

THE TWIG

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Next Club Date

Club Meeting and Stand-making Workshop with Jon Stewart

Sunday February 26 - 12:00 noon

Location: PFM Bonsai

Our club meeting will start at noon followed by a stand-making workshop with Jon Stewart. BYO lunch and, if you'd like, bring some food to share. Also consider bringing a tree just to show and share.

Jon will bring everything you need to assemble, glue, wax and buff a beautiful shohin-sized stand. It will be made of black cherry that Jon harvested from his own yard. The finished piece will be approximately 7"W x 6"D x 3"H.



Here is a small shohin stand made by Jon. While the workshop stand will be a different style, this may give you an appreciation of Jon's work.

Registration details on page 2

January Club Meeting and Activity

Club Meeting

At the first club meeting of the year on January 29, the following issues were discussed and/or voted on.

- ✦ A committee of Rob Gordon, Larry Mossey, and Guy Pastena was appointed to research the options available to offer a form of online payment for dues, workshop fees, raffles, etc. They will also look into the pros and cons of establishing our club as a not-for-profit entity.
- ✦ 2023 calendar events were discussed. See the Looking Ahead section starting on page 2 for the latest updates.
- ✦ Website/Outreach Director Larry Mossey requested the formation of a committee to assist with updating our club website and relaunching our social media accounts. Vera Rabovsky and Julian Shepersky volunteered.
- ✦ As required by our by-laws, the committee of David Shafer and Nancy Castillo will prepare an audit of our club financials to present to the Executive Board no later than March 31.
- ✦ Bonsai trees, suiseki or kusamono which members would like to be considered to represent our club for the MABS Spring Festival at the end of March will be solicited and voted on via email. A group shohin exhibit may be put together from the trees submitted in order to encourage and allow participation by more club members.

Jon Stewart Workshop (con't)

The workshop fee is \$125 and you will leave for the day with a completely finished beautiful bonsai stand ready to use!

To register for this great workshop, please use our new registration process:

- ◆ Due to space constraints and to allow maximum time with Jon, the workshop will be limited to 8 hands-on participants, though silent observers are welcome.
- ◆ This workshop could sell out! Secure your spot by sending the workshop fee of \$125 in advance to Rob Gordon ([address on page 6](#)). Make your check payable to Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society and include 2023 dues if not already paid. Rob must receive payment by Wednesday, February 22. There will be no walk-ins or late registrations.

Looking Ahead

March 25-26 (Tentative)

Will Baddeley of Ipswich, United Kingdom. He is known especially for using power tools and scalpels to create natural looking deadwood on deciduous trees.

March 31 - April 2

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival, Parsippany NJ. Registration is open. Early bird pricing ends February 28th.

Buy raffle tickets at our February club meeting for a chance to win an Early Bird Registration valued at \$180 (other festival options are available at additional cost).

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January (con't)

Pottery Workshop with Josh Jeram

Seven participants enjoyed a day of bonsai pot making with Josh. Their creations will now be fired and glazed and then will be ready to hold a shohin bonsai tree.



Looking Ahead (con't)

April 30

Open Workshop. BYOT (Bring Your Own Trees) to work on or work on trees for Pauline's Celebration of Life.

May 27-28

Saturday set up.
Pauline's Celebration of Life on Sunday.

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 TBD

MHBS Club Show

October 29

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

November 19

[Morten Albek](#) virtual presentation on shohin bonsai.

December TBD

MHBS Holiday Party

Executive Board Meetings

On February 2 and again on February 9, the Executive Board met virtually for special meetings to discuss the acquisition of display items from PFM Bonsai intended for use by MHBS members at our club show and other exhibitions.

During the first meeting, the board discussed interest in the large shohin cabinet (custom-made for Pauline by David Knittle.) Also discussed were the foldable corner shelves used at club shows as well as a tokonoma for displaying member trees at club meetings. In the second meeting, discussion expanded to numerous display stands and jitas.

The available budget was discussed at both meetings and it was agreed that we would procure all the items discussed. It was also agreed that many of the smaller display stands and jitas will be offered for purchase to club members in order to offset some of the cost incurred by the club.

The resignation of Brandon Herwick as Activities Director was acknowledged. No immediate potential replacement was proposed. Bill Papura and Dave Hodgetts will manage the activities schedule until a replacement is named.



MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies
38th Annual
Spring Bonsai Festival
March 31-April 2, 2023
Parsippany Hilton/Hampton Inn, Parsippany, NJ

Featuring Artists:



Hugo Zamora Luna
Mexico City, Mexico



Todd Schlafer
Lakewood, CO, USA



Will Baddeley
Ipswich, England

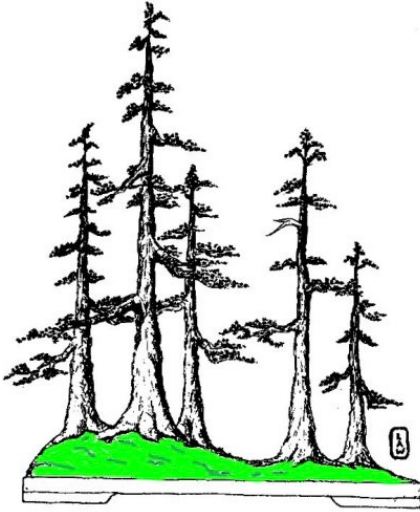
Exhibition - Raffles - Demonstrations - Workshops - Auctions - Vendors
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MABS Spring Festival

So far, we have 12 MHBS members who will be attending this year's MABS Spring Festival, March 31 - April 2, 2023 in Parsippany NJ. It will feature the bonsai artists Will Baddeley of Ipswich, United Kingdom, Todd Schlafer of Lakewood, Colorado, and Hugo Zamora Luna of Mexico City, Mexico.

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MABS Spring Festival (con't)



We hope you will consider attending the Festival! It is a fun time and you'll learn more about our hobby, meet up with fellow club members and meet new bonsai friends. The more MHBS members who attend the festival and participate in workshops, the more money our club "earns" for future MHBS programs and club benefits.

Early Bird registration (received by 2/28) to attend all three days is \$180. There is a reduced price if this will be the first time you've ever attended a MABS Festival.

Silent observer at all three workshops costs \$25 and a critique is \$30. There is a special hotel rate of \$95/night at the Hampton Inn Parsippany.

Don't miss the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win a 3-day registration (optional activities extra). You can buy your raffle tickets at our February club meeting.

We also need your help with our club's registration responsibilities. Just before the Festival, we'll have a volunteer session to help stuff registration packets and name tags. You could work an hour or two at the festival registration desk or you could help open the registration desk or close it when the festival ends. Contact David Payton for how to help with any of these activities.

We will need one of two volunteers to watch over the exhibit room from 1:00 - 2:00p on Saturday. Let Dave Hodgetts know if you are interested.

Vote for our Club's Exhibit Trees

Please, don't forget to VOTE for the bonsai trees, suiseki, or kusamono that will represent our club at the festival exhibit. Smaller mame and shohin-sized trees from multiple club members may be used to create a multi-tree club display.

You will receive an email within the next couple days showing the items that have been submitted for consideration and letting you know how to cast your vote.

We hope you are planning to attend the MABS Spring Festival!



MABS Website and Facebook Page

Spring Festival [information and registration form](#)

Website <http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org>

Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/midatlanticbonsai/>

News from PFM

Monday Night Bonsai

February 13	4 pm - 9 pm
February 20	4 pm - 9 pm
February 27	4 pm - 9 pm
March 6	4 pm - 9 pm
March 13	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.

Sunday May 28

Pauline Muth’s Celebration of Life

News from DJH

The bitter cold earlier this month brought the risk of root damage below 23 degrees F. Trees were brought into the studio for the -14 degree nights. Winter continues!



Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

February Indoors

Growth is incredible and heartwarming in the greenhouse. Hours are spent trimming the new growth. Trees like elms and pomegranates respond to the increasing light rapidly and cannot be neglected. The major problem is inconsistent light. Stormy and cloudy days can develop weak growth. Artificial light can be of great help. Set it up to lengthen the natural light available.

Tropicals are showing growth as the month progresses. Trimming may be needed. Begin fertilizing tropicals in growth.

White pines kept in the greenhouse have bud swell. This marks the end of major pruning of pines. Repotting of pines kept indoors can begin. Do not forget to add spores to pine soil.

Prepare the work area for the heavy repotting schedule of the upcoming months. Prepare the pots needed with screening and tie wires to save time in spring. Stock in a supply of fertilizers and mycorrhizae.

February Outdoors

Trees are still in storage and we can have some of our worst storms. Check carefully for drying but otherwise keep in storage. Freezing weather in a protected shelter usually will not harm bonsai but dehydration will. If the temperatures have been changing, check to see if water is needed.

Club Dues for 2023

Club membership dues for 2023 were due December 31, 2022. If you haven’t paid yet, take a moment now to send your 2023 dues to Rob Gordon, 26 Crandall St. Glens Falls NY 12801. Current dues are \$40/individual or \$45/two named individuals.

Paying now will ensure that you can vote at club meetings, that you can be considered to exhibit at MABS and vote for our club’s MABS exhibit submissions, and that you are able to participate in all our 2023 club activities (additional fees may apply).

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 November (dates vary with holidays).

[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
President	Bill Papura	207-408-3909	billpapura@yahoo.com	2025
Vice President	Dave Hodgetts	518-380-4508	djhodgetts@aol.com	2024
Secretary	Vera Rabovsky		Vera.rabovsky@gmail.com	2025
Treasurer	Rob Gordon 26 Crandall St. Glens Falls NY 12801	518-796-8339	robertrgordon@gmail.com	2023
Activities Director	Open			2024
Communications Director	Nancy Castillo	518-321-6913	twocat@nycap.rr.com	2025
Webmaster & Outreach Director	Larry Mossey	518-368-7960	LAMossey@gmail.com	2023
Immediate Past President	Tom Kizkiel	845 687-9115	kiszclove00@aol.com	
MABS Directors representing MHBS	Bill Papura and Dave Hodgetts			