



**Mohawk
Hudson
Bonsai
Society**

THE TWIG

DJH Bonsai will be hosting Frank Mihalic workshops May 23rd and 24th (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

Date change for our FALL 2026 Club Show, it will now be October 17th and 18th

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

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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](https://www.m5bonsaiworks.com)

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

Saturday, May 30th

Full day workshop
SOLD OUT

Sunday, May 31st

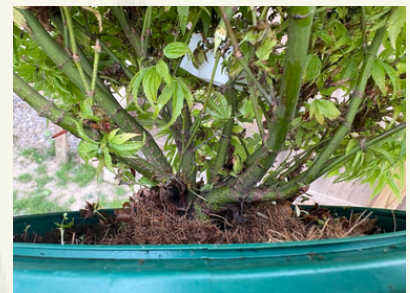
Half day workshop
Bring your own tree
9am-12pm
\$50/person

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION 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

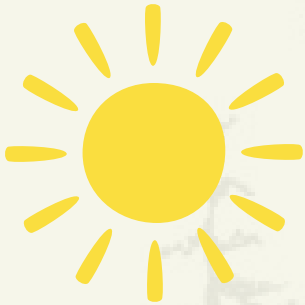


The MHBS club meeting will commence at 12 pm on Sunday @DJH Bonsai followed by a demonstration by Sergio on a Kashima Maple which will be raffled off to a lucky club member, no registration required!



Past President Picnic!

June 28th Bill Papura (our Past President) and his amazing wife Tara will be hosting members of the club for an afternoon of fun at their home!



Please join them:
34 Stevens Court,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Noon-4pm.

Club Meeting will be followed by food, fun and friends.
Feel free to stay for duration or drop in and out anytime from noon-4 as your schedule allows.

If it is a nice day, it will be an out-door, come as you are, day of fun and friendship.
If it rains, it will be a come as you are, garage, front porch, make it work, roam about indoors party.

Play guess the pot!

Points for identifying potter and if you can't identify potter - secondary points for identifying country of origin. Prize to person who gets most points. Prize TBD.

Kusamono a-go-go -

Make and take your own accent planting using native plants. Maker's choice.
one plant group well drained soil - think prairies and meadows and another plant group consistently moist - think bog edges, stream/river banks, etc.

Hope to see you all there!



MHBS Exhibition

The Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society (MHBS) is pleased to host our first Bonsai Exhibition on July 11th at Faddegon's Nursery (1140 Troy-Schenectady Rd, Latham, NY 12110).

Set Up will start at 8:30am and break down at 4:00pm.

This exhibition is intended to encourage members to take the next step in showcasing their bonsai by creating thoughtful and intentional displays. Participants are invited to present compositions that may include a bonsai tree, stand (which need not be a traditional table), accent plant, and/or scroll.

Our club show has always been a meaningful opportunity to share bonsai and displays of all skill levels, inspiring and educating others through this living art. This exhibition will further that mission by introducing visitors to bonsai—and bonsai display—as a creative and expressive art form.

Please submit your display [using this google form](#), or email Brandon Herwick brandon.herwick@gmail.com

Confirmations of displays will be emailed out by Friday June 12th.



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Bonsai Society



Bonsai Exhibition

 Faddegon's Nursery

Saturday • July 11th • 9-4



Bonsai by month, with Dave Hodgetts

May Indoors

High temperatures on sunny days require maximum ventilation in the greenhouse, for the benefit of both the plants and humans. Vigorous growth continues, as does fertilization and pruning to manage internode length and foliage size and build ramification.

Temperate trees can be moved 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 4-5 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. Species, such as trident maples, tolerate this well, but Japanese maples and hornbeams can be less forgiving. Developing tropical trees can stay in the greenhouse for that extra boost of heat and humidity. Watch for wire damage on rapidly growing trees and continue to monitor for pests and disease. Clean the greenhouse as you empty it, in preparation for any propagation you may be planning later in the growing season.

May Outdoors

Late spring, and most repotting and new planting are finished. Desiccation can be a problem for new, fragile roots and tender foliage, especially on warm, windy days. Shade from both sun and wind, and careful monitoring of soil moisture are required for newly planted/repotted trees. Too much water increases the potential for root rot.

This is also a busy time for fungi and insects, and systemic treatments can be highly beneficial. Topical products require foliage to be absorbed, but granular products can be applied to the soil surface prior to the emergence of foliage, making the chemicals readily available for absorption by the waking root system and getting a jump on the problem. I typically apply the fungicide first, followed 2 weeks later by the pesticide. Once the foliage has emerged, topical products can be applied, and I keep a variety on hand for specific pests. I once thought treating "as needed" (to minimize my and the trees' chemical exposure) would suffice, but have come to realize that preemptive treatment, especially against pine needle cast and juniper blight, are necessary in my garden.

Fertilization continues, as determined by each tree's developmental status.

Now is a good time to review your species-specific pruning plans so that you don't miss any important windows of opportunity. (I let my spruce buds get away from me last year. They won't do that again!) Lastly, rapid growth on recently wired trees can quickly lead to scarring and should be carefully monitored.



Meetings and Activities

Month	Time	Activity	Location	Registration Information
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. Open May 1st
	Sunday 9 AM - 12 PM	Half-day workshop with Sergio Cuan, bring your own tree	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	Registration Required for am workshop Open May 1st
	12 PM Meeting 1 PM Demo	Meeting Demonstration & Raffle	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	No Registration required
June 6/28/2026	12 PM - 4 PM	Past Presidents Picnic	34 Stevens Court, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	No Registration Required
July 7/11/2026	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Club Exhibition,	<u>Faddegon's Nursery</u> 1140 Troy-Schenectady Rd, Latham, NY 12110	<u>Submission required, link here</u>
July 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
August 8/30/2026	12 PM meeting	Bring your own tree workshop	DJH Bonsai 1793 Tarrytown Rd Feura Bush, NY 12067	No Registration Required
September 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	Terms Ending
President	Jonathan Stewart	518-879-9789	stewarjm192@gmail.com	2028
Vice President	Dan Bee (they/them)	339-204-1312	danny.bravo.cso@gmail.com	2027
Secretary	Nancy Castillo	518-321-6913	twocat106@gmail.com	2028
Treasurer	Lori Hodgetts	518-369-7243	LHodgetts46@gmail.com	2026
Acitivies Director	Brandon Herwick			2027
Communications Director	Arika Adams	518-813-0695	arikaadams@gmail.com	2028
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