

THE TWIG

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Next Club Date

Saturday Carving Workshop
Sunday Club Meeting and Demo
with Will Baddeley

Saturday March 25 - 10:00a - 4:00p
Sunday March 26 - noon

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

In advance of his appearance as a featured artist at the MABS Spring Festival, [Will Baddeley](#) of Ipswich, United Kingdom will spend two days with our club. Will is known worldwide for his skills in carving bonsai trees.

On Saturday, you can have the opportunity to work with Will on carving your own tree(s) in a very small group setting. Bring your own carving tools and supplies, including Dremel tool and bits, though some will most likely be available to share. Eye safety equipment is required. Note that this will be our first club workshop held at [DJH Bonsai](#). If it is cold out, be sure to dress warmly. BYO lunch.

The full-day workshop fee is \$100 (\$80 for under age 21). Due to space constraints and to allow maximum time with Will, the workshop will be limited to 8 hands-on participants, though silent observers are welcome.

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February Club Meeting and Activity

Club Meeting

The following items were discussed and/or voted on at the February 26 club meeting:

- ✦ There were updates from the committee working on online payments and not-for-profit status and from the committee working on our website and social media outreach efforts.
- ✦ Members voted to amend our by-laws to grant authority to the Activities Director to appoint a committee or individuals as needed to help plan and carry out club activities.
- ✦ Workshop fees were discussed and approved as follows:
 - To cover the artist's charge, workshop fees will be determined by dividing the artist fee by the maximum number of participants plus 20%. The minimum will be \$50 for a half-day workshop or \$100 for a full-day workshop.
 - Club members under 21 years old will enjoy a 20% discount on the workshop fee.
 - A maximum was set for demo material expense and must be approved by a member of the Executive Board.
- ✦ Though there were no email submissions of items to be considered to represent our club for the MABS Spring Festival, a number of people did bring trees for consideration to the club meeting. Members with trees for the MABS exhibition will meet at DJH Bonsai on March 18 at 10am to work on trees, choose displays, and coordinate our shohin display.

Baddeley Workshop & Demo (con't)

Workshop Registration

Pre-registration is required. Send the workshop fee in advance to Rob Gordon ([address on page 6](#)). Include 2023 dues if not already paid.

Make your check payable to Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society. Rob must receive payment by Wednesday, March 22. No walk-ins or same day payments.

Sunday Club Meeting and Demo

On Sunday, again at [DJH Bonsai](#), our club meeting will start at noon followed by a carving demonstration by Will Baddeley.

- ✦ BYO lunch and, if you'd like, bring some food to share.
- ✦ Also consider bringing a tree to show in one of the tokonomas.
- ✦ Will's demo tree will be raffled off.
- ✦ We will also have the drawing for the \$180 Early Bird Registration to the MABS Spring Festival. (See page 3 for more details.)

Will Baddeley Private Sessions

During his visit to our area, Will Baddeley is offering to have a private session with club members at their home(s) on Monday March 27. Cost is \$500 for the day or \$250 for a half day.

If you are interested, please contact Dave Hodgetts at 518-380-4508 or [by email](#).

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February (con't)



Stand Making Workshop with Jon Stewart

Jon Stewart is known as a luthier - a craftsman who makes guitars. But lucky for us, he also makes hand-crafted bonsai stands and jitas. He joined us February 26 to talk about bonsai stands and to lead a sold-out workshop to create a beautiful shohin stand.

The eight participants glued and assembled their cherry stand, then waxed and polished it to show-ready condition.

Thanks Jon for sharing your craftsmanship!



Looking Ahead

March 31 - April 2

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival, Parsippany NJ.

Registration closes March 24.

Our raffle for a chance to win an Early Bird Registration valued at \$180 (other festival options are available at additional cost) is still open! Buy raffle tickets at our club meeting on March 26. (If you've already registered and you win the raffle, you will be refunded \$180, so it's not too late to enter.)

April 30 (at PFM)

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

May 27-28 (at PFM)

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 (at DJH)

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

July 29-30

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August 26-27

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MABS Spring Festival



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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We hope you are planning to join twelve other MHBS members who have already registered to attend the MABS Spring Festival, March 31 - April 2, 2023 in Parsippany NJ.

Headlining the festival are three international bonsai artists: Will Baddeley of Ipswich, United Kingdom, Todd Schlafer of Lakewood, Colorado, and Hugo Zamora Luna of Mexico City, Mexico. They will conduct multiple teaching demonstrations throughout the festival, with their demo trees being raffled off to attendees. Silent auctions will also be ongoing throughout the festival. An exhibition displaying trees representing the affiliate clubs of MABS will be open on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday lunch is included and a banquet on Saturday night will include awards and a live auction. The sales area is filling up with a great variety of vendors selling trees, pots, supplies, books, jewelry, and more.

Pre-registration is open until March 24. The cost to attend all three days is \$200 though there is a significantly reduced price if it will be the first time you've ever attended a MABS Festival. Silent observer for all three workshops is \$25, a critique is \$30, and the Saturday banquet is \$62. A special hotel rate of \$95/night at the Hampton Inn Parsippany is available until March 18.

Our club raffle to win \$180 toward your 3-day registration is still open. The drawing will take place at our March club meeting. If you've already registered and you win the raffle, you will be refunded \$180, so it's not too late to enter. See Rob Gordon for raffle tickets.

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Looking Ahead (con't)

September 9-10

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

September TBD

MHBS Club Show

October 29

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.

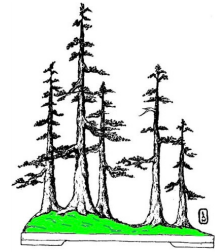
December TBD

Holiday Party

MABS Spring Festival (con't)

How to help the Festival

We are still looking for volunteers to work an hour or two at the festival registration desk or to help open and/or close the registration desk. David Payton will have a sign-up sheet at the March club meeting to sign up for these opportunities.



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

MABS is requesting donations for the silent auctions that are ongoing throughout the festival and for the Saturday evening live auction. If you'd like to donate tools, pots, books, wire, or pre-bonsai (for the silent auctions) or higher-end items including trees (for the live auction), you can drop them off at the festival registration table when you check in.

Members who have trees for our club's display will meet at DJH Bonsai on March 18 at 10:00am to work on trees, choose displays, and coordinate our shohin display. If temperatures are cool, be sure to dress warmly.

Let's all help make this one of the best MABS Spring Festivals ever! See you there!

Morten Albek Discount Offer

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

He runs the [Kisetsu-en Bonsai Shohin Europe website](#) and its [Shohin Bonsai Online School](#). The online shohin school features weekly streaming education sessions with live Q&A.



Morten has kindly offered MHBS club members a discount of 40% toward your first subscription period to his 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.



News from PFM

Monday Night Bonsai

March 13	4 pm - 9 pm
March 20	4 pm - 9 pm
March 27	4 pm - 9 pm
April 3	4 pm - 9 pm
April 10	4 pm - 9 pm
April 17	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

Preparations are underway for DJH Bonsai's first hosting of an MHBS club meeting, workshop and demo.

The March 25 Will Baddeley workshop and our March 26 club meeting and Baddeley carving demo will be held at the [DJH Studio](#), located at 1793 Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush NY, 12067.

Dave and Lori are looking forward to hosting MHBS activities!



Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

March Indoors

Temperatures in the greenhouse are very warm. Night temperatures may be increased by a few degrees to match the increasing daytime temperatures and decrease temperature shock for the plants. Be sure to vent excess heat.

Everything is growing. Fertilizing is definitely on a regular basis. All indoor repotting is complete. Tropicals must wait until their summer "dormancy" period for repotting.

Many trees are flowering in the greenhouse. I do not fertilize while a bonsai is in flower. As the flowers fade, the trees are pruned and repotted as needed and fertilizer is restarted. (Note: Do not fertilize trees after a heavy root pruning. Instead use a root stimulant hormone and a transplanting fluid when you transplant.) Flowering trees are always given superphosphate in addition to their regular fertilizer to promote flowers and fruits.

March Outdoor

This is the month of indecision in the Northeast. Some years I have been able to bring all trees out of storage, other years we are still in winter. The key word is watchfulness. I use my yard plants as a guide. As I see bud swell in the yard, I bring out the trees. But many a year has seen me gathering trees with tender buds in my garden cart and wheeling them into the garage for protection during an unexpected cold snap. If the trees go onto the yard stands, repotting starts and does not end until all trees are examined and transplanted as needed. Wait until after flowering on appropriate trees. If the weather is not cooperative -- wait!

Super hardy trees like larches are out on the benches. (Remember I never put them into closed in storage but rested them under the old trees of a spruce grove out of the wind.)

Club Dues for 2023

If you haven't paid your 2023 dues yet, please send them to Rob Gordon, 26 Crandall St. Glens Falls NY 12801. Current dues are \$40/individual or \$45/two household individuals.

A club member in good standing enjoys these benefits and privileges: vote at club meetings, participate in club raffles, exhibit at MABS and at our club show, borrow club display items, receive a member-only discount for Morten Albek online courses, and 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 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
President	Bill Papura	207-408-3909	billpapura@yahoo.com	2025
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