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Next Club Date

*Two Days of Events with
Suthin Sukosolvisit*

Full Day Workshop

Saturday Aug 26, 9a-4p

Half Day Workshop

Sunday Aug 27, 9a-noon

Club Meeting and Sukosolvisit Demo

Sunday Aug 27, Noon

Location: DJH Bonsai

MHBS is proud to welcome Suthin Sukosolvisit to our club for two days of events at the end of this month.



Two workshops - one full day and another half day - will provide a fantastic opportunity to have this bonsai master work on your trees or to provide sage advice to guide your own work. On Sunday, we will enjoy watching Suthin transform a bonsai tree in an afternoon demonstration.

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July Club Meeting and Activities

Mark Arpag Workshop

We had a full house at Mark's workshop on July 29th. Lots of tuja came in for work as well as juniper, larch, cypress and more. Mark did a great job of getting around the room multiple times to give everyone lots of quality time with their trees.

Everyone especially enjoyed hearing Mark's assessment and ideas for Patricia's tree which he said was one of the "best examples of Eastern White Cedar literati he has seen." He advised Patricia that she has "been given gifts up and down this tree" and described it as a "crazy cool" tree with a great future. He then guided Patricia through the next steps to take with her tree and revisited with her throughout the workshop.



Admiring Patricia's "crazy cool" literati tuja

At the end of the day, eight happy workshop participants left the studio just thrilled with the transformations in their trees. Enjoy the photos on the next two pages, including Before & After pics on page 3.

Arpag Workshop (Con't)



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Mette Harder's Juniper



Nancy Castillo's Eastern White Cedar



Jon Stewart's Larch



Bill Papura's Sawara Cypress



Brandon Herwick's Eastern White Cedar

Before & After images of trees from Mark's workshop.

Sukosolvisit (con't)

Born in Thailand, Suthin has extensive experience with tropical bonsai as well as Japanese maple, juniper, azalea, black pine and many other species. He is mostly admired for his remarkable shohin bonsai designs.

The full day workshop will be on Saturday August 26th from 9a - 4p and is limited to 8 participants, though silent observers are welcome. The Saturday workshop will cost \$120 (\$100 under age 21). BYO lunch.

The half day workshop will be on Sunday August 27th from 9a - noon and will also be limited to 8 participants. Silent observers are welcome. The half day workshop costs \$60 (\$50 under age 21).

There are strict registration deadlines for both workshops so to ensure your spot, please closely review the instructions on page 5.

Our luncheon and Club Meeting on Sunday will start at noon right after the half day workshop. Please bring a dish to share with many (we had a big group at our July meeting!) Suthin's demonstration will start at by 1:00p.

Suthin is known to share lots of information and techniques whenever he teaches. His bonsai are appreciated for their proportion, refinement and detail so his demonstration is sure to be educational as well as fascinating. You will also enjoy his sense of humor. Suthin's demo tree will be raffled off at the conclusion of the event.

As always, please consider bringing a tree, kusamono, or suiseki to show in one of the tokonomas.

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August Club Meeting

Welcome to members and to guests Tate and Andrew. Minutes were approved with one correction and the Treasurer report given.

Reviewed upcoming events. Tara Papura led a discussion about our club show in October, which she and Arika Adams are co-chairing. Volunteers are needed to help with the many facets of the show, both in preparation and at the event. Contact [Tara](#) or [Arika](#) if interested. Dorothy provided a recap of her research on area weeklies and event calendars. An advertising budget for the club show was proposed and approved.

An online payment option for club members is progressing. Dave Hodgetts, Patricia Tatich, and Sandy Kiszkiel volunteered for the Nominating Committee. David Payton provided an update on the bonsai trip to Madrid, Venice, and Belgium in February 2024. Still time to contact [David](#) if interested.

Mark Arpag Demo

Mark's demo tree was a raft Eastern White Cedar, with 17 trunks, all connected. Mark referred to it as an "Enchanted Forest". Dave Hodgetts won the raffle and is now the proud owner of this beauty.



Thuja raft demo, before and after

Sukosolvisit (con't)

A sales table will be available to 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.

Workshop Registration

The cost of the full day Saturday workshop is \$120 (\$100 for club members under 21) and will be limited to 8 hands-on participants.

The cost of the half day Sunday workshop is \$60 (\$50 for club members under 21) and will be limited to 8 hands-on participants.

Pre-registration is required and must be RECEIVED by Treasurer Rob Gordon by Wednesday, August 23. Send your check made payable to Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society to Rob ([address on page 7](#)). With your fee, please include your email address and phone number. Rob will send a quick email confirmation when received.

PLEASE NOTE: Next week, we will invite members of the [Mohawk Valley Bonsai Club](#) to participate in the workshops to help fill remaining workshop spaces. Rest assured that *MHBS members will be given priority provided your registration is received by the Wednesday deadline.*

Suthin is known to work fast so remember Tip #3 in Jonas Dupuich's [Tips for a Successful Workshop](#): Bring more trees than you think you need to keep busy. (Bring trees you have questions about and bring trees you can work on independently between visits from the workshop leader.)

These are sure to be wonderful and popular workshops so be sure to register NOW to ensure your spot!

Arpag Demo (Con't)

During his demonstration, Mark engaged club members by inviting Saturday workshop participants to talk about their workshop tree and their main takeaways. How fortunate we are to have such a knowledgeable and engaging artist like Mark Arpag visit our club!



2023 MHBS Club Show



Our annual Art of Bonsai Club Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 7-8, 2023 at the [Albany Center Gallery](#), 488 Broadway Suite 107, Albany NY.

All club members are encouraged to show one or more of your trees. We want to display a range of bonsai trees, from trees in development to refined trees. If you love your tree, the public will too!

Besides the exhibit of trees, we also hope to have interactive displays and a demonstration area to stimulate discussion with show guests about the art of bonsai. A sale table and possibly vendors will also be on site.

Set up will be on Friday and early Saturday. The show will be open to the public Saturday from 12p to 5p and from 12p to 4p on Sunday. Tear down will start at 4p on Sunday.

[Tara Papura](#) and [Arika Adams](#) are coordinating the event. Please contact them if you are willing to assist with any aspect of the show. You can also help spread the word by printing the show poster (above) for display, by sharing info about the show on social media, and of course, by inviting friends and family.

Our club activity on September 24th will be a workshop for final work on show trees and displays. Do you have a tree or two in mind for the show??

Looking Ahead

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. Bring a friend.

November 19

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

December TBD

MHBS Holiday Party

March 2024

BYOT Workshop: Bring trees for MABS Spring Festival club display.

April 19-21, 2024

MABS Spring Festival, Hershey PA

May 9-12, 2024

[ABS Learning Seminars](#), Grand Rapids MI

Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

August Outdoors

Change fertilizer to increase phosphate and potash. Watch for heat damage. I prevent the overheating of small pots by keeping them in a damp terragreen bed during the summer.

Wire new growth that is not in line with your designs. Remove wire that is no longer necessary.

Lime sulfur again.

Food for Thought

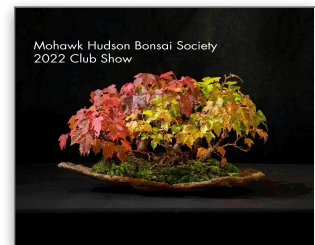
"Yesterday I saved a tree from boring mediocrity, a fate much worse than death."

~ Mark Arpag

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](#)

Welcome New Members

MHBS welcomes our newest members Tate Hoag, Kirk Moore and Andrew Weiss.

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

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President	Bill Papura	207-408-3909	billpapura@yahoo.com	2025
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