

THE TWIG

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Meetings & Activities

June

6/21 - 22

@DJH Bonsai

Young Choe Workshop

Saturday -

Workshop #1 9am - 12pm

Workshop #2 1 pm - 4pm

Sunday - Club meeting @ 11 pm
followed by a demonstration and
presentation.

Registration OPEN

July

7/27

@DJH Bonsai

12:00 pm Meeting

August

8/31

@DJH Bonsai

12:00 pm Meeting

Up and coming...

Kusamono expert Young Choe will be our visiting artist this weekend. Please feel free to visit her site [HERE](#)

Registration is OPEN do not miss out on an opportunity to work with this exceptional artist. See below for schedule and registration details.

****Please remember workshop registration is only open to paid members.****



Weekend schedule:

Saturday, June 21st

Workshop #1 9am - 12pm 2 SPOTS LEFT

Workshop #2 1 pm - 4pm 3 SPOTS LEFT!

Register here: [YOUNG CHOE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION](#)

OR contact our Treasurer Lori Hodgetts
Lhodgetts46@gmail.com

Sunday, June 22nd

Club Meeting Sunday @ 11:00 am followed by a demonstration and presentation with a focus on kusamono paring with Bonsai. 1

**Meetings & Activities 2025
continued...**

September

9/12- 13

ABS learning seminars
Rochester, NY

9/14-15

9th National
Bonsai Exposition
Rochester, NY

9/27

@DJH Bonsai
Jon Romano Workshop
Full Day

9/28

@DJH Bonsai
Jon Romano Workshop
1/2 Day
12:00 pm meeting
demo & raffle

October

10/26

@DJH Bonsai
12:00 pm Meeting

November

TBD

December

Holiday Party TBD

CLUB EXHIBITION 2025

A big thank you to all who helped make the 2025 MHBS Exhibition a success!

We had a very well attended show at the Saratoga Springs Public Library Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th.

Below is a sneak peek, the show will be covered in full in the July TWIG. **Stay tuned for more details including Photos and the results of our member and peoples choice vote!**



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m if you have any pictures from the show!














It's about to get toasty

The next few days are gearing up to be incredibly HOT in the Capital Region! Take extra care with watering and shading your trees as we get through this very hot spell, especially coming off of a very wet and relatively cool Spring. See Dave Hodgetts' recommendations below for more Summer-centric advice.



Sat 21	83°/70°		Partly Cloudy
Sun 22	90°/73°		AM Clouds/PM Sun
Mon 23	97°/73°		Sunny
Tue 24	97°/74°		Sunny
Wed 25	90°/68°		Partly Cloudy
Thu 26	80°/64°		PM Showers
Fri 27	75°/65°		Scattered Thunderstorms
Sat 28	79°/66°		Scattered Thunderstorms
Sun 29	82°/66°		Mostly Cloudy

Bonsai by Month by Dave Hodgetts

June Outdoors

Whilst full sun is indicated for many species, none benefit from cooked roots. Shade cloth can help decrease both foliage damage in sensitive species (particularly maples) and unacceptable pot temperatures. 30 to 40% shade cloth has been advocated by many and is typically employed from June to September. (As of 5/25/24, Michael Hagedorn, one of my Go-to guys for bonsai information, had just posted an article on this very subject). Other methods which provide shade for our pots can also be useful. As temperatures rise, water requirements increase, and your trees may require watering more than once (or twice) a day. When possible, I check my trees every 3 to 4 hours, but when I am not present I have found a layer of sphagnum moss on the soil surface helps prevent the soil from drying out quite so fast. Warm and windy days are especially demanding and shelter from the wind can help. Automated watering systems may have a role in certain circumstances, but are no substitute for hand watering, which can be titrated according to your observations and judgement. In addition, automated systems may be prone to unanticipated gremlins, with potentially catastrophic results. When I must rely on others to water due to my absence, I always stress they cannot kill the trees by overwatering them (given the substrate I use). Underwatering has been a much bigger problem in my experience.

Candle pruning and needle plucking on single and double flush pines continue, if not completed yet. June is typically the last point at which partial outer canopy defoliation can be performed on those deciduous species that tolerate it. For those species which do not, growing out and trimming back, to encourage ramification and smaller foliage continues, as does leaf removal or cutting to permit more light access to the interior foliage. Rotating one's trees periodically permits equal foliage sun exposure.

Fertilization continues, as determined by the tree's species and developmental status. Systemic antifungal application continues, and topical antifungals remain on hand for use as needed, i.e. for tip blight (Phomopsis). Likewise, topical insecticides are used as needed.

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

Odds and Ends

♦ Please remember, current membership is required to register for workshops. You can pay online [here](#), or contact our treasurer Lori Hodgetts LHodgetts46@gmail.com

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