

THE TWIG

Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society



January 26 Meeting
**at Albany County
Cooperative
Extension**

Noon:
*Lunch by sharing and social/
question hour. New friends
interested in bonsai are always
welcome*

Program at One PM
Mc Guiverism's
for Bonsai

SHARING BONSAI SECRETS AND HINTS

We all have little tricks we have learned to use to make our pursuit of beautiful bonsai possible. Now is the time to share what we have learned with others.

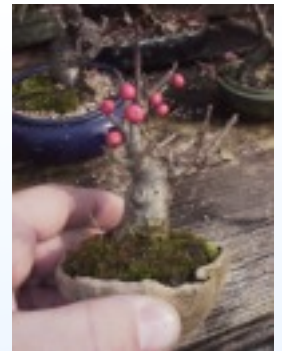
Bring your ideas to the meeting to share. If you have photographs or actual examples of your ideas, bring them along to illustrate your ideas.

Here is an example: You can clean used bonsai pots easily by using Mr. Clean Magic Erasers. For stubborn stains use the Bathroom variety.

We have new members and old hands at bonsai so all types of helpful hints will be enjoyed by some one who will find it new and useful.



Due to snow and limited parking at pfm bonsai, our January and February meetings will be at the Albany County Cooperative Extension, 24 Martin Road,



Mame Bonsai
from the collection of
Frank Mihalic,
Wildwood Gardens,



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Bonsai Resolutions for 2014 and on

I will

- Transplant every bonsai that needs it on time.
- Fertilize on schedule...taking care to use the right amounts at the right times.
- Complete wiring before winter is over.
- Remove wire before damage occurs.
- Spend time trimming each day in the growing season to develop better ramification.
- Study each species thoroughly to apply the right techniques to the right trees.
- Make sure that the ground landscaping does not block the light from the bonsai.
- Spend a concentrated time each day working on the bonsai...not just for watering.
- Develop some new bonsai.
- Remove trees from the collection that will never develop into good bonsai.
- Share my knowledge with friends.



Improving the Art

I attend a fair amount of conventions each year. I love wandering through the beautiful exhibitions. Sometimes I am so inspired, I can not wait to get back to my collections and work on it.

Sometimes I am so overwhelmed by the quality of the trees, that I think I should throw out all my trees and start over. Since I am never going to do that, I "simply" need to buckle down and do the necessary work I know how to do to make my trees into bonsai of great beauty.

So I am sharing my resolutions with you. They are aimed to make our trees into beautiful bonsai.



dues are due

Our dues support our programs and pay our insurance. Please send your dues check to MHBS to our treasurer Molly Beverage or bring them to the next meeting. Many thanks to all those who have already paid!!

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Jan. 26 Mc Guiverism for Bonsai unusual use of common items for tools
 and various techniques for bonsai at Voorheesville

Feb. 23 Designing 3 or 4 trees by round robin design at Voorheesville

Mar. 30 Planting on slabs with Pauline at pfm bonsai

Apr.25-27 MABS at the Ramada Inn in East Hanover NJ

May 18 Mary Madison tropicals at pfm bonsai

June 29 Potentilla workshop with Pauline at pfm bonsai

July 27 Outdoor stand building at pfm bonsai

Aug. Overnight field trip to see Doug Paul's collection in Philadelphia and
 Longwood Gardens

 1st. Friday Art Show at the Granite Museum in Granville, NY

Sept. 19-20 Club show in Saratoga

Oct. 26 Workshop with Andy Smith

Nov. 23 Open workshop

Dec. 6 holiday party

MABS April 25-27 East Hanover NJ <http://midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com>

Fourth NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION Rochester NY http://www.internationalbonsai.com/store/1708315/uploaded/national_exhibition/index.html

ABS/GSBF Oct 31 Sacramento CA details coming soon

BCI Australia <http://goldcoast2014.bonsai-bci.com>

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