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Next Club Date

Bring Your Own Tree Workshop

Sunday October 29

Studio opens at 10a

Club Meeting & Lunch at noon

Workshop continues after meeting

Location: DJH Bonsai

*Come to learn, come to share
Work on your own trees - Learn from
others - Watch others work*

Open workshops are a great opportunity to finally make that time to get work done on your own trees! You know, that juniper that should be wired, the deadwood that needs work, or that fall maintenance work before winter. You'll have other club members available as resources if you need help or ideas or if you have questions.

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

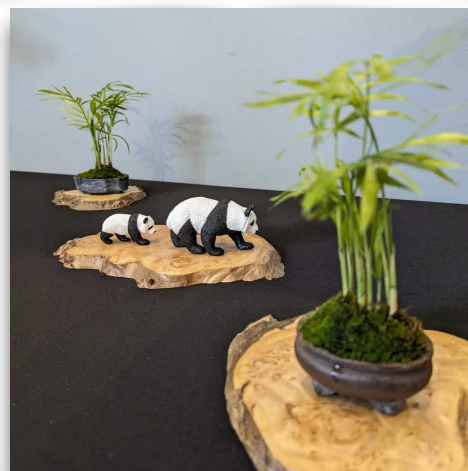
Bring as many trees as you'd like. Also bring food to share for the luncheon. For the sale table, bring excess trees, cuttings, nursery stock, accents, pots, books, etc. Just price your item, put your name on it and place it on the sale table. Cash only at this time. 20% of sale proceeds will benefit the club.

This is a free workshop so no registration is required.

2023 MHBS Club Show

Our annual Art of Bonsai Club Show was held October 7-8 at the Albany Center Gallery. This public exhibition displayed more than 40 trees by 17 different club members.

We had a wonderful turnout of visitors (despite the weather). Here are a couple teaser pics - we will cover the show in the November issue of The Twig.



Images provided by Nippertown

Looking Ahead

November 19

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

December 3 @ Noon

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

Festivities include holiday lunch, bonsai tree silent auction and live mystery auction (all proceeds benefit the club).

January 28, 2024

TBD

February 25, 2024

TBD

March 24, 2024

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

April 19-21, 2024

MABS Spring Festival, Hershey PA.

April 28, 2024

TBD

May 9-12, 2024

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

May 26, 2024

TBD

June 30, 2024

TBD

Even though we don't have full details of each club date yet, be sure to mark the dates on your 2024 calendar!

September Workshop and Club Meeting

Club Show Preparation Workshop

Our September workshop was dedicated to preparations for the Club Show. Trees for the club shohin stand were selected and attendees worked together to chose stands and accents for their show trees.

Pictures on [page 3](#).

September Club Meeting

Welcome to new members Dave and Dede. Minutes were approved as submitted. The Treasurer gave his balance report, which includes proceeds from the MABS Spring Festival.

Club show update provided by event co-chair Arika Adams. Tree drop off will be Friday from 4-6p and Saturday from 10-11:45a. Bring items for the sales table - proceeds benefit the club for future programs and events.

Review of remaining 2023 events: October 29 BYOT workshop - DJH Bonsai Studio opens at 10a. November 19 virtual presentation by bonsai artist Morten Albek of Kisetsumen. More details to follow.

Lori Hodgetts reported on the Holiday Party on December 3 at McGreivey's in Waterford. The room fee will be waived if we reach 30 attendees so plan to come and bring a guest! The mystery auction and silent auction will be held to generate funds for future club programs and expenditures.

Our PayPal account is now active and will be available to use for payment of dues, workshop fees, event registrations and more. (Editor's Note: if you don't already have the PayPal app on your phone, right now is a good time to [download the PayPal app](#) so it will be ready to use!)

Our website continues to be refined and is up-to-date. Jon encouraged everyone's engagement on our club Facebook and Instagram. The more liking and sharing of posts, the greater reach our club gets.

David Payton provided an update on the bonsai trip to Europe in February 2024. A screen has been donated to the club by a former member and will be kept at DJH Bonsai and available for loan to members.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for Treasurer and Activities Director. If interested, reach out to [Dave Hodgetts](#).

Club Show Preparation Workshop (con't)



Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

October Indoors

As leaves drop from semi hardy deciduous trees, I wait an extra week or two and then put them in the greenhouse. Leaves from tropicals already in the greenhouse fall and must be cleaned up immediately. Set out bait for slugs and mice to prevent winter problems.

No fertilizing is done in the greenhouse now.

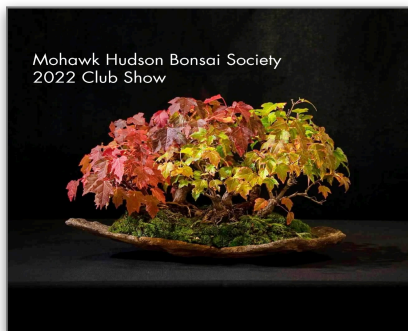
October Outdoors

Leaves are falling and temperatures drop. Prepare the winter storage area. Stop fertilizing. This is the month to start major work in pines. Pines may be potted but waiting until early spring is best.

Editor's Note: All my tropicals made their final trip indoors during the first week of the month. Here's a reminder of good soji practices preparing for the winter months:

Remove moss on trunks and on soil surface. Weed. Remove old needles, brown needles and leaves. Remove fertilizer and fertilizer build-up (crusty surface soil). If needed, remove top layer of soil, create drainage holes and add new top soil layer. Treat for signs of insects or fungus and apply dormant oil.

2022 MHBS Club Show Album - Reduced Price!



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 has been reduced to \$25.

Albums are available to purchase at club meetings and workshops (cash, check or PayPal) 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 Dave Molesky, Dede Bennett, Aron Sylvan and Mike Balboa.

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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