our favorite teachers: Jim Doyle of Nature's Way Nursery in Harrisburg PA. Jim is well respected in the world of bonsai. He travels throughout the USA and Europe as both a teacher and a favorite vendor of all things bonsai. Traveling often to Europe and Japan, he brings us the best in unique trees, pots and all things bonsai and Japanese.

During this trip to NY, he will do a two part program. In the morning you can work with Jim on one of your trees or purchase one from Pauline or Jim to work one. The workshop is \$40 and will be limited, so email Pauline to reserve a place and send a check for \$40 to Pieri made out to MHBS to secure your place in the workshop. Pieri Hayes 550 Columbia St. Ex Cohoes NY 12047



The workshop will be followed by a BYO lunch and brief meeting. The afternoon program will focus on bonsai display. Since some of us will be setting up a display with our bonsai at the annual show the week after this meeting, you might want to bring in your bonsai and display items for expert advice from Jim. Jim hopes to demonstrate displays using our materials.

Jim will be bringing a selection of trees and other bonsai items for sale also.

There will be a raffle of a number of very nice items donated by members so remember to bring in show trees as they give you a free ticket in the raffle.



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>

ADVANCED REGISTRATION NEEDED NOW

On September 29-30, David Knittle will return for a two part workshop weekend.

On Saturday all day and before and after the meeting on Sunday, David will work with us to put together a lighted Tokonoma display cabinet (like the ones in pfm bonsai studio).

The cost will be \$210 per person. Each participant will put together and finish a precut tokonoma for their homes. **A minimum of 5 people are needed for this event. Contact Pauline now to sign up. We need a firm number by April 29 please.**

Presuming we have 5 for the workshop, the club will have a presentation and work session on tool sharpening by David at one on Sunday. A small TBD fee will be charged for tools sharpened during the event but all will learn how to sharpen their bonsai tools.

MHBS DISPLAY AT MABS

THE FOLLOWING TREES WILL BE DISPLAYED.

If you are not going to MABS, get the trees to Pauline or Alan close to the convention.

Big Trees

- 31 - Boxwood land & water penjing (Larry)
- 4 - Dwarf Juniper - Tanuki (David Hodgetts)

Shohin Display

- 50 - Hinoki tanuki (Mike C.)
- 64 - Windswept Common Juniper (Alan)
- 61 - Potentilla (Tom)
- 63 - Red Pine (Alan)
- 60 - Seiju Elm (Dorothy)
- WE NEED AN ADDITIONAL SHOHIN TO COMPLETE THE DISPLAY...CONTACT PAULINE
- Note: None of Pauline's trees can be in the club display as she is showing in the professional division

MANY THANKS TO ALAN FOR HELPING US BY SETTING UP OUR TREES AT MABS.

THE MHBS WEB SITE IS <http://mohawkhudsonbonsai.org>

be sure to visit it and sign up for updates

SORRY...NO BONSAI TECHNICAL ARTICLES...TOO BUSY REPOTTING EARLY DUE TO THE VERY WIERD WEATHER....Pauline

MHBS SHOW AT THE ARTS CENTER IN SARATOGA SPRINGS IS MAY 5 & 6

Are you ready? Our 44th annual show is a month away. We need lots of trees to show of all levels of development. We need YOUR BONSAI!! Clean them up, wire when needed, and bring them to the show. You may choose to do a full display with your bonsai or simply put them in one of the group displays.

PLEASE send Pauline a list of the bonsai you will be displaying so we can attempt to have labels for all bonsai. (We do not want a repeat of the mislabeling of last year...apologies to those who had mislabeled trees....prevent this by pre-registering your bonsai soon.)

We need workers for:

FRIDAY EVENING 8 PM UNTIL? SETTING UP TABLES AND BACKGROUNDS

SATURDAY AT 7AM-10 AM PUTTING BONSAI IN PLACE AND LABELING;

SETTING UP THE SALES AREA

SATURDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM HELPING WITH THE SHOW...GUARDING

TREES, ANSWERING QUESTIONS; DEMONSTRATIONS

SUNDAY 9AM -10 AM WATERING TREES ON DISPLAY

SUNDAY 10 AM - 4 PM HELPING WITH THE SHOW...GUARDING

TREES, ANSWERING QUESTIONS; DEMONSTRATIONS

SUNDAY 4 PM: BREAKING DOWN THE SHOW

WHAT TO DO TO GET READY FOR THE SHOW

- Work on your bonsai so that the tree, soil and pot are neat and clean....no weeds in the soil and no scum on the pot. No bugs or diseases please.
- Check any wiring that is needed. Be sure it is neat and not over tight.
- If possible moss the soil surface. Not a requirement at our show, but nice if possible.
- Gather your stands, scrolls and accents. Set up to use yours on your displays, then bring extras for others to use.
- Register a list of the bonsai you are bringing with Pauline so that correct labels will be ready for your bonsai.
- When using a friend's stand at the show be careful to not scratch it.
- Gather materials you would like to sell at the club's table. Label each item with your name or initials and the price. You may donate the items to the club OR sell them with 10% of the price going to the club.
- Bring trees and tools to the show to work on as demonstrations while we talk to the public.
- VOLUNTEER to help with the show!! Spread the word about the show!!

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF MHBS

President Tom called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

9 members and 3 guests were present

The minutes from the February Twig were accepted as published

The raffle netted \$85.00. Thanks to all who participated.

Upcoming Events

- April 20-22 MABS at Grantville, PA. First time registrant's registration is half-priced. Please contact Pauline if your tree was selected to go to the show. She needs the names by April 1, 2012.
- April 29 is the open morning workshop with Jim Doyle. Bring your own trees, or buy one from Jim who is bringing a selection of trees with him. In the afternoon, Jim will be instructing us on the art of bonsai display. Great timing for the show!
- May 5-6 is the club show at the Saratoga Arts Center. SET UP is the evening of May 4. Please contact Pauline if you can help on any of the days of the show. Come one, come all. Specific times to follow. Assigned spaces of either 6 feet or 8 feet will be available depending on your display tree and accent plant. Remember that we want to display ALL levels and expertise of bonsai. There will be show tables for those participants who do not feel that they want the larger assigned space.
- June 30-July 1 Montreal trip to David Easterbrook's and Montreal Gardens

Old Business

- Please contact Pauline if you are intending to go to Montreal. Since she is trying to finalize the hotel accommodations, she needs to know if you want a single or double room.
- Web-site postings. The club approved having a form which you will sign denoting your personal preference for using your name, photo, and information on the site.

New Business

- September 30 The club decided to have David Knittle conduct a tool sharpening demo and workshop. He will be at Pauline's studio that weekend for a workshop on building your own tokonoma.

Miscellaneous announcements

- Ted Matson is coming in on the Sunday before Memorial Day in May of 2013
- Thanks to Molly for donating the rock slab for the club raffle this month. It was an exceptional stone and much appreciated.
- Thanks to Pauline for her excellent presentation on shitakusa and kusomono. It was concise, informative, and enjoyable. Look for Pauline's new book on shitakusa and kusomono being published by ABS this year. And, thanks, Pauline, for donating the kusomono for the raffle.
- Remember that the fertilizer cakes will be available for purchase at April meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Kiszkiel, secretary - MHBS

BONSAI EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND

- April 20 -22 MABS Grantville PA see <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/> for details
- April 29 Displaying Bonsai workshop with Jim Doyle PM, Open WS AM PFM Bonsai
- May 5-6 Club Show at Saratoga Arts Center set up Friday night also
- May 12 Nature's Way 39th Spring Open House Harrisburg PA see <http://www.natureswaybonsai.com/> for more information
- May 27 Bill Valavanis WS/demo on shohin at PFM Bonsai
- June 8-9 Third National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester NY see http://www.internationalbonsai.com/store/1708315/uploaded/2012_national_exhibition/index.html
- June 16-17 Wildwood BBQ Bonsai Weekend Charton OH
- June 21-24 ABS/BCI Convention in Denver CO
see <http://www.bonsai2012.org/> for details
- June 30-July 1 Montreal Trip to David Easterbrook's & Montreal Gardens by vans...
overnight stay at hotel...details to be sent in separate email once all is confirmed
- July 14-15 Frank Mihalic Workshops at PFM Bonsai
- 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 29-30 David Knittle double event: Build a Tokonoma / Sharpening Bonsai Tools
- October 4-7 International Stone Appreciation Symposium Grantville PA
- October 20 Nature's Way Fall Open House in Harrisburg PA see <http://www.natureswaybonsai.com/> for more information
- 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

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MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies - www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com

National Bonsai Foundation - www.bonsai-nbf.org

Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society



44th Annual Show And Sale

**May 5-6, 2012
10AM to 5PM**

The Arts Center
320 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Bonsai exhibition, demonstrations and sales
“Doctor Bonsai” will be in to give you advice on your bonsai
or help you make one

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