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## Next Club Date

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

**Sunday June 25**

**DJH Studio opens at 10am**

**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!!*

Bring trees to work on at June's open workshop. We will try out a new feature - Dave H. will lead group discussions on member trees including suggestions on future steps to improve our trees.

This is a free workshop - no registration is required. It is open to the public so please bring along a friend or two.

Our 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.

[DJH Bonsai](#) will be open starting at 10:00am 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. And be sure to check out the *Tips for a Successful Workshop* article on [page 9](#).

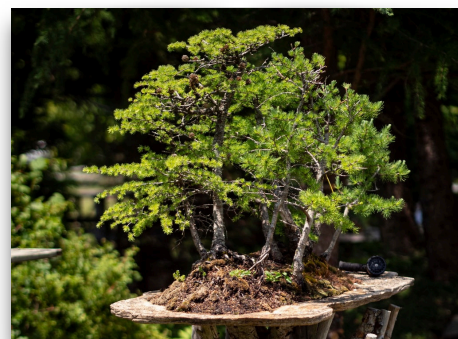
## Pauline's Celebration of Life

We knew her effect on our own lives, how she taught us and pushed us, how she led us and shared her knowledge and belongings so freely, so lavishly. We knew she was a leader in the bonsai community - not only as a bonsai artist, but as a mentor, a volunteer and an organizer. We knew from experience that she was, quite literally, a force. And we knew she not only worked hard, she always took time to party hard!

But sometimes it takes an individual's departure from this earth to learn and appreciate just how truly influential she was, how many lives she touched, how widespread her reach was, and how deeply she will be missed by so many.

Pauline's family, neighbors, friends and bonsai associates from near and far gathered for a celebration of her life on Sunday, May 28th. There were memory-filled stories eliciting much laughter as well as a few tears. There were tributes and toasts. It was a joyous celebration for a remarkable woman who will continue to live on in each of us as we practice and share the wonderful hobby of bonsai.

Maya Angelou is quoted as saying, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again." In this we can take comfort and know that Pauline will be with each of us as we work on our bonsai trees and every time we gather.



*From Pauline's Family*

Pauline's celebration of life went beautifully, and was exactly what she wanted. Everyone sharing a beautiful day in her garden with such touching tributes is a memory we will all cherish. My family would like to send a very special heart felt thank you to everyone who helped to bring her gardens to life one last time, we truly could not have done it without you. Thank you for all the help, support, and care for the past eight months, the previous years when Pauline needed extra help, and all the decades of joy you brought her and her studio through the art of bonsai. You've all truly meant so much to her and to us, thank you for everything.



Pauline's family  
Daughter Liz with grandsons Max and Miles, son Sean  
Myron with Tari Lee, son Ron

### *Celebration Gallery*

Please enjoy photos from the celebration on the next few pages. All photos by Sean Lamoureux and Nancy Castillo.



Frank Mihalic created a gorgeous lost wax cast bronze statue of his friend, 'Sensei' Pauline. Remembrances of Pauline's favorite libations.



A number of Pauline's bonsai associates traveled many miles to share their stories and appreciation for their friend.  
Mark Arpag, David Easterbrook, Tony Tickle (remoted in from England)  
Jim Doyle, Kris Springer, Karen Harkaway





How wonderful it was to see Pauline's bonsai garden back in full splendor! Club members filled her garden, bringing back many of Pauline's trees to display as well as other trees that Pauline began, inspired, or assisted with.





## Looking Ahead

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### July 29-30

Mark Arpag Saturday workshop and Sunday demonstration.

### August 26-27

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### September 9-10

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

### September 24

BYOT Club Show Workshop. Work on show trees and displays.

### October 7-8

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

### 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

## May Club Meeting

Our May club meeting was held on Saturday May 27.

Bill recognized Sean Lamoureux for his work on our 2022 Club Show Album. Minutes were approved with corrections. Treasurer's report given.

Reviewed upcoming activities. June is a BYOT Workshop starting at 10am. We will have open discussions on member trees, helping develop plans for the tree's future. October Club Show will follow the same timeline as previous years with set-up on Friday and the show on Saturday and Sunday. Alternative locations were discussed for our December Holiday Party to allow for more space.

Our website is up and running but still a work in progress. A motion was approved to pay the fee to exclude ads on the site.

David Payton is still soliciting interest 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 interest.

Our current Treasurer and Website & Outreach Director terms end this year and our Activities Director position remains open. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please [contact Bill Papura](#). We are also looking for volunteers to assist the Activities Director or Webmaster & Outreach Director in their roles.

Dave Hodgetts shared that the carving bits recommended by Will Baddeley at his workshop are now available at DJH Bonsai.

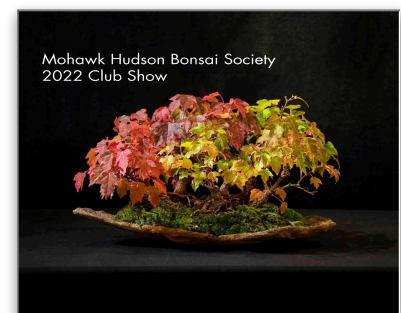
## 2022 MHBS Club Show Album

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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". The price of the album is \$35.

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





## Tips for a Successful Workshop

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One of the biggest benefits of belonging to a bonsai club is when the club hosts workshops. Jonas Dupuich of [Bonsai Tonight](#) and author of [The Little Book of Bonsai](#) recently offered some tips to help get the most out of workshops. Here's an excerpt:

It took me years to figure out how to get the most out of workshops. Here are some tips to avoid downtime and get the most out of your bonsai classes.

1. Bring clean and healthy trees.
  - Ensure trees are free of pests and pathogens.
  - Remove any weeds growing in the pot.
  - Don't expect to work on a weak or sick tree; many teachers will recommend letting trees recover before working on them.
  - Do bring weak or sick trees if you have questions about how to increase vigor or troubleshoot health problems.
  - Ensure tree is well-secured in the pot; don't expect to wire trees that are wobbly in their container as working on poorly-secured trees can break fine roots and weaken the tree.
2. Bring trees at the right time of year for the work you want to do.
  - Ask the workshop leader what kind of work is appropriate for the time of year.
  - Check to see if your club has a calendar with recommended times to do seasonal work.
3. Bring more trees than you think you need to keep busy. [Click here to read the rest of Jonas' post.](#)

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## Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

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### *June Outdoors*

This is the month for pines. Candles are chosen for development. They are trimmed and needles are removed as dictated by each species. (See specific articles on the treatment differences for two needle and five needle pines.)

The beginning of June is the last time for defoliating some deciduous species. This should only be done on very healthy trees. It cannot be done every year because it will weaken your bonsai. Wiring should be done after defoliation.

Check all wires. Remove wire before it damages you tree. Watch for sunburn on maples and hornbeams.

Prune and replant flowering trees after flowering.

## Morton Albek Discount Offer

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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 conduct 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.

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