



**Mohawk
Hudson
Bonsai
Society**

THE TWIG

MABS Early Bird Pricing is open to the public and ends at midnight on Friday, March 20, 2026
[Online Registration](#)

Thank you Faddegons Nursery for hosting our February Meeting



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Repotting With Kevin Farris



Join Kevin for an immersive, hands-on bonsai repotting class designed to strengthen your skills and deepen your understanding of bonsai development. This session provides practical instruction on essential repotting techniques while introducing advanced concepts for those ready to take it to the next level. Whether you want to refine the basics or navigate more complex decisions, you will gain valuable insights through demonstration and guided practice. This class is ideal for anyone looking to grow more comfortable with all things repotting.

Saturday, March 28th

10 am Start @ DJH Bonsai

Open to all Members, No Registration Required



MABS Display Prep

Sunday, March 29th

10 am Start @ DJH Bonsai

Open to all members, No Registration Required

12 pm Meeting

Our March meeting will revolve around putting together displays for our submission to the MABS exhibition.

Bring trees, accents and other accoutrement for consideration!



2026 MABS Spring Festival

2026 Mid Atlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival

Dates: Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19, 2026

Location: Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey, Grantville, PA 17028

Join in a weekend of fun including: workshops, demonstrations, critiques, auctions, exhibits and vending!

Visiting artists this year include Jonas Dupuich, Peter Warren and Kaya Mooney

Festival Registration Details:

Early Bird Pricing is now open to the public and ends ends at midnight on Friday, March 20, 2026.

Online registration closes at 5:00pm on Friday, April 10, 2026.

[Online Registration](#)

On-site ticketing is available at a higher rate than advance registration.

Reserve a room at the hotel before March 31st and use the code 'MB6' for a discounted room rate!



Bonsai by Month, March

March Indoors

On sunny days the temperature in the greenhouse can get quite high, vent excess heat as needed. Nighttime temperatures below freezing outdoors are still common, monitor the greenhouse and maintain a minimum of 40 degrees F. The repotting of temperate species is completed, heavily root pruned trees receiving a transplanting fluid soak and root hormone. For trees actively growing, fertilization continues, the amount and frequency based on the tree's growth cycle and level of development/refinement. Flowering/fruited trees receive superphosphate in addition. Tropicals must wait until their summer "dormancy" period for repotting. Pruning of deciduous, broad-leaved evergreen and tropical trees continues, as needed, to improve ramification. Likewise, as needed, pesticide and fungicides are applied, with appropriate safety measures.

March Outdoors

The first of March signifies the beginning of the horticulturist's Spring, although it is typically a month of indecision in the Northeast. We want our trees to benefit from the increasing temperatures and hours of daylight, but not to experience hard freezes at night or periods of sustained daytime cold. This requires careful monitoring of the weather forecast and for many of us, the chore of moving the trees outside during clement weather and back inside as needed. Hardy species can often be left out, as they will tolerate light frosts. However, exposure to temperatures below 28-30 F should still be avoided. (Remember, trees in pots are not as hardy as those in the ground.)

Although treated against pests and disease before being placed in storage, emerging trees should undergo spraying and root drenching/soaking with Daconil, or similar, to start the growing season. Benches/growing areas not sanitized at the end of last season should be treated now. It is wise to establish a pesticide and fungicide regimen for the coming year, mark your calendar and obtain, or confirm you have, the required chemicals.

Buds start to swell, signaling the start of repotting time for those trees that require it. It is now that the pairing of pots and trees planned/debated over the winter comes to fruition and that a tree's position in its pot or planting angle/inclination can be perfected. Newly potted trees and, as their buds break, those with tender new foliage, must be protected from frost.

Once actively growing, fertilization begins, the type, amount and frequency based on the tree's growth cycle and its' stage of development/refinement.

An appraisal of your trees will reveal those (regardless of their level of development) potentially suitable for the MHBS annual exhibition, because you are going to exhibit this year, aren't you?



Meetings and Activities

Month	Time	Activity	Location	Registration Information
February 2/22/2026	11 AM - 3 PM 12 PM Meeting	Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT) to Faddegon's Nursery just meet us there!	Faddegon's Nursery 1140 Troy-Schenectady Rd Latham, NY 12110	No Registration Required
March 3/28/2026 3/29/2026	10 AM Start	Workshop- Repotting With Kevin Farris	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	No Registration Required
	10 AM Start 12 PM Meeting	MABS Display Prep	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	No Registration Required
April 4/26/2026	12 PM Meeting	Activity TBA	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	TBA
May 5/30/2026 5/31/2026	Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM	Full day maple workshop with Sergio Cuan (material included with registration)	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required, details TBA
	Sunday 9 AM - 12 PM 12 PM Meeting 1 PM Demo	Half-day maple workshop with Sergio Cuan Meeting Demonstration & Raffle	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required for half-day workshop details TBA
June 6/28/026	Details TBD	Former Club President Bill Papura will be hosting a luncheon for members - details to come	TBA	No Registration Required
July 7/25/2026 7/26/2026	Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM	Full day BYOT workshop with Mark Arpag	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required, details TBA
	Sunday 9 AM- 12 PM 12 PM Meeting 1 PM DEMO	Half Day Workshop with Mark Arpag Meeting Demonstration	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required for half-day workshop details TBA



MHBS Executive Board & Contact Information

Position	Name	Phone	Email	Term
President	Jonathan Stewart	518-879-9789	stewarjm192@gmail.com	2029
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Immediate Past President	Bill Papura			
MABS Directors MHBS reps	Jonathan Stewart & Dan Bee			



Our Mission

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 each page of the newsletter. 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