

# THE TWIG

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## Next Club Date

### *Bring Your Own Tree Workshop and Club Meeting*

**Sunday April 30 - BYOT Workshop**  
**Studio opens at 9am**  
**Club meeting at noon**

**NOTE!!!** Location: [DJH Bonsai](#)

*Work on your own trees ~ Learn from  
others ~ Watch others work  
Come to learn, come to share!!*

Our Sunday BYOT open workshop is a great time to do that much-needed work on your own trees. And if you have a newly acquired tree from Pauline's collection, this will be a good opportunity to work on it as you prepare it for display at her Celebration of Life at the end of May.

Dave Hodgetts as well as fellow club members will be available if advice is needed on your trees.

[DJH Bonsai](#) will be open starting at 9:00am so come when you can and stay as long as you need. A club meeting will be held at noon and open workshop resumes after the meeting.

BYO lunch and bring food to share.

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## March Club Meeting and Activities

### *Workshop with Will Baddeley*

While just three club members took advantage of the carving workshop with Will Baddeley, they each enjoyed getting lots of quality time with this UK carving master.



## BYOT Workshop (con't)

This is a free workshop so no registration is required. It is also open to the public so we invite you to bring along a friend or two.

We will also try out a sale table at BYOT workshops to help you move out excess trees, pre-bonsai, cuttings, nursery stock, accents, pots, books, tools or equipment. Just price your item, put your name on it and place it on the sale table.

20% of sale proceeds will benefit the club.

## Looking Ahead

### May 27-28

Saturday set up and Pauline's Celebration of Life on Sunday.  
See announcement on [pages 7 and 8](#). An RSVP has been requested.

### June 8-11

American Bonsai Society 2023 Learning Seminars, Denver CO. [Registration is open](#).

### June 25

To be determined.

### July 29-30

Mark Arpag workshop and demonstration.

### August 26-27

[Suthin Sukosolvisit](#)

### September 9-10

U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, Rochester NY. [Registration is open](#).

### September 24

To be determined.

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## March Activities (con't)



## Club Meeting

Following approval of minutes as amended and the Treasurer's report, there was discussion of upcoming activities. The April 30 meeting and BYOT workshop will now be held at DJH Studio with the studio opening at 9:00am. See details in sidebar on [page 1](#).

Guy Pastena is still working on club website research and redesign. If anyone is able to provide details of club history, please contact [Bill Papura](#). The Outreach Director discussion was again tabled.

We have reached out to the Albany Center Gallery director to work out details of the 2023 Club Show. Work continues on the 2022 Club Show album.

## Will Baddeley Demonstration

Dave and Lori Hodgetts welcomed guest Will Baddeley and MHBS members to the first club event at DJH Bonsai.



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## Looking Ahead (con't)

### October 7-8

MHBS Club Show, Albany Center Gallery

### October 29

Open BYOT Workshop. Work on your own trees - Learn from others - Watch others work - Come to learn, come to share! Bring a friend!

### November 19

Morten Albek virtual presentation on shohin bonsai.

### December TBD

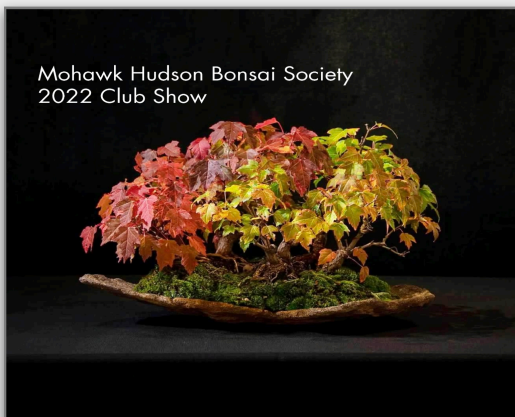
MHBS Holiday Party

## 2022 MHBS Club Show Album

An album dedicated to Pauline Muth and showing every tree that was displayed in our 2022 Club Show is now available for sale.

Featuring professional quality photographs by Sean Lamoureux, the soft cover album has 27 pages and measures 8-1/2"x11". Our initial run of albums will be sold at \$35. (If additional runs are needed in the future, the price may differ.)

Albums will be available to purchase at club meetings (cash or check payable to MHBS).



## March Activities (con't)

Will is known throughout the bonsai world for his machine carving skills. And while this can seem out of reach for some of us, Will's demonstration showed how machine as well as hand carving techniques can be done on bonsai of all sizes and can be accomplished by bonsai hobbyists of all skill levels.

More than one attendee was heard after the demonstration saying they were now more inspired than ever to try carving techniques on their trees.



The raffle for the demo tree was won by David Shaffer (the value of the tree was then donated back to the club by David and Dave Hodgetts.)

Also, the raffle for the MABS registration was won by Bill Papura who donated the proceeds to the club.



## MABS Spring Festival

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Your Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society was proud to exhibit eight trees in four displays at the MABS Spring Festival Club Exhibition. Club members showing trees were:

Nancy Castillo ~ Dave Hodgetts ~ Bill Papura  
Vera Rabovsky ~ Dorothy Raymond ~ Jon Stewart

More MHBS members than ever participated in the exhibition, including the first-ever club shohin display in the David Knittle stand that was custom made for Pauline for the 2021 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition. We were able to secure this stand from Pauline's estate for club use. We hope to make a club shohin display at the festival a new MHBS tradition, enabling participation by more club members as we honor our friend and teacher.

Our thanks go out to all participants - our club's contribution to the exhibition was truly outstanding and above and beyond, especially considering the size of our club! Please enjoy these images of the displays that represented the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society.



### CLUB SHOHIN DISPLAY

David Knittle shohin stand (custom-made for Pauline Muth)

Clockwise from left:

Chinese Elm - Vera Rabovsky (previously owned by Pauline Muth);  
Ponderosa Pine - Jon Stewart;  
Shimpaku Juniper - Jon Stewart (previously owned by Pauline Muth);  
Korean Hornbeam - Dorothy Raymond

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## MABS Spring Festival (con't)

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American Larch - Dave Hodgetts



Hinoki Cypress - Nancy Castillo  
(previously owned by Pauline Muth)



Cork Bark Black Pine - Bill Papura (previously owned by Pauline Muth);  
Shimpaku Juniper - Bill Papura

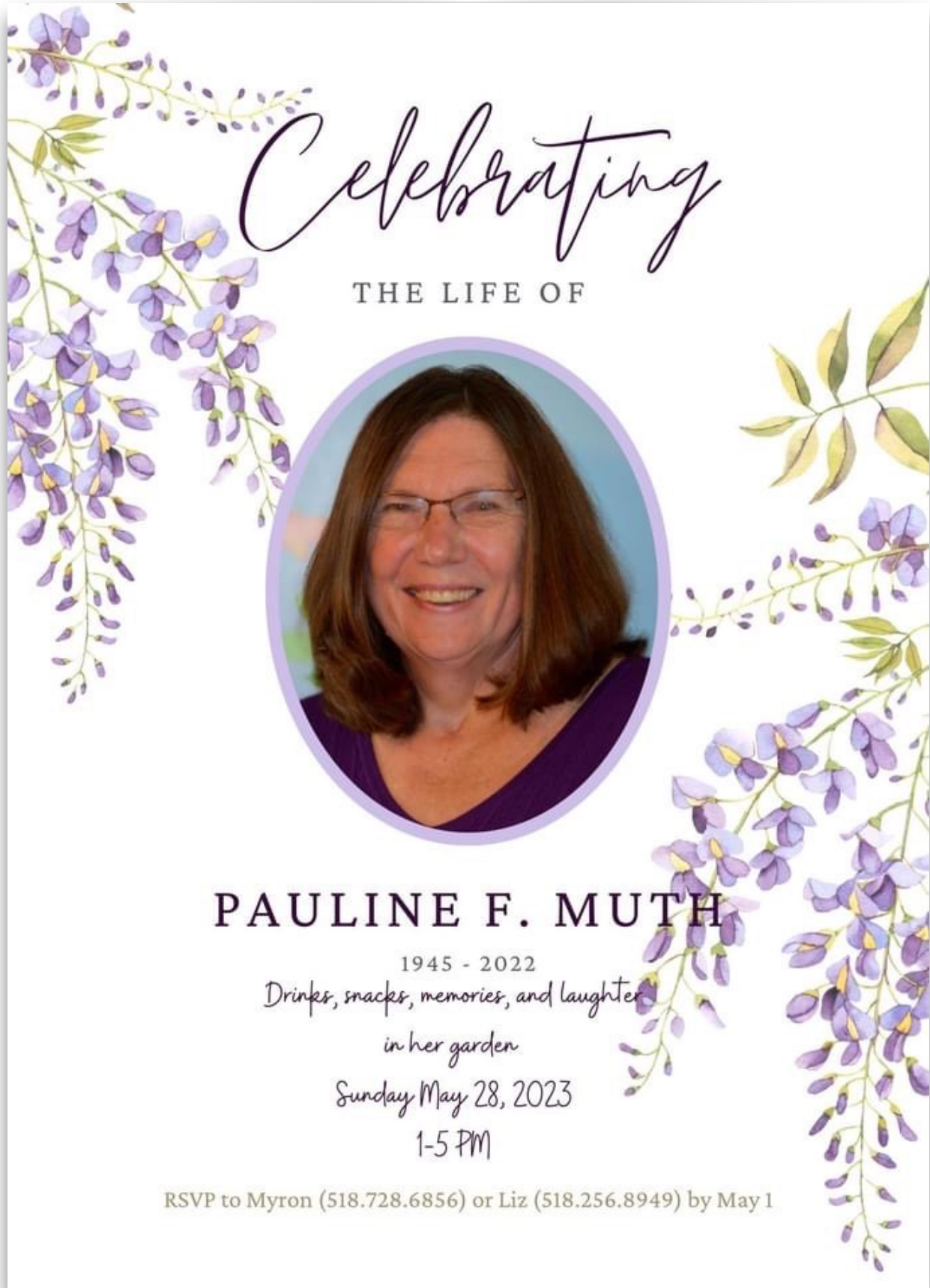
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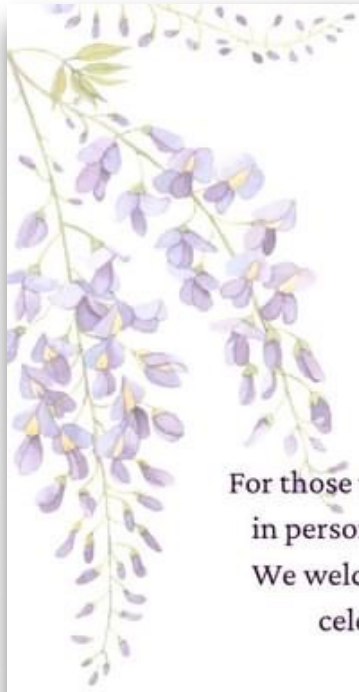
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There were tributes in the exhibit room to the three giants who were lost to the bonsai community in 2022: our own Pauline Muth as well as Nick Lenz and Martin Schmalenberg.

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help make the Spring Festival a success. And please consider joining in the fun at the 2024 Festival in Hershey PA!







## TRIBUTES

For those who have a tribute they would like to share either in person, recorded video, or written, please contact Liz. We welcome all the fond memories and tributes to truly celebrate all aspects of Pauline's amazing life.

## LIVESTREAM

For those too far to travel in, we will livestream the event on Pauline's facebook page starting around 2PM.

## LODGING

For those coming from out of town, the closest accommodations are at:  
Comfort Inn & Suites Schenectady - Scotia  
168 Sacandaga Rd, Schenectady, NY 12302

## PARKING

For those driving in, please follow signs for parking when you arrive.





## News from PFM

### Monday Night Bonsai

April 24	4 pm - 9 pm
May 1	4 pm - 9 pm
May 8	4 pm - 9 pm
May 15	4 pm - 9 pm

Drop by anytime during workshop hours to check and work on trees in Pauline's collection or to work on your own trees. Pizza and wings at 6pm (donations for pizza always appreciated).

Please text Myron at 518-728-6856 by 4:30pm on each day you're going to attend to confirm that the studio is open..

### Sunday May 28, 1-5pm

Pauline Muth's Celebration of Life.

Please RSVP by May 1 to Myron at 518-728-6856 or to Liz at 518-256-8949.

If you purchased a tree from Pauline's collection, the family would love to have those trees displayed in the celebration.

Set up will be Saturday May 27. More details to come.

## News from DJH

DJH has bonsai supplies in stock for the upcoming BYOT workshop on April 30. Wire, bonsai soil, soil amendments, pots, tools, etc., are available for purchase.

New in stock are some of the carving bits used in Will Baddeley's recent workshop and demo.

DJH will recycle your used bonsai wire. Please sort into copper or aluminum bunches.

## Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

### *April Indoors*

Trim, trim and still more trimming. The greenhouse is bursting at the seams. I cannot wait for frost-free weather to move the plants outdoors. I remove the extra layer of plastic that protected my glass greenhouse through the winter and the sun pours in. I would like to take a lot of cuttings, but where will I put them? Do not put trees outdoors that have been in the greenhouse until the nights are completely frost-free. In my Zone 4 climate this is usually Memorial weekend. A few years here and there I have been able to do this a week or two earlier. Keep up the fertilizing and watch for wire damage, the trees are growing rapidly. Watch for bugs!

### *April Outdoors*

Hopefully the winter storage trees can go out on to the benches by now. As the buds swell, fertilizing begins. Each bonsai needs trace elements and a regular balanced fertilizer. Flowering trees benefit from a high phosphate fertilizer. Be sure to put aside those trees that need repotting and get this done as soon as possible. (I label the trees that need repotting in the fall, so I will know which ones need immediate repotting in spring.) Wait a couple of weeks before fertilizing newly potted trees if root pruning was done.

This is the best month for styling new trees. Design forests, set up root over rocks, plant landscapes and plant future stock before they bud out.

Bud prune your trees now to direct the bonsai's energy only into the branches you need! Remember to turn trees on the benches to develop even growth.

## Morton Albek Discount Offer

Morten Albek is an internationally known bonsai artist living in Denmark. He is widely recognized for his work with shohin. Our club has Morten lined up for a November 19 virtual presentation on shohin bonsai.

Morten is offering MHBS club members a discount of 40% toward your first subscription period to his online school, [Shohin Bonsai Online School](#).

If you are a paid MHBS club member and are interested in enrolling, [email Nancy](#) to obtain the discount code. This offer is open to use until the end of 2023 and can be applied to all subscription lengths.

## The Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society

We are the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society and our purpose is to generate interest in and educate the public about the art of Bonsai as well as to increase Club member enjoyment of the hobby, offer education for all skill levels, provide opportunities to practice the art, and form friendships with other enthusiasts.

MHBS was founded in 1968 - we celebrate our 55th anniversary in 2023!

We welcome anyone expressing interest in the art of Bonsai and the stated purposes of the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society. Membership dues are \$40 for an individual and \$45 for a couple or two family members. We typically meet on the last Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon, January through October (dates may vary with holidays, including November and December).

[MHBS Constitution and By-laws](#)

## The Twig and Club Social Media

All links in the Twig are live and can be followed to the resource listed (websites, social media accounts, email addresses, etc). We encourage club members to share personal bonsai stories or pictures from your collection (tree progressions are always interesting and educational) to help make your newsletter informative as well as fun. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Links to our website and social media accounts are located on page one of the Twig. If you have pictures or videos you would like to share on our public resources, you can send them to Larry Mossey. For your security, on public sites your name will not be displayed with the tree image unless you request.

## MHBS Officers

Position	Name	Phone	Email	Term Ends
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