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## Next Club Date

### *Morten Albek Virtual Presentation*

**Sunday November 19 - NOTE DATE!**

**Noon: Club Meeting & Lunch**

**1pm: Start of Presentation**

Location: DJH Bonsai or remotely

Our November activity will be a Zoom presentation by Danish bonsai artist Morten Albek. Morten is known especially for his work on shohin trees. You can enjoy the discussion alongside fellow club members at DJH Bonsai or you can join the Zoom meeting at home.

Our lunch and club meeting start PROMPTLY at noon. We will vote on by-laws changes and 2024 dues (a quorum will be required) and the nominating committee will present their slate for open club officer positions. The Zoom presentation with live Q&A will start at 1:00pm. Morten also encourages submitting advance questions using the link below.

Bring food to share for the luncheon. Bring excess trees, cuttings, accents, pots, etc., for the sale table. 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.

To join the Zoom presentation remotely, use this link <http://shohin-Europe.com/bonsai-zoom-live-stream/>. The password is Hudson. Take time in advance to sign up for a Zoom account if you don't already have one.

## October Workshop & Club Meeting

Our October activity was a BYOT workshop with members bringing trees to discuss, ask questions, and problem solve.



Past club president Tom Kiszkiel shares his gorgeous little cotoneaster with the group. Pauline seems to be looking on approvingly.



Dave helps Jon Staples with his red pine as club members and guests look on.

## Looking Ahead

### 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).

Register now with Lori Hodgetts at [DJHBonsai@gmail.com](mailto:DJHBonsai@gmail.com)

### 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. Registration opens soon.

### April 28, 2024

TBD

### May 9-12, 2024

ABS Learning Seminars, Grand Rapids MI.

### May 18-19, 2024

Note date! Frank Mihalic workshop, sales, and demonstration.

### 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!*

## October Activities (con't)

### October Club Meeting

Guests were welcomed to the meeting. Minutes were approved with one correction. The Treasurer gave his balance report.

Thanks offered to everyone who contributed to our successful club show - exhibitors, volunteers, and co-chairs Tara Papura and Arika Adams. Reminder that we are in search for a new site for next year's show.

Review of remaining 2023 events: November 19 virtual presentation by bonsai artist Morten Albek of Kisetsu-en. Morten is a Danish bonsai artist specializing in shohin. Details are still being worked out and will be communicated.

Our Holiday Party is December 3rd at 12:00 noon at McGreivey's in Waterford. You can register now with Lori Hodgetts at [DJHBonsai@gmail.com](mailto:DJHBonsai@gmail.com). Payment of \$32/person is payable at the event (cash or check to MHBS). There will be a few entrees to choose from as well as dessert and a cash bar. The mystery auction and silent auction will be held to generate funds for future club programs and expenditures. The charge for the room will be waived if we reach 30 attendees so plan to come and bring a guest!

Check out our updated website especially if you haven't been on it recently. You will be able to pay 2024 dues (amount TBD) via a PayPal link on the website. (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!)

We are seeking volunteers for the Activities Committee to work throughout the year on monthly programs and events. Let Dave Hodgetts know if you're interested.

Bill introduced for discussion the three by-law changes that will be voted on in November regarding bank account authority and honorary memberships. The proposed dues structure for 2024 was discussed and will also be voted on in November: Individual membership \$45 (up from \$40) and Household membership \$60 (changed from \$45 for two family members).

A number of free magazines and other free items are on the sale table. And a reminder that the 2022 Club Show album is now reduced to \$25. Discussion about an album for the 2023 show ensued with no decision made.

## Holiday Party December 3

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Our annual Holiday Party will be held this year at McGreivey's, 91 Broad St., Waterford. Festivities will begin at noon. The cost is \$32 per person and will include lunch (selected from a limited menu) and dessert and there will be a cash bar. Please register **before November 19th** by emailing your information to Lori Hodgetts at [DJHBonsai@gmail.com](mailto:DJHBonsai@gmail.com). Payment (cash or check to MHBS) will be collected at the event.

This is also a significant fund-raising event for the club which helps pay for future club programs and events. For the live mystery auction, bring gift-wrapped bonsai items like pots, books, supplies, tools, etc. Place a minimum bid on the outside of the package. Bring bonsai trees in any stage of development to be placed in a silent auction. Please have a minimum opening bid amount in mind.

Our Holiday Party has always been a fun and laughter-filled event. We hope you will attend. A special invite goes out to our new club members - what a great way for everyone to get to know each other!

## Executive Board Meeting October 23

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A quorum of the Executive Board met virtually on October 23 to discuss items to be brought to the membership at the October club meeting. Our PayPal account is now live but incurs a small transaction fee. We will use a QR code/link that offers those who use it to voluntarily cover the transaction fee.

Our bank requires wording in our by-laws to clarify who is authorized to manage the club bank account. It will be proposed that the by-laws be revised to so authorize the club President and Treasurer. It was also suggested to modify the by-laws to clarify that an honorary membership would be a "lifetime" membership. 2024 dues were discussed. The following dues structure for 2024 will be proposed: Individual membership \$45 (up from \$40) and Household membership \$60 (changed from \$45 for two family members).

The proposed changes to our by-laws and 2024 dues structure will be discussed at the October club meeting and put up for vote by the membership at the November meeting.

## Electronic Payments To Be Accepted

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You will soon be able to pay dues, workshop fees, and make other payments to MHBS via PayPal! Thank you to Jon Stewart, Guy Pastena, and Rob Gordon for setting up this convenient payment option for our members.

### *What is PayPal?*

PayPal is a payment platform with a phone app that enables payments between parties through online money transfers. You create a PayPal account and connect it to a checking account, a credit card, or both.

You will need an email address to sign up for PayPal and must provide a credit card, debit card, or bank account. PayPal verifies the information to make sure the person setting up the account is the rightful owner before the service can be used. PayPal is considered a very secure method of sending payments online.

There is no cost to you to use PayPal to make payments to the club. MHBS will incur a small fee when you use PayPal as a payment method. However, during the transaction, you may be offered the option to cover MHBS's fees yourself. It is in no way required, but it would be much appreciated in order to help keep club expenses down. MHBS will, of course, continue to accept cash and personal checks. (For the time being at least, payments for sale table items at monthly club meetings will continue to be cash only.)

If you don't already have the PayPal app on your phone, you can [download the PayPal app now](#) so it will be all ready to use!



## 2023 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.

The weather was awful on Saturday, but it actually might have driven people indoors! We estimate that over 100 visitors came through the gallery on Saturday and perhaps another 50 or so on Sunday.

Special thanks go out to Tara Papura and Arika Adams who served as co-chairs of the show. Thank you to Joann Ryan whose association with Albany Center Gallery facilitated our use of the space.

Many folks helped during set-up and tear down, and also during the show, greeting visitors and answering questions, running demos and helping visitors who brought their trees in for discussion - thank you for your assistance. Our sale table, which garnered \$500, was stocked with items contributed by club members - we appreciate your generosity.

And a final thank you to the seventeen club members who shared your trees in the exhibit. This show of course would not go on without you generously sharing your work. Every exhibited tree and accent beautifully represented both our club and the art of bonsai.

You can find the names of all exhibitors in the picture shown right and in the collages on page 5-7.



*Pictures by Nancy Castillo and Guy Pastena*

Clockwise from L: Jon Stewart, Diana Markham, Jon Stewart, Guy Pastena



*2023 Club Show (con't)*



Top row L to R: Arika Adams, Guy Pastena, Brandon Herwick  
Bottom row L to R: Carl Taebner, Jon Staples, Jon Stewart



*2023 Club Show (con't)*



Top row L to R: Patricia Tatich, Julian Shepersky  
Middle row L to R: Tom Kiszkiel, Nancy Castillo  
Bottom row L to R: Dave Hodgetts, David Payton



*2023 Club Show (con't)*



Top row L to R: Josh Jeram, Bill Papura  
Bottom row L to R: Sandy Kiszkiel, Rob Gordon



## Bonsai Calendar by Pauline Muth

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### November Indoors

Watch watering. The greenhouse is covered and sealed for winter. The furnace is clean and working well. Work on pines brought indoors. (Young pines and all 5 needled pines.) Prune deciduous trees and wire.

### November Outdoors

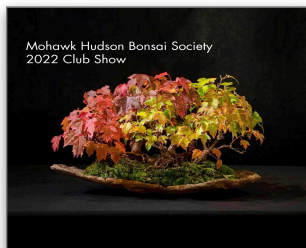
Clean and put all hardy trees into protected storage. Extremely hardy trees like larches can be tucked until evergreens for winter storage. Be sure trees are well watered before they freeze. Do major work on pines.



Korean Hornbeam bordered in frost after the first freeze of the season, October 31.

## 2022 MHBS Club Show Album - Reduced Price!

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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.

## Morten Albek Discount Offer

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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](#)

## 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	<a href="mailto:billpapura@yahoo.com">billpapura@yahoo.com</a>	2025
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Secretary	Vera Rabovsky		<a href="mailto:Vera.rabovsky@gmail.com">Vera.rabovsky@gmail.com</a>	2025
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Communications Director	Nancy Castillo	518-321-6913	<a href="mailto:twocat@nycap.rr.com">twocat@nycap.rr.com</a>	2025
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