

THE TWIG

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Meetings & Activities

September

9/27

@DJH Bonsai

John Romano Workshop

Full Day

9/28

@DJH Bonsai

John Romano Workshop

1/2 Day

12:00 pm meeting

Demo & raffle

October

10/26

@DJH Bonsai

10am SWAP MEET

12:00 pm Meeting

November

TBD

December

Holiday Party TBD

2026

January- TBD

February -TBD

March -TBD

April -TBD

Visting Artist

John Romano

John will be with us the weekend of September 27th & 28th @ DJH Bonsai in Feura Bush.



Saturday (9/27) will be a full day 8 hour workshop (9am - 5pm).

Sunday (9/28) will be a half day 3 hour workshop (9am-12pm)

The club meeting will commence @ 12:00 pm followed by a presentation on literati bonsai and demonstration on a tree that will be raffled off to a lucky club member!



REGISTER ONLINE NOW on our website here:

<https://mohawkhudsonbonsai.org/online-payments/>

for all other methods of registration please contact

our treasurer Lori Hodgetts LHodgetts46@gmail.com

U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition & ABS

On September 12-14th the ABS learning seminars and 9th annual U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition were held in Rochester NY. Many club members made the pilgrimage to western NY to enjoy some of the best trees in North America, and take the opportunity to learn from some of the world's best bonsai professionals.



Club member Sean Lamoureux works with renowned artist Bjorn Bjorholm



Brandon Herwick describes the tribute display that he and others put together to honor Pauline Muth at ABS.



Gayle Fiato with her entry into the ABS ceramics competition.



Jon S. & Arika A. vending at the National

OCTOBER ACTIVITY - SWAP MEET

On Sunday, October 26th starting at 10am we will have our first annual MHBS "swap meet". Start gathering trees, pots, and anything bonsai related that you may want to sell/swap/trade! At 12pm we will have our normal meeting and then follow with more swappin'! Remember, please do not leave any material at DJH Bonsai. Carry in carry out!

Bonsai by Month by Dave Hodgetts

September (Early Autumn)

The shade cloth is removed in September as the risk of sunburn on delicate foliage and of root damage due to high pot temperatures diminishes.

Watering continues as needed, with demand tending to decrease with the temperature.

Routine NPK pellet fertilization and kelp foliar feeding continue until mid-September, (approximately one month before the average first frost date, October 12th @ DJH). Applying feed after this is simply wasteful, as the trees will not utilize it during dormancy.

The theory that giving nitrogen late in the growing season stimulated growth that would not have time to harden off before the frost came, killing that growth and possibly endangering the entire tree, has been debunked. In fact, new late growth on deciduous species results from pruning too late, which is why we typically make the last cut back on these species in July. 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.

At DJH no prophylactic fungicide this month, but Mancozeb is applied, if necessary, for tip blight on Juniper, Thuja or Chamaecyparis. Tip blight often presents once the temperatures drop into the 45 to 50 degree F range. Cedar-Apple rust galls may also appear on Junipers around this time and should be removed. Malathion spray is applied as a prophylactic insecticide.

Taxus/Yew in development should undergo old needle removal in late September/early October, as the temperature drops and the old, inner foliage begins to yellow. The foliage on the last 1.5 to 2.0 inches of each branch tip is left in place and old inner "needles" are removed, being careful not to damage any existing buds. This process, coupled with the use of relatively high nitrogen (N >10) feed, will result in impressive back budding and increased foliage volume next year.

Mid-September through October is good time for scion grafting on pines and the best time to perform wedge cuts, heavy wiring/bending on pine species.

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

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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