

# THE TWIG

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## Meetings & Activities

### August

8/24

@DJH Bonsai

12:00 pm Meeting

### 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

## August Activity

### In loving memory...

*a look back at trees loved and lost.*

The say you have to break a few eggs to make an omelet...

We have all felt the keen sting of losing a beloved tree. It is an unfortunate, but common price of partaking in the art of bonsai, but we can't let that get us down! We invite all club members to join in a collective opportunity to grieve for, and most importantly, learn from, our lost trees.

Following our meeting on August 24th all members are invited to come up and eulogize their beloved (and dearly departed) trees. Take this opportunity to share stories about your favorite trees that have passed from this mortal coil.

We would like to have a slideshow as accompaniment.

**PLEASE** email or text photos of your dearly departed trees (dead or alive) to Jonathan Stewart [stewarjm192@gmail.com](mailto:stewarjm192@gmail.com) or 518-879-9789. As we progress through the slide show, we will welcome the trees owner to talk about their tree, and what they have learned from its loss!

In conjunction with the memorial service, work on your own material while chatting with friends and sharing pointers.

**Meetings & Activities 2025  
continued...****October****10/26**

@DJH Bonsai

12:00 pm Meeting

**November****TBD****December**

Holiday Party TBD

## Carlton Hollow



Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society was recently hosted at Carlton Hollow in Ballston Spa, NY by longtime club member, Betsy Chung and her daughter, Jennifer. During the drop-in bonsai social, residents were invited to view trees, kusamono and pottery. MHBS members were also actively working on material in development and available to answer questions. Thanks to fellow club members Tom and Sandy Kiszkiel, Tony DeLorenzo and Bill and Tara Papura for bringing trees and accent plants to display and work on. It was a great afternoon of friendship and bonsai in a beautiful setting.







# U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition & ABS

A quick note to highlight the upcoming U.S. National Exhibition and ABS learning Seminar.

For those of you not already committed, consider making your way to Rochester for the weekend of September 12-14th.

ABS (American Bonsai Society) will be holding learning seminars in conjunction with the U.S. National exhibition this year in Rochester. September 12th & 13th enjoy seminars, workshops, the North American Bonsai Pottery Competition and Joshua Roth new talent competition.

Learn more HERE: <https://www.americanbonsaisociety.org/abs-learning-seminars/>

The 8th annual U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition will be in full swing that weekend, displaying the highest quality trees from across the country. Open Saturday and Sunday, enjoy demonstrations with artists from all over the world, in addition to workshops and critique. Tour the vendor area and take advantage of the opportunity to buy from some of the finest distributors, artists and craftspeople in the community.

More information can be found HERE: <https://www.usnationalbonsai.com/>

## Bonsai by Month by Dave Hodgetts

### August (Late-Summer)

Shade management remains important to prevent leaf burn on susceptible species and, in all species, to decrease the possibility of root damage due to high pot temperatures. Likewise, appropriate watering remains key.

Junipers and Hinoki Cypress can be pruned now. This will promote/permit another flush of growth before dormancy, which will not be damaged by the frosts of autumn.

On deciduous species, however, the flush of growth that resulted from the most recent cut back is permitted to harden off as usual but is not cut back. Doing so at this point would result in new growth which may not have time to harden off fully before the first frost (typically mid-October @ DJH). This growth could then die, possibly leading to the loss of that entire branch.

It is thought this branch death led to the theory that giving a tree nitrogen late in the growing season was dangerous, because the nitrogen stimulated late growth. In fact, late growth results from late pruning. Giving nitrogen (as part of a balanced feeding regimen) late in the season does not induce new growth and is beneficial as it helps prepare the tree for spring.

That said, routine feeding continues through August, as determined by tree species and stage of development.

The late, great, Pauline Muth stressed the importance of giving Super Triple Phosphate to flowering trees about this time of year to boost blooming and root growth. However, improper use can burn roots and/or result in changes in soil Ph, which can interfere with the absorption of other nutrients. Use with care.

The application of a prophylactic fungicide, suspended for July, should now resume. No prophylactic systemic insecticides are applied in August, but topicals remain on hand for use as needed.

Following decandling earlier in the season, late August/early September is the time bud selection on double flush pines is typically performed. At each branch tip, two candles of equal strength are retained, while any extras are removed. By now, the weak buds (which were not touched during decandling) have likely developed quite long needles, which should be cut back to the average length of the other needles on the tree with sharp scissors, once again helping with energy balance. Lastly, needles are plucked from the undersides of the branches, which helps both tidy the look of each branch and encourages back budding.

Late August through October is also a good time of year to perform heavy branch removal and/or heavy bends in all pine species. The remaining growing season gives some time for the tree's damaged tissues to heal, helping to hold each branch where you've placed it.

# 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

## 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](mailto:LHodgetts46@gmail.com)

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