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Next Club Date

Mark Arpag 2-Day Event

Workshop

Saturday July 29, 9a-4p

Club Meeting and Arpag Demo

Sunday July 30, Noon

Location: DJH Bonsai

Our good friend Mark Arpag will return for 2 days of club events at the end of this month. He is well known for his work with eastern white cedar but did you know he also loves working with small size mame and shohin trees as well as suiseki display?

Mark will lead a bring your own tree workshop on Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm. This is a great opportunity to work one-on-one with Mark. The cost of the full-day workshop is \$100 (\$80 for club members under 21). To allow maximum time with Mark, the workshop will be limited to 8 hands-on participants, though silent observers are welcome. BYO lunch.

Workshop Registration

Pre-registration is required. Send the workshop fee in advance to Rob Gordon ([address on page 4](#)).

Make your check payable to Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society. Rob must receive payment by Wednesday, July 26. No walk-ins or same day payments.

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June Club Meeting and Activities

BYOT Workshop

We took a new approach to our June BYOT workshop, starting with an open discussion with the whole group about one of each participant's trees. In this format, we were able to learn about and participate in the development discussion of a nice range of trees, from rosemary to bougainvillea.

After the open discussion, we returned to the typical workshop format. This new approach was well received by attendees and will be used in future open workshops.



June Club Meeting

Our June club meeting was held on Sunday June 25. We welcomed Karl's guests Sharon and Rico. Minutes were approved as submitted and the Treasurer's report was given.

Pauline's Celebration of Life was a wonderfully successful event marked by a huge turnout of family and friends from near and far, great weather and beautiful bonsai trees. Thank you to club members who brought trees to bring Pauline's garden to life and to those who assisted with the celebration.

Arpag Events (con't)

Sunday Club Meeting and Demo

On Sunday at noon, again at DJH Bonsai, our luncheon and club meeting will be followed by a demonstration by Mark Arpag.

Mark's demonstrations are engaging and informative and always result in a beautiful creation. One lucky club member can then head home with an Arpag-designed tree when it is raffled off at the end of his demo.

- ◆ BYO lunch and food to share.
- ◆ Please consider bringing a tree, kusamono, or suiseki to show in one of the tokonomas.
- ◆ The sales table can help you sell excess trees, pre-bonsai, nursery stock, pots, books, tools, etc. Price your item, put your name on it and place it on the sale table. 20% of sale proceeds will benefit the club.



June Club Meeting (Con't)

Review of upcoming activities: Mark Arpag returns in July for a Saturday workshop and Sunday demonstration. We welcome Suthin Sukosolvisit in August for a Saturday workshop and Sunday demo. In September, we'll work on trees for the October 7-8 Club Show. BYOT Workshop in October and virtual presentation on shohin by Morten Albek in November. Locations are still being considered for our December Holiday Party. Volunteers are needed for holiday party planning - contact Bill P. if interested.

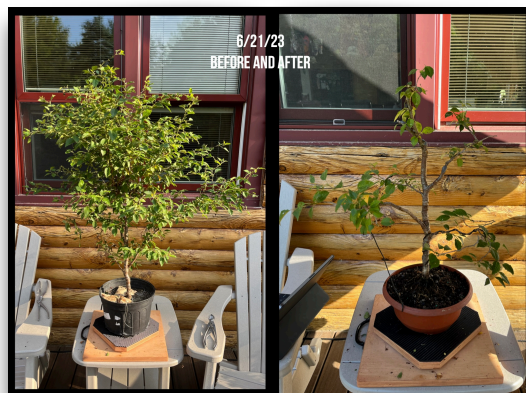
Jon S. opened a conversation regarding advertising at the Scotia movie theater for our Club Show. Discussion ensued on that as well as other general marketing opportunities such as event calendars in local publications, a club brochure, and openings at area farmer's markets. It was decided to proceed full steam with an updated club brochure. Dorothy volunteered to research local event calendars.

A Nominating Committee of 3 individuals needs to be in place by September to develop a slate of candidates for Treasurer, Website & Outreach Director, and Activities Director. If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee or serve in one of these positions, please contact Bill Papura.

Discussed ideas for the selection of trees for our club's contribution to the 2024 MABS member club exhibit. We will utilize the March 2024 club meeting for members to bring in trees, accents, stands, etc. to be considered for the exhibit.

David Payton shared the names of club members who are interested in a tour of Belgium and other European sights in conjunction with the Belgian National Exhibition in mid-February 2024. Frank Mihalic would coordinate the tour. Contact David Payton by email if you have questions or interest.

**HAVE YOU TAKEN
YOUR BEFORE PHOTO?**



Have you been remembering to take your Before & After pics?

Here's Nancy's contorted cherry Before & After. Please share yours with Nancy via email.

Looking Ahead

August 26-27

Suthin Sukosolvisit events: Saturday workshop and Sunday demonstration.

September 9-10

U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, Rochester NY. Registration is still open.

September 24

BYOT Club Show Workshop. Work on club show trees and display options.

October 7-8

MHBS Club Show, Albany Center Gallery. Friday set-up, show Saturday and Sunday.

October 29

Open BYOT Group Discussion and 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

March 2024

Bring trees for MABS Spring Festival club display.

April 19-21, 2024

MABS Spring Festival, Hershey PA

Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

July Outdoors

Water, water, water. Watch for sun damage. Continue trimming. Rotate the trees.

Transplant tropicals as their growth slows to a halt for summer dormancy. Do not fertilize after repotting for 2 weeks.

This is the months to select branches that are over crowded and lacking light on evergreen. Trim, or wire to correct the problem before the over-shaded branches die.

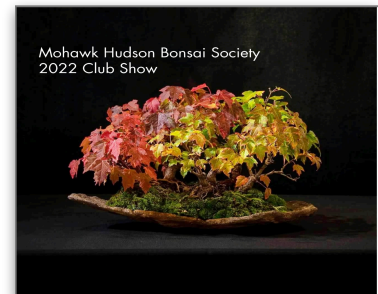
Enjoy the garden!

2022 MHBS Club Show Album

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

Featuring professional quality photographs by Sean Lamoureux, the soft cover album has 27 pages and measures 8-1/2"x11". The price of the album is \$35.

Albums are available to purchase at club meetings and workshops (cash or check payable to MHBS) or any time at DJH Bonsai.



Morton Albek Discount Offer

Morten Albek is offering MHBS club members a discount of 40% toward your first subscription period to his online school, Shohin Bonsai Online School. Morten will be conducting a virtual presentation on shohin for our club on November 19.

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). Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Links to our website and social media accounts are located on page one of the Twig. To keep those accounts active and interesting, we encourage club members to share pictures or videos that can be posted to our online sites. Please send them via [email to Jon Stewart](#). 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
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MABS Directors representing MHBS	Bill Papura and Dave Hodgetts			