

THE TWIG

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Meetings & Activities

October

10/26

@DJH Bonsai

10:00 am SWAP MEET

12:00 pm Meeting

12:30 pm Luncheon and SWAP
continued

November

11/30

@DJH Bonsai

Wiring workshop with Dave
Hodgetts - details TBD

December

Holiday Party TBD

2026

January- TBD

February -TBD

March -TBD

April -TBD

May - Sergio Cuan

June- TBD

OCTOBER ACTIVITY

On Sunday, October 26th starting at 10am we will have our first annual MHBS "swap meet". Bring 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!



September recap: Artist John Romano

A big thank you to John for his time with MHBS the weekend of September 27th & 28th. The club meeting on Sunday was preceded by a half day workshop and was followed by a presentation on literati design and a demonstration on a whimsical Red Pine.



Bonsai by Month by Dave Hodgetts

October (Mid-Autmn)

Daylight hours shorten and temperatures drop. In response to the decrease in light, deciduous species slow and then stop producing chlorophyll. The residual green pigmented chlorophyll is then broken down into smaller molecules and reabsorbed by the tree, revealing the yellow and orange carotenoids, which were present but masked. Simultaneously, the veins within the leaves, which conducted the passage of sap, become occluded and trapped sugars undergo chemical changes that produce new pigments of pink, red and purple, the anthocyanins. Depending on the species, the leaves then either drop (abscission) or persist (marcescence). Oak and Beech for example, typically retain a high percentage of their leaves and many theories have arisen to explain why. No definitive answer has been accepted, however. Reportedly, a Seneca legend suggests the oak keeps its' leaves simply in defiance of winter.

Evergreens continue to photosynthesize, although at a slower rate, and water demands decrease as growth slows prior to winter dormancy. As discussed last month, no fertilization is required at this point.

At DJH prophylactic insecticide is not applied in October but is available for use, should a problem appear. Fungicide application continues and Mancozeb is applied if tip blight on Juniper, Thuja or Chamaecyparis species becomes apparent. Cedar-Apple rust galls may also appear on Junipers around this time and should be removed.

As mentioned last month, Taxus/Yew in development can 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 the majority of the inner "needles" (more from the strong branches and less from the weak) are removed, being careful not to damage any existing buds. This process, coupled with the use of relatively high nitrogen (N >10) feed throughout the active growing season, will result in impressive back budding and increased foliage volume next year. The technique should not be applied on consecutive years.

Mid-September through October is good time for scion grafting on pines and the best time to perform wedge cuts, heavy wiring and bending on pine species. These trees will then require additional protection from cold winter temperatures.

Tropicals, unhappy when the temperature goes below 40 F, will need appropriate protection and lighting.

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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