

THE TWIG

Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society



***FREE
MEMBERS
WORKSHOP***

***DENO &
WORKSHOP
BY DAVID
HODGETTS***

***MEETING AT
NOON
MAY 31***

MEETINGS AT PFM BONSAI STUDIO



HINOKI DEMO AND WORKSHOP WITH DAVID HODGETTS

Come and learn about Hinoki for bonsai while David works on a outstanding specimen that will be raffled to a lucky club member. After the demo, members will have a chance to do a free workshop on the trees we have from the Mark Comstock visit last summer. *The workshop is free. Email Pauline if you are interested. The first eight people registered will have a free tree.* David has requested that any members who have Hinoki to show bring them. Also you may work on a hinoki you already own at the workshop.

My apologies for the lateness of the newsletter. Apparently a broken wrist can slow me down. Many thanks to everyone who has helped me during the last month , especially Dave.

MAY 2015

Photo essay on Budi's visit by Alan Tallman



Demonstration tree was won by Pauline.

MHBS MINUTES BY SANDY

MHBS minutes for April 25, 2015

President Tom called the meeting to order at 12:55 P.M.

16 members were present

Treasurer's report was given and approved

Minutes were approved as published in the Twig

Upcoming events

- May 31 design club trees with David Hodgetts
- June 11-14 ABS Baltimore
- June 28 design white cedars with Mark Arpag
- July 26 workshop and demo with Cheryl Manning

Old business

- MABS continued to be an outstanding and inspiring convention. Budi Sulisty, Peter Tea and Mauro Stemberger provided us all with insights into the art of growing, pruning, styling, and caring for bonsai trees. Many thanks to all of our members who attended and pitched in to help with our assigned tasks. Special thanks to the following: Pauline for her untiring and great work as president of MABS, David Patton for his expertise and organization as treasurer, and David Hodgetts for the two day on stage work with the masters.
- May 31 COME ONE, COME ALL! David Hodgetts will be helping us design hinoki trees. The club trees are the result of the Comstock sale last August. The trees are FREE and members will select their tree by lottery. FREE TREES, FREE WORKSHOP, GREAT TEACHER, and FUN are the guarantees for the day!

New business

- Bill Valavanis is offering a bus trip to Montreal to visit David Easterbrook as well as the Montreal Botanical Gardens. The dates are July 17-19. For those from our club wishing to go, the bus would stop at a convenient spot for our members. Details to follow.
- SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING
As of this time, 3 members have expressed an interest in making a tokonoma with David Knittle. It's a great opportunity to make a professional show piece. Please email Tom or Jon if you are interested.

Miscellaneous Announcements

- Thanks to all who supplied the delicious food for the workshop with Budi. It was greatly appreciated.
- Special thanks go to Pat, Adriano and Teresa, Tom and Sandy for making it possible for Budi to travel around the Hudson Valley and the Adirondacks.
Pat, Adriano and Teresa, as well as Pauline and Myron also provided nightly accommodations for him.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Kiszkiel

Secretary MHBS

A Bonsai Close Up on Dwarf Hinoki False Cypress

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'nana'

by Pauline F Muth

Hinoki Cypress is an evergreen shrub native to Japan that can slowly grow up to 3 feet tall and 2 feet wide. The **foliage** is flattened and spreads in fan like patterns. It maintains a dark green color. There is a definite top and bottom to each leaf..take care to keep the orientation.

It is **hardy** in Zones 4 (with excellent winter protection) to 8A and does well to -10F. In the coldest of temperatures it needs protected from extreme cold and drying winds in **winter**. Complete protection from wind in cold is needed. Placing the bonsai in an unheated building or cold cellar is needed lower zones.

The species requires **full sun** but care must be taken to not dry out the soil which is detrimental to the shrub. Although many books state that they do not break back on old wood, I have found that this is not true. If the foliage is kept pinched and sun reaches into the bonsai, proper levels of foliage masses will be maintained.

Grow in a **well draining bonsai medium** and keep the soil from drying out. If you are growing this species in a very warm area, you may need to use a growing medium that is a bit richer in organics to keep in the moisture. pH of 6.1 to 7.5 works.

Keep the foliage **well pinched** throughout the growing season.

Wire when needed taking care as the foliage fans are easily broken and damaged.

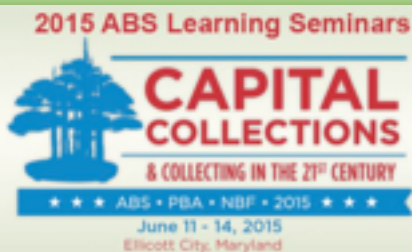
Photos above show before and after wiring and styling by Suthin.

Repotting should be done in mid spring every 2 to 5 years depending on the root growth. You may remove at least 1/3 of the root mass. They can easily become root bound, so watch for it and repot as needed.

MHBS 2015 programs mark your calendars

- May 31 design Hinoki with David Hodgetts lesson and workshop
- June 11-14 ABS Baltimore
- June 28 Mark Arpag designs white cedars
- July 26 Cheryl Manning workshop and demo
- Aug. 30 Accent planting with Pauline lesson and workshop
- Sept. 27 mossing trees and moss gardens with Adriano
- Oct. 11-12 club show
- Nov. 22 ideas?see minutes and vote
- Dec. Holiday party

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS



ABS next June 11-14 in Baltimore MD.

<http://www.absbonsai.org/2015-abs-learning-symposium>

PLAN WAY AHEAD AND SAVE UP FOR the World Convention in April of 2017 in JAPAN! ABS will be running a tour to the

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