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Next Club Date

Club Show Workshop and Displays

Sunday September 24
Studio opens at 10a
Club Meeting & Lunch at noon
Workshop continues after meeting

Location: [DJH Bonsai](#)

Our annual Club Show is just around the corner and our September activity is a workshop to allow time to work on exhibit trees and select stands and accents. We will also choose trees to fill the club shohin stand. Experienced club members will be on hand to provide guidance and suggestions.

DJH Studio opens at 10a that day. We'll work on trees then take a break for lunch and our club meeting. Workshop activities will resume after the meeting.

Bring your potential show trees (if in doubt, bring it!), stands, jitas, accents, accent plants and moss.

Bring food to share for the luncheon.

Also bring excess trees, cuttings, nursery stock, accents, pots, books, etc. for the sale table. Just price your item, put your name on it and place it on the sale table. 20% of sale proceeds will benefit the club.

This is a free workshop so no registration is required.

2023 MHBS Club Show



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

We will display a range of bonsai trees, from refined trees to those still in development. All club members are encouraged to display one or more of your trees.

Besides the tree exhibit, any member who wants to work on one or more of their own trees are invited to do so in our demonstration area. Seeing members working on trees is a great way to stimulate discussion, increase visitors' interest in our hobby and potentially recruit new club members.

Tree drop-off and set up will be Friday afternoon 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. The full schedule is listed on [page 2](#).

[Tara Papura](#) and [Arika Adams](#) are coordinating the event.

Please contact them if you are able to assist with any aspect of the show. You can spread the word about the show by hanging a show poster, 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. See left for workshop details.



Guy Pastena's Chicago Hardy Black Fig displayed at last year's show

Looking Ahead

October 7-8

MHBS Club Show, Albany Center Gallery.
 Friday 4-6p - tree drop-off/set-up
 Saturday 10-11:45a - last time for tree drop-off/set-up
 Saturday Noon-5p - Show open
 Sunday Noon-4p - Show open
 Sunday starting at 4p - Remove trees, tear down and clean up.

October 29

Open BYOT Workshop with group tree discussions. Work on your own trees - Learn from others - Watch others work. Feel free to bring a friend.

November 19

Morten Albek virtual presentation on shohin bonsai.

December 3 @ Noon

MHBS Holiday Party at McGreivey's, 91 Broad St., Waterford.

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.

August Club Meeting and Activities

Suthin Sukosolvisit Workshops

Renowned bonsai artist Suthin Sukosolvisit spent a weekend with our club at the end of August, conducting a full day workshop on Saturday and a half day workshop on Sunday.



He started each workshop by discussing a tree brought by each participant, allowing us to hear his thinking and suggestions on a nice variety of trees. Most participants brought trees to look for guidance on major design decisions, something Suthin excels at. And he is not afraid to cut (with permission, of course!!)

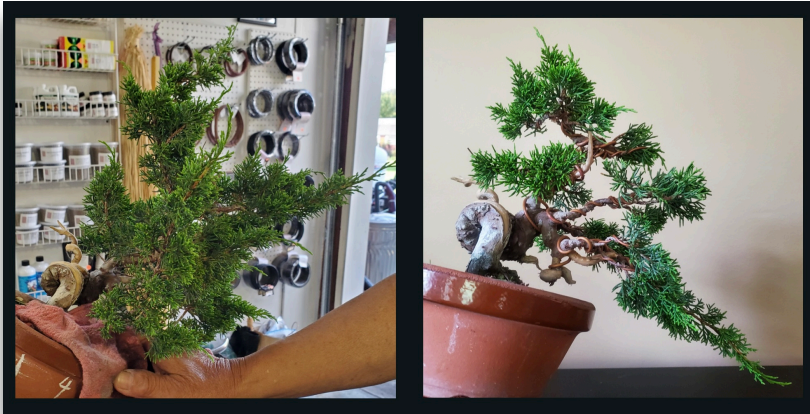
There were many dramatic transformations as our trees took shape under Suthin's watchful eye. See some of these tree transformations on [page 3](#) and candid photos of our workshop participants on [page 4](#). (Photos by Nancy Castillo & Sean Lamoureux)



Suthin discussing Sergey's Itoigawa Juniper with the group

Sukosolvisit Workshops (Con't)

Before & After images of trees from Suthin's workshops



Sergey Jivetin's Itoigawa Juniper



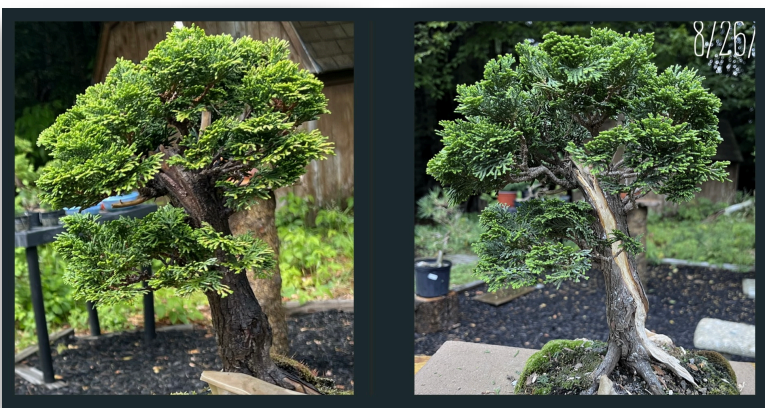
Bill Papura's Ficus



Nancy Castillo's Kishu Juniper



Sean Lamoureux's San Jose Juniper



A new Shari cut to improve the trunk on Nancy's Hinoki Cypress

Sukosolvisit Workshops (Con't)



August Club Meeting

Welcome to guest artist Suthin Sukosolvisit and to guests (and new members) Joe and John. Minutes were approved with two corrections and the Treasurer report given.

Reviewed upcoming events. Club Show co-chair Arika Adams provided an update of preparations for our club show in October. She and co-chair Tara Papura met with the folks from the Albany Center Gallery. There will be a photography exhibit in the gallery at the time of our show. There will also be an event all weekend in downtown Albany which may help with foot traffic into the gallery.

Arika reviewed the timeline for the weekend. Sale table proceeds will benefit the club 100%. Vendor tables will be available. Trees in all stages of development are welcome. Participants will be asked to complete an information sheet to provide details needed for tree labels.

A volunteer sign-up sheet was made available as were posters for members to use to help spread the word. An ad will be placed for the show in the Penny Saver.

Lori Hodgetts is coordinating the Holiday Party and recapped our location options. She will proceed to book one of two venues discussed.

Ads have been removed from our club website. PayPal set up continues. David Payton provided an update on the bonsai trip to Belgium, Madrid, and Venice in February 2024. Still time to contact David if interested.



Don't forget to hang a Club Show poster at your workplace, your gym or doctor's office, retail shops, or anywhere else you can!!!

Sukosolvisit Demo

Suthin's demonstration was informative of course, but also very entertaining. Suthin has a great sense of humor, a mischievous smile, and he loves joking around with attendees as he works.



Suthin worked on an Itoigawa Juniper, reducing it substantially to create a wonderful tree for its new owner, Jon Staples,

who won it in our raffle.

Guest artists add so much to our club calendar, giving each of us a unique opportunity to work side-by-side with distinguished bonsai artists and to see them work on trees and answer questions. Be sure to take advantage of these events whenever you can. You won't regret it!



Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

September Indoors

Frost can come as early as Labor Day here. So the greenhouse is clean and ready for winter. I give away a lot of cuttings that have filled the greenhouse in the summer. As the temperatures drop, various bonsai are brought into the greenhouse. All tropicals come in on Labor Day. All bonsai are washed in a soap solution and rinsed with clear water before I bring them in.

September Outdoors

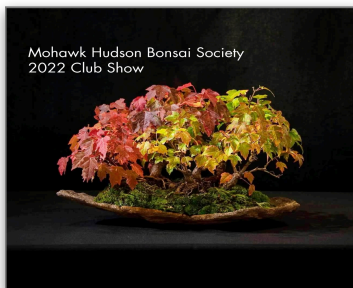
I am only fertilizing with Potash. Watering decreases, but because of my windy location I watch carefully for drying out. As leaves fall, I sweep them up and remove them. Most of the wire is removed.

Food for Thought

"No kind action ever stops with itself. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."

~ Amelia Earhart

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 Mette Harder, Sean Lamoureux, John Imhoff, and Joe Allard.

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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