

# THE TWIG

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## Meetings & Activities

### February

**2/23** 12:00 pm Meeting @  
Faddegon's Nursery  
BYOT

### March

**3/30** 12:00 pm Meeting @  
DJH MABS  
Festival prep

### April

**4/11 - 12** MABS Festival  
**4/26** Mark Arpag Workshop  
Full day  
**4/27** Mark Arpag Workshop  
1/2 day  
12:00 pm meeting  
demo and raffle

### May

**5/18** Frank Mahalic  
*details to come*  
Club show prep

## Up and coming

### February at *Faddegon's* NURSERY, INC.

Join us in bringing the outside INSIDE. Our February 23rd meeting will take place at Faddegon's Nursery (1140 Troy-Schenectady Rd, Latham, NY 12110) at 12:00 pm followed by a bring your own tree workshop. Last year this event was one of our most highly attended meetings, this would be a perfect opportunity to bring a friend or family member who may be interested in getting into bonsai!



## Kusamono & accents

Faddegon's hosts a wide array of terrarium plants and succulents, perfect for accent plantings and Kusamono. You may want to consider some pairings for your show ready trees as you browse the greenhouses.

In preparation of our June visiting artist check out Young Choe's website where you can find a beautiful gallery of Kusamono & Kokedama.

## Meetings & Activities 2025 continued...

### June

**6/14 -15** Club Show

@ Saratoga Springs Library

*details to come*

**6/21** Young Choe Workshop

1/2 day

**6/22** Young Choe Workshop

1/2 day

12:00 pm meeting

Demo & Raffle

### July

**7/27** 12:00 pm Meeting

@ DJH

### August

**8/31** 12:00 pm Meeting

@ DJH

### September

**9/12- 13** ABS learning seminars

Rochester, NY

**9/14-15** 9th National

Bonsai Exposition

Rochester, NY

**9/27** Jon Romano Workshop

Full Day

**9/28** Jon Romano Workshop

1/2 Day

12:00 pm meeting

demo & raffle

### October

**10/26** 12:00 pm Meeting

@ DJH

### November

**TBD** 12:00 pm Meeting

@ DJH

## January activity...

A big thank you to Jonas Dupuitch for being our first artist of 2025! He was an incredibly engaging virtual presenter and his focus on critique may prompt more tree assessments at meetings in the future.

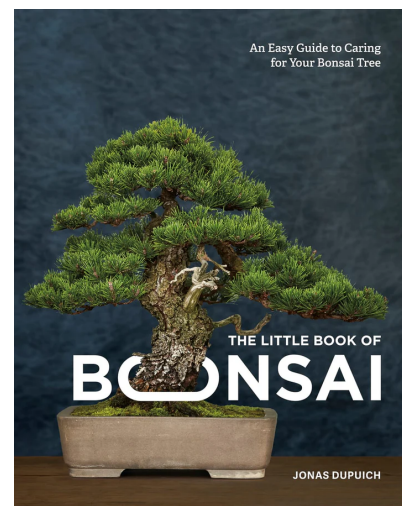


A really interesting aspect of his lecture was showing the group 3D Bonsai a tool which allows you to view trees from the 2024 Pacific Bonsai Expo from all angles. Access to a sample scan gallery is free, and access to the whole expo gallery is available for \$20.00 for 24 months. I would highly recommend checking the site out. I want to

to again encourage members to visit Jonas's website Bonsai Tonight for his blog and shop. Recently Jonnas posted an exercise regarding pot selection for an ume.



Going forward, if you have any concerns with your ability to join virtual meetings or presentations please email [mohawkhudsonbonsai@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkhudsonbonsai@gmail.com) for assistance!



# MABS

## *Mid Atlantic Bonsai Society Spring Festival*

Friday April 11th - Sunday April 13th

Holiday Inn Grantville-Hershey, 604 Station Rd, Grantville Pa. 17028

Registration for the 2025 MABS festival is open, available online [here](#)

The Mid Atlantic Bonsai society is a coalition of northeast bonsai. MABS is the The Festival includes a large bonsai tree exhibition, professional bonsai lectures, demonstrations, workshops, vending area and professional critiques of bonsai.

A reminder we are still looking for volunteers for the registration committee, please contact Bill Papura, president with inquiries.

Preparation for the MHBS submission to the festival will take place at the March 30th meeting @ DJH. Please bring trees and accessories to this meeting as we will be putting displays together and voting on our group submissions.

## MHBS Club Meeting - 26 January 2025

### **Club Meeting held before Zoom presentation by Jonas Dupuich.**

Meeting minutes

Club members voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes for December.

Treasurer's report

Balance \$15,315.17. Outstanding: \$912 payment to Alan Tallman from auctions of his donated items.

Activities

Next upcoming meeting and BYOT at Faddegons on February 23 from noon-4:30pm.

Outreach

Website updated and current.

MHBS Registration Committee

Registration is open but encourage registration ASAP. Some workshops already filled. If you're going, please be sure to join club members at the Saturday night banquet.

Volunteer Needs

Oversight: Short term need for 2 people. Report due March 31.

2025 Club Show & Exhibition committee.

Next meeting February 23 at from noon-4:30pm at Faddegons.

Submitted by Nancy Castillo

# Our Mission

## Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society

Founded in 1968, we are the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society. Our purpose is to generate interest in and educate the public about the art of Bonsai, as well as to , offer education for all skill levels, provide opportunities to practice the art, and form friendships with other enthusiasts.

Membership is open to all, dues are \$45 for an individual and \$60 for a household. You can pay your 2025 dues from the Membership Online Payment page of our [website](#).

We meet on the last Sunday of each month, at 12:00 pm January through November (See calendar for dates) at DJH Bonsai in Feura Bush, NY (unless otherwise indicated in the TWIG).

Meetings are social gatherings as well as educational opportunities and typically consist of the club meeting, potluck snacks and then an activity. Activities vary and may include BYOT (bring your own tree) workshops, member led tutorials, critique and display help as well as season and species specific instruction.

The club also hosts many Guest artists through the year. Visits typically include a full-day workshop on Saturday, a half-day workshop on Sunday morning, followed by the club meeting, luncheon, a demonstration on a donated tree by the artist and raffling of the finished material. Workshop and/or material fees may apply. If you have any suggestions for club activities please reach out to Jonathan Stewart our Activities Director.

[MHBS Constitution and By-laws](#) , Social Media and all links in the Twig are live and can be followed to the resource listed (websites, social media accounts, email addresses, etc.). Your feedback, suggestions, and contributions are always welcome. Links to our website and social media accounts are located on page one of the Twig. We encourage club members to share pictures or videos that can be posted in the TWIG, on social media and our online sites. Send pictures and videos via email to [mohawkhudsonbonsai@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkhudsonbonsai@gmail.com)



Nancy Castillo

# Odds and Ends

## Time to Pay- 2025 Club Membership Dues

MHBS membership expire on December 31st. If you have not yet paid your 2025 dues please do so now from the Membership Online Payment page of our website. You can also pay by mailing a check to Treasurer Lori Hodgetts (address on page 4).

Please remember you will not be permitted to sign up for artist workshops if you have not yet paid your dues.

For 2025, MHBS club membership fees will remain the same at \$45 for an individual and \$60 for a household.

## Volunteers Needed

◆ 2-3 more volunteers are needed for the 2025 MABS Spring Festival registration responsibilities. This group will prepare/update the registration form, prepare individual registration packets, and help manage the registration table at the festival.

◆ We are looking for 2 volunteers to conduct the 2024 club audit, due March 31, 2025. If you can balance a checkbook, you have the skills needed for the Oversight Committee. This is just a 3-month commitment.

If you can help, please contact club President Bill Papura.

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