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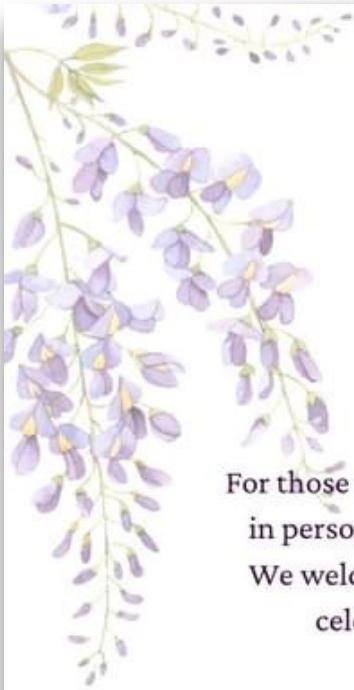
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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



PAULINE F. MUTH
1945 - 2022
*Drinks, snacks, memories, and laughter
in her garden*
Sunday May 28, 2023
1-5 PM

RSVP to Myron (518.728.6856) or Liz (518.256.8949) by May 1



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.



Next Club Date

Pauline's Celebration of Life

Saturday May 27: set-up can start as early as 8:00am

Club meeting Saturday at noon

Sunday May 28: Celebration of Life, 1:00p - 5:00p

Location: PFM Bonsai

On Sunday May 28th, we will gather to celebrate the life of our friend and teacher, Pauline Muth. For the last 20+ years of her life, she was deeply dedicated to bonsai, our club and its members.

Family and friends from across the country will be there to walk through Pauline's beloved bonsai garden, to share stories and tributes, to laugh and maybe to cry, as we remember - publicly or privately - what this very special individual meant to each of us. She touched so many people in the many facets of her fascinating life and was so giving and so generous; this celebration allows us to say 'thank you' and to raise a glass to toast Pauline Muth for making a difference in each of our lives.

If you haven't done so already, please RSVP now to Myron at 518-728-6856 or to Liz at 518-256-8949.



MAY WE ALL FIND JOY IN LIFE THE WAY PAULINE FOUND JOY IN BONSAI AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE IT WITH LOVE AND GENEROSITY AS SHE DID.

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April Club Meeting and Activities

BYOT Workshop

We had a nice turnout for our first BYOT workshop of the year at DJH Bonsai. Members worked on trees, sought and shared advice, ate some good food like pierogi and enjoyed time together working on and talking about bonsai.



Club Meeting

Minutes were approved. No treasurer's report. Dave Hodgetts and Bill Papura are now serving on the MABS Board. The 2024 MABS Spring Festival in Hershey PA will feature guests artists Boon Manakitivipart, Sergio Cuan, and Rafael Torres.

Discussed Pauline's Celebration of Life (see details page 3-4).

Reviewed June-December activities. June is a BYOT Workshop with a presentation by Dave Hodgetts and the September BYOT Workshop is for club show tree preparation and displays.

Work continues on club website redesign. After discussion of the various responsibilities of the Webmaster & Outreach Director, members voted to amend the by-laws to grant authority to that Director to appoint a committee or individuals as needed to help carry out their responsibilities.

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Celebration of Life weekend (con't)

If you are reading this issue of the Twig, you are either a paid member of the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society or you are a past student of Pauline's or perhaps had been a customer of PFM Bonsai. Regardless, your assistance is needed. Please see below to find out how you can help make Pauline's Celebration of Life a wonderful and memorable event. Thank you.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help with set-up on Saturday

Set-up will start Saturday at 8:00am. (If you are bringing trees and can't make it on Saturday, it is okay to bring them Friday 5/26 - just not TOO early!)

MHBS Club Meeting will be held at noon on Saturday.

Help fill Pauline's garden - bring bonsai trees, accents, and flowering baskets

- ✦ Volunteers will be providing the great majority of bonsai trees on display for the celebration so bring bonsai trees! Be sure to bring the trees you purchased from Pauline's collection as well as those with a special connection to Pauline (those bought from her, worked on with her, inspired by her, etc.)
- ✦ Please bring additional bonsai trees in any stage of development from your own collection - we want to make sure Pauline's bonsai garden is FULL for the celebration! We'd rather have too many trees than too few, so bring as many as you can transport.
Trees do not need to be mossed and it's okay if they are wired. They do not need stands, jitas or accents.
- ✦ Bring kusamono and accent plants as well as other bonsai decor items to be displayed in the studio.
- ✦ Myron will be supplying flowers but has requested that we bring any flowering hanging baskets that we may have at home. They will be borrowed for the day to further dress up the grounds during the celebration.
- ✦ Please plan to have your items on display for the entire celebration (1p-5p).

Help with clean-up Sunday / Monday

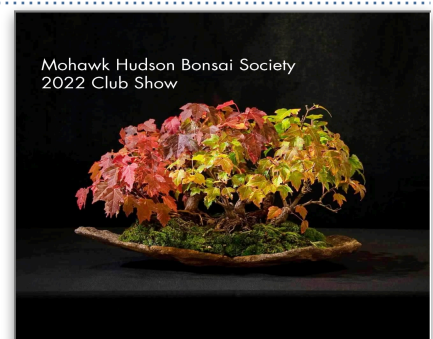
Myron would appreciate any help you can provide cleaning up after the event at 5:00pm or on Monday.

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 and at Pauline's Celebration of Life (cash or check payable to MHBS).



Looking Ahead

June 8-11

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

June 25

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

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

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

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

April Club Meeting (con't)

The 2022 Club Show album is now available for purchase for \$35.

David Payton is 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.

Nancy Castillo asked if we should update our MHBS membership flyer/brochure. Vera Rabovsky volunteered to look into it.

Lastly, club members elected Jon Stewart as the Webmaster & Outreach Director. His term expires at the end of 2023.

We continue to look for club members who are willing to serve as our Activities Director or would like to assist the Activities Director or Webmaster & Outreach Director. [Contact Bill Papura](#) if interested.

Meet our new Webmaster & Outreach Director



Jon Stewart
Webmaster & Outreach Director (Term ends 2023)

Jon is the owner of J.M. Stewart Guitars & Fine Woodworking in Saratoga Springs where he makes and repairs guitars as well as bonsai stands and jitas. He is currently taking the

intermediate bonsai course at DJH Bonsai.

Jon is already actively posting on our club [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram](#). Take a moment to check them out and be sure to like or follow MHBS on each platform.

You can help Jon keep these sites active and interesting by sharing your bonsai pictures and video clips to be posted online. Just send an [email to Jon](#) with a picture of your favorite tree, your latest repot, perhaps a video tour of your garden or a pic of your favorite new bonsai pot - anything bonsai-related you'd be willing to share on Facebook and Instagram. For security purposes, your name will not be shared on our social media sites unless you grant permission to share.

Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

May Indoors

The greenhouse vents and doors are wide open during the day. Watch carefully for insect invasion. Continue regular care and trimming.

As frost disappears, move the bonsai outdoors but be careful. Many times I have had to rush to bring plants with tender growth indoors as the weather changed. Be careful of leaf burn. Direct light is a lot more powerful than greenhouse light. Start by moving the greenhouse plants into a semi shady location and slowly move to direct light.

Be sure to turn your trees on a regular basis for even exposure to light. Clean the greenhouse as you empty it. In my cold climate, I often leave developing tropicals in the greenhouse for that extra boost of heat and humidity. I leave the doors and vents open. The greenhouse in summer is a super propagation house.

May Outdoors

By the end of May everything is outdoors and needs careful watch on trimming, watering and fertilizer. Most repotting and new planting is done.

Watch the wires -- this is the most dangerous month for wire damage.

Clean jin and shari and lime sulfur them on a sunny day. Watch for insects. I use a soapy wash every few weeks for control followed by a clean water wash.

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). 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
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	Jon Stewart	518-879-9789	stewarjm192@gmail.com	2023
Immediate Past President	Tom Kiszkiel	845 687-9115	kiszclove00@aol.com	
MABS Directors representing MHBS	Bill Papura and Dave Hodgetts			