

# THE TWIG

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## Meetings & Activities

### November- 11/23

@DJH Bonsai

10:00 am

Wiring workshop with Dave Hodgetts

12:00 pm Meeting

more wiring to follow!

### December - 12/7

#### HOLIDAY PARTY

12 pm - 4pm.

Dinosaur BBQ,

377 River St. in Troy

## 2026

### January- 1/17

TIME TBD

Michael Hagedorn ZOOM presentation

### February - 2/22

12:00 pm

BYOT @ Faddegons Nursery

### March - 3/29

@DJH Bonsai

10:00 am

MABS Display Prep

12:00 pm Meeting

### April -

17-19 - MABS Spring Festival

4/26 meeting & Activity TBD

### May- 5/ 30-31

@DJH Bonsai

Sergio Cuan Workshops details TBD

## NOVEMBER ACTIVITY

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!!

On Sunday November 23rd Dave Hodgetts will guide members through the trials and tribulations of wiring. Feel free to bring your own tree to work on!

Beginners, and those looking to brush up on the ABC's can practice on faux branches with pipe cleaners.

More experienced members will have the opportunity to learn some new techniques and to help others in the group.

A white pine will be worked on throughout the day and raffled to a lucky member!



## 2025 HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's holiday party will be at Dinosaur BBQ, 377 River St. in Troy, on Sunday, Dec. 7 from noon - 4pm.

All club members and a guest are invited. The club is covering the cost of the party, which will be served buffet style. Soft drinks are included and alcohol will be available for purchase.

Please let Lori Hodgetts know if you will be coming (email [lhodgetts46@gmail.com](mailto:lhodgetts46@gmail.com) or call/text to 518-369-7243) by Friday, Nov. 28th.

If you would like a vegetarian meal, please indicate that in your response.



# October Recap, MHBS Swap meet



MHBS gathered to buy, sell, and swap material amongst ourselves this past October. It was a fun opportunity for us to exchange material, and lighten our load going into winter. That being said, a few members irresponsibly went home with more than they brought with them!



## Bonsai by Month by Dave Hodgetts

### November (Late Autumn)

Fall pine work can be completed, and once deciduous species have lost their leaves, directional silhouette pruning can be performed.

This month my pesticide regimen includes the application of a granular systemic (Thiophanate methyl) fungicide and Bonide Systemic Insect Control 94I spray.

Now is the time to prepare for the winter storage of our bonsai, the main goal being to protect them from damaging cold and desiccating winds. It is worth repeating that the USDA plant hardiness zones apply to plants and trees growing in the ground, where their roots are relatively well insulated, and the temperatures quoted represent the safe zone within which the upper elements of the plant will not sustain damage. The temperatures at which root damage is likely to occur are not part of the equation and are almost always significantly higher than those required to damage the upper parts of the tree. This problem is exacerbated when the roots are surrounded by a small amount of growing medium in a bonsai pot.

“Root kill” temperatures differ with species of course, and exceptionally hardy trees such as American Larch and Eastern White Cedar can simply be placed on the ground under the benches and out of the wind. For the other temperate species an unheated shed, garage or cold frame can be helpful, with a good general guideline being to prevent the roots from dropping below 23 degrees F. In our area this means additional heat may be required. Weak, recently grafted or heavily worked trees should be kept frost free.

Having said that, too much heat is also problematic, as to maintain their vigor temperate trees require a dormant period typically amounting to 40 days at temperatures between 33 and 40 F. Interestingly, research has shown that time spent below 32 F does not count towards this period.

A storage situation in which the temperature rises above freezing each day, only to drop below freezing at night, leads to repeated free-thaw cycles which can also cause root damage. Some form of ventilation on sunny days may therefore be required.

Although pines can photosynthesize in winter, they do not require sunlight and they, like dormant deciduous trees, can be stored in the dark. In fact, bright sunlight is to be avoided when the trees are frozen, as the needles can burn when they transpire water faster than their roots can supply it.

Rodents can be especially problematic in winter and I find it necessary to set multiple traps. Any form of poison is to be avoided as it can pass up the food chain if the poisoned animal is subsequently taken by a predator.

# 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](mailto:LHodgetts46@gmail.com)

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