

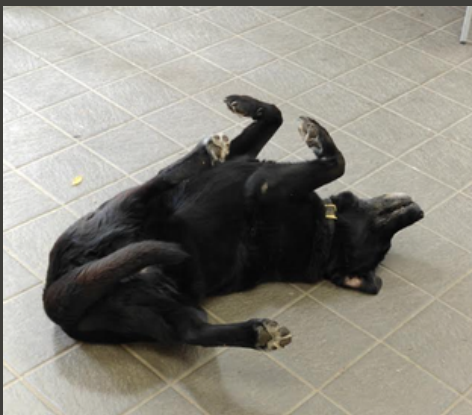
**Mohawk  
Hudson  
Bonsai  
Society**



# THE TWIG

DJH Bonsai will be hosting Frank Mihalic workshops May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (9-12:30, 1-4:30) \$50/half day \$80/full day. Bring your own tree or purchase a tree at DJH Bonsai! Spots are first come first serve, and limited to 8 people per session. Email Lori Hogdgetts for details LHodgetts46@gmail.com

Special shout out to this pup from Natures Way Nursery who many of us met over the MABS weekend and REALLY wanted belly scrubs.



A reminder that MHBS artist workshop registration is available to active members only, make sure you pay your dues :)

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Thanks, Kevin Ferris!

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# Visting Artist, Sergio Cuan

Meet Sergio Cuan, MHBS's May visiting artist. Coming to us from his beautiful garden in New Jersey, Sergio is a multidisciplinary artist with special interest in conifers such as Engelmann spruce, Subalpine fir and Eastern white cedar. He also has a passion for deciduous species such as, elm and beech and

maple, which Saturday workshop attendees will have the pleasure of working on with him.

Site: [m5bonsaiworks](http://m5bonsaiworks)



REGISTRATION FOR SERGIOS WORKSHOP WILL OPEN MAY 1<sup>st</sup> FOR CLUB MEMBERS, register on our website here:

[ONLINE PAYMENTS](#)

for all other methods of registration please contact our treasurer Lori Hodgetts, [LHodgetts46@gmail.com](mailto:LHodgetts46@gmail.com)

@DJH Bonsai, 1793 Tarrytown Rd, Feura Bush, NY 12067

**Saturday, May 30th**

Full day workshop

Material included, Kiyohime Maple  
(see picture on left for a sneak peak!)

9am-5pm

\$100/person

**Sunday, May 31st**

Half day workshop

Bring your own tree

9am-12pm

\$50/person

The MHBS club meeting will commence at 12 pm on Sunday followed by a demonstration by Sergio on a Kashima Maple which will be raffled off to a lucky club member, no registration required!



# 2026 MABS Spring Festival Exhibition, MHBS submissions!



# 2026 MABS Spring Festival, Exhibition



# Repotting With Kevin Ferris

Thanks to Kevin Ferris for making repotting season a little easier for these MHBS members



# Bonsai by month, with Dave Hodgetts

## April Indoors

Increased temperatures and daylight hours yield vigorous growth, requiring thoughtful fertilization, to manage internode length and foliage size, and judicious pruning to maximize ramification. Trees in the greenhouse can be placed outdoors once the daytime temperatures are above 40 F, but to avoid having to repeatedly move them in and out due to the risk of frost, many don't put them out until the nights are completely frost-free. In Zone 5 this is sometimes not until Memorial weekend. When the trees are moved outdoors, avoid placing them in full sun, as the leaves are likely to burn. Some leaf loss is almost inevitable, resulting in a form of defoliation, which weakens the tree. Some species, such as trident maples, tolerate this well, but Japanese maples and hornbeams can be less forgiving. Watch for wire damage on rapidly growing trees and continue to monitor for pests and disease.

## April Outdoors

Mid spring is here and the hardy trees from winter storage can typically stay out on the benches. At this time of year full sun all day is fine. As buds start to swell, trees that require it are repotted, given a transplanting solution soak and growth hormone, and then protected from frost. Wait until you see signs of new growth before fertilizing newly potted trees.

On trees that do not need repotting, fertilization starts when the buds begin to swell. Regardless of their stage of development, my regimen includes biweekly foliar feeding with kelp or kelp/fish emulsion, in addition to NPK pellets. Flowering trees benefit also from the application of superphosphate. I find a calendar invaluable for keeping track of both my fertilization and pesticide/fungicide schedules.

The timing, type, and frequency of the NPK pellet fertilizer you use should be determined by the tree's growth cycle and stage of development. For example, applying nitrogen to a refined tree or one undergoing refinement, before their new foliage has hardened off, is counterproductive, yielding large leaves and long internodes. On the other hand, a tree in early development, when internode length and leaf size are not a concern, should be fed heavily throughout the growing season.

Forest plantings, penjing and root over rock projects can all be assembled now, before the plant material buds out, and must then be protected from frost.

This is a good month for styling trees, although major cuts on deciduous and broadleaved evergreens are best left until the first flush of growth has hardened off, and heavy bends on conifers are best left until Fall. Newly wired trees should be protected from frost and, as growth can be rapid at this time of year, they should also be monitored to prevent wire damage, which may be irreversible on deciduous and broad-leaved evergreen species.

Rub off any unwanted new buds on deciduous and broad-leaved evergreen material. The remaining buds are left to grow and when each shoot has 8 to 10 leaves and the leaves have hardened off, it will be time to cut back to 2 or 3 leaves, using directional pruning, to create/increase ramification. (Species specific differences apply to this process, do your homework!)



# Meetings and Activities

Month	Time	Activity	Location	Registration Information
<b>May</b> 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. Open May 1st
	Sunday 9 AM - 12 PM 12 PM Meeting 1 PM Demo	Half-day workshop with Sergio Cuan, bring your own tree  Meeting Demonstration & Raffle	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required for am workshop Open May 1st
<b>June</b> 6/28/2026	Details TBD	Former Club President Bill Papura will be hosting a luncheon for members - details to come	TBA	No Registration Required
<b>July</b> 7/25/2026 7/26/2026	Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM	Full day brig your own tree 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 bring your own tree workshop with Mark Arpag Meeting Demonstration	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required for half-day workshop details TBA
<b>August</b> 8/30/2026	12 PM meeting	Bring your own tree workshop	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	No Registration Required
<b>September</b> 9/26/2026 9/27/2026	Saturday	Full day Bring your own tree workshop with Carmen Leskobiensky	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required, details TBA
	Sunday 12 pm meeting	Half Day activity TBD Meeting Demonstration	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	TBA



# MHBS Executive Board & Contact Information

Position	Name	Phone	Email	Term
President	Jonathan Stewart	518-879-9789	stewarjm192@gmail.com	2029
Vice President	Dan Bee (they/them)	339-204-1312	danny.bravo.cso@gmail.com	2028
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Treasurer	Lori Hodgetts	518-369-7243	LHodgetts46@gmail.com	2028
Acitivies Director	Brandon Herwick			2028
Communications Director	Arika Adams	518-813-0695	arikaadams@gmail.com	2029
Webmaster & Outreach Director	Guy Pastena	518-227-0198	MHBS.outreach@gmail.com	2026
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](mailto:mohawkhudsonbonsai@gmail.com)