



**Mohawk  
Hudson  
Bonsai  
Society**

# THE TWIG

Kris Springer will be visiting the Weekend of July 25<sup>th</sup> with collected material FOR SALE!

Hear ye, hear ye! The club is looking for a generous member(s) to house the dividers used for our club shows. if you are interested please contact Brandon Herwick 518-256-8908, [brandon.herwick@gmail.com](mailto:brandon.herwick@gmail.com)

## "The Branch" Bulletin

**Board/Forum:** utilize the new discussion forum for guests and members of The Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society. Post about events, meet ups, buy/sell/trade. Engage with the community!

Augusts Activity will be a Bring-your-own-tree workshop and "in memoriam" to honor lost trees! Email or text our activities director Brandon Herwick with pictures so we can immortalize your fond memories! 518-256-8908 or [brandon.herwick@gmail.com](mailto:brandon.herwick@gmail.com)

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# Visting Artist, Mark Arpag

Please remember you must be a current member to register!

[Online Registration here](#)

## Event Schedule

Saturday, July 25, 2026

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

\$100, **SOLD OUT** Day Bring Your Own Tree Workshop

Sunday, July 26, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

\$50 Half-Day Bring Your Own Tree Workshop

**4 spots left!!!**



Kris Springer of Black Dodge Bonsai will be with us this weekend with material for sale, it will be a great opportunity to pick up some cool collected trees.

The Sunday workshop will be followed by our monthly meeting @ 12, a short Lesson on Suiseki & Bonsai and a demonstration.

Location (all events):

DJH Bonsai

1793 Tarrytown Road

Feura Bush, NY 12067

If you are unable to register online or would prefer another method of payment or registration,

please contact our Treasurer, Lori Hodgetts, at [LHodgetts46@gmail.com](mailto:LHodgetts46@gmail.com).

We look forward to another outstanding weekend of learning with Mark and hope you'll join us!



# Past President Picnic!



Thank you Bill and Tara for a wonderful afternoon of fun and food!! What a BEAUTIFUL garden they have!

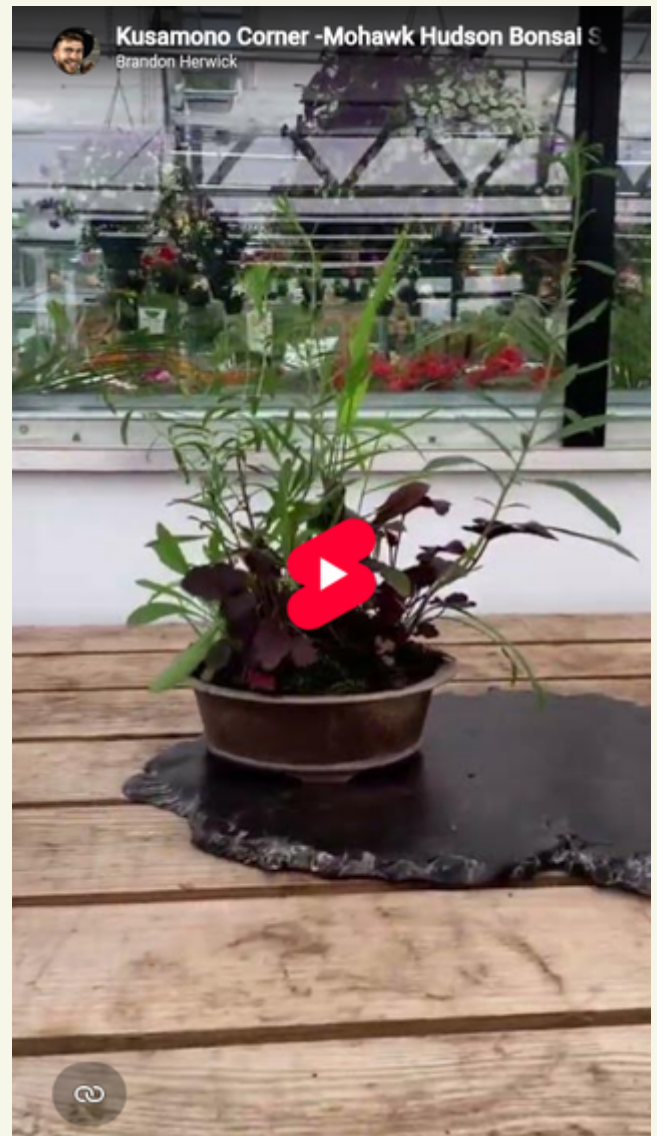
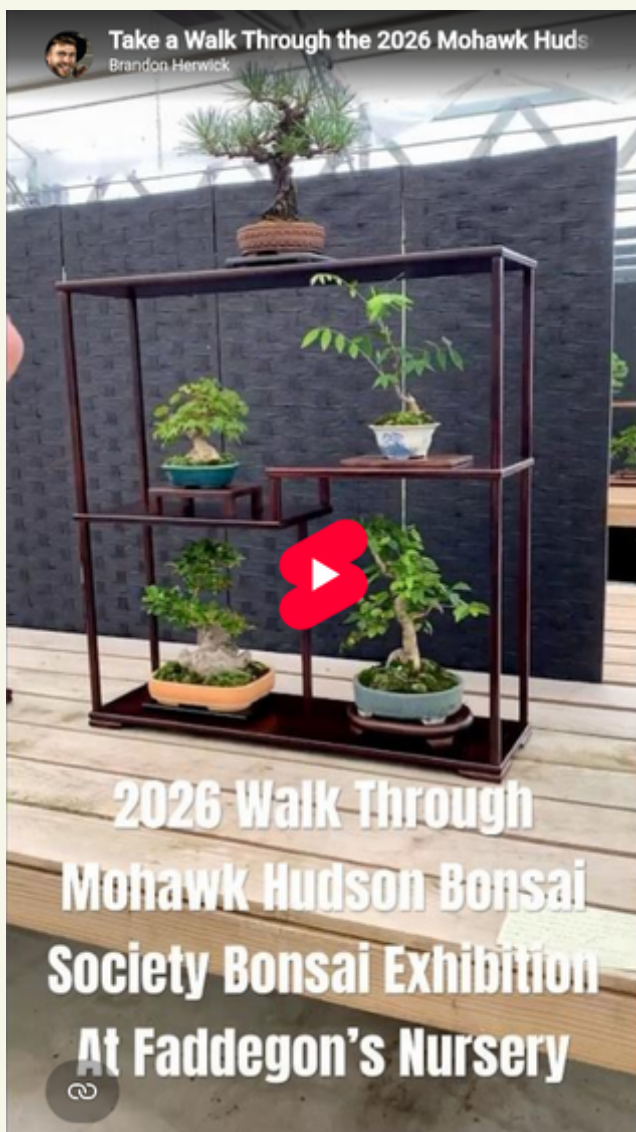


# MHBS Exhibition

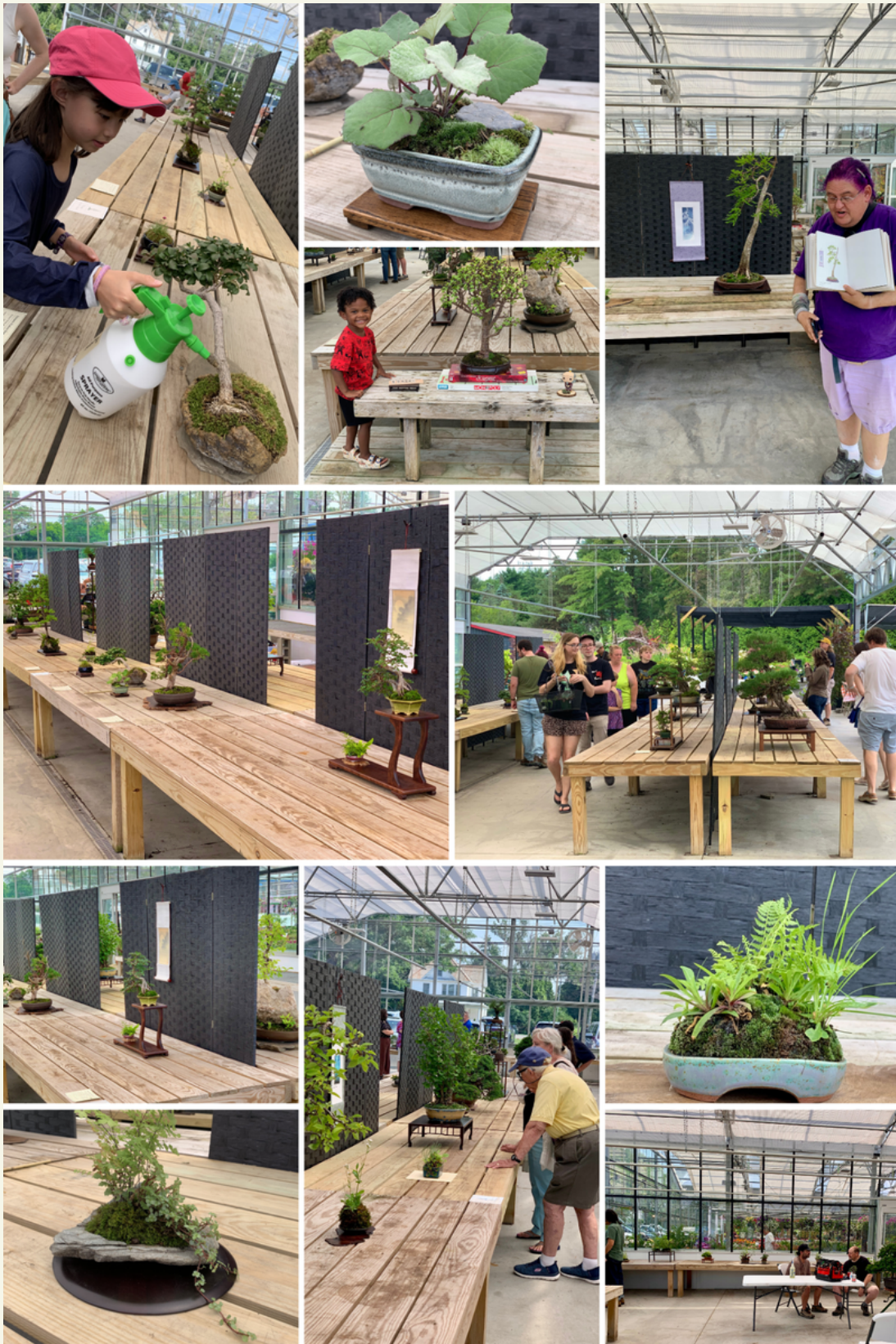
We are so grateful for Faddegon's Nursery for hosting us for our first Summer Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society Bonsai Exhibition.

With over 20 bonsai displays, 19 species, 15 individual kusamono displays, 13+ members, and well over 300 guests we are extremely thankful for the experience to share our knowledge, stories, and love of bonsai and kusamono.

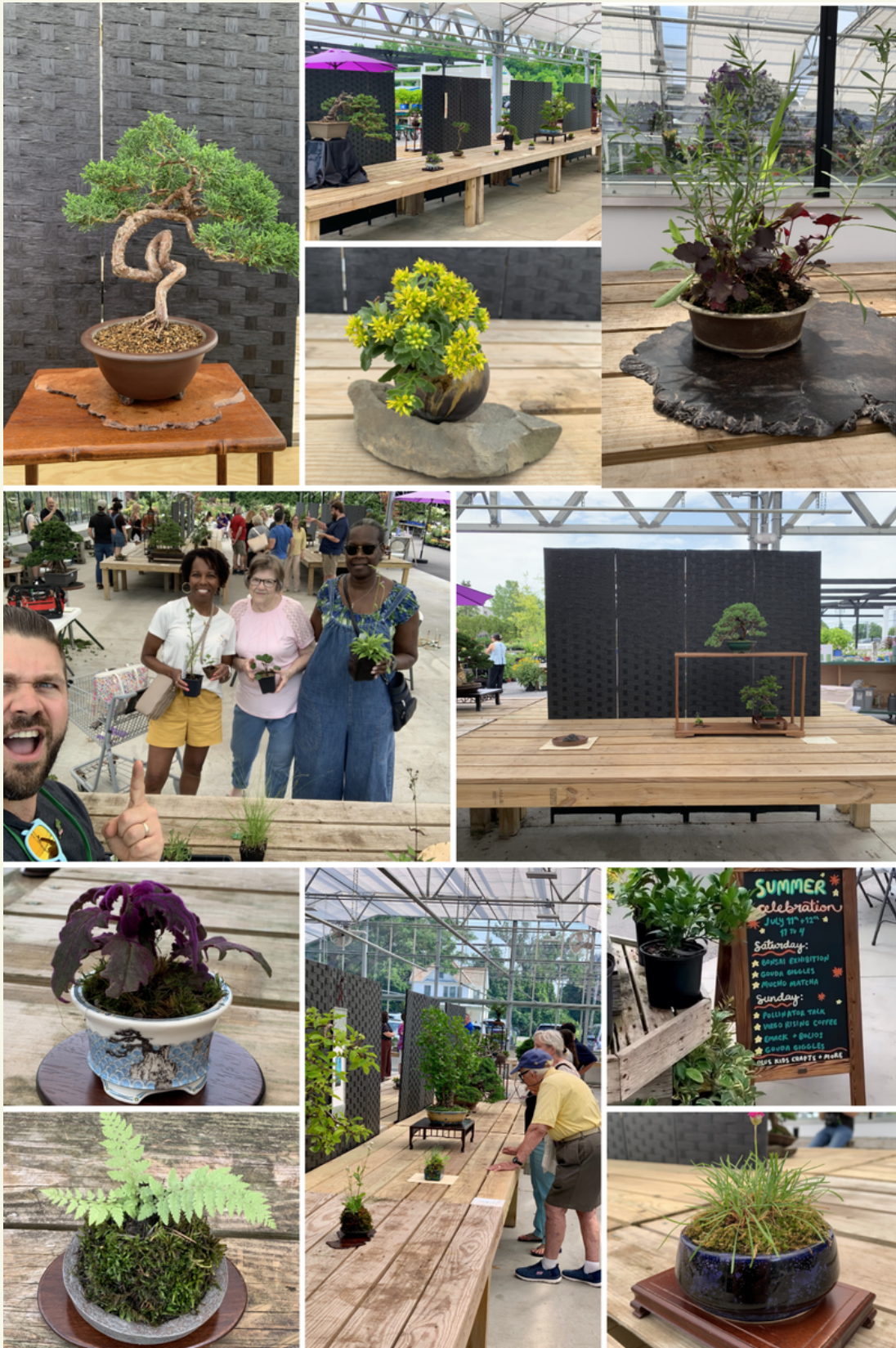
Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, and inspired our displays. We are so joyful for the Exhibition and already dreaming up future opportunities to share our love and knowledge of bonsai.



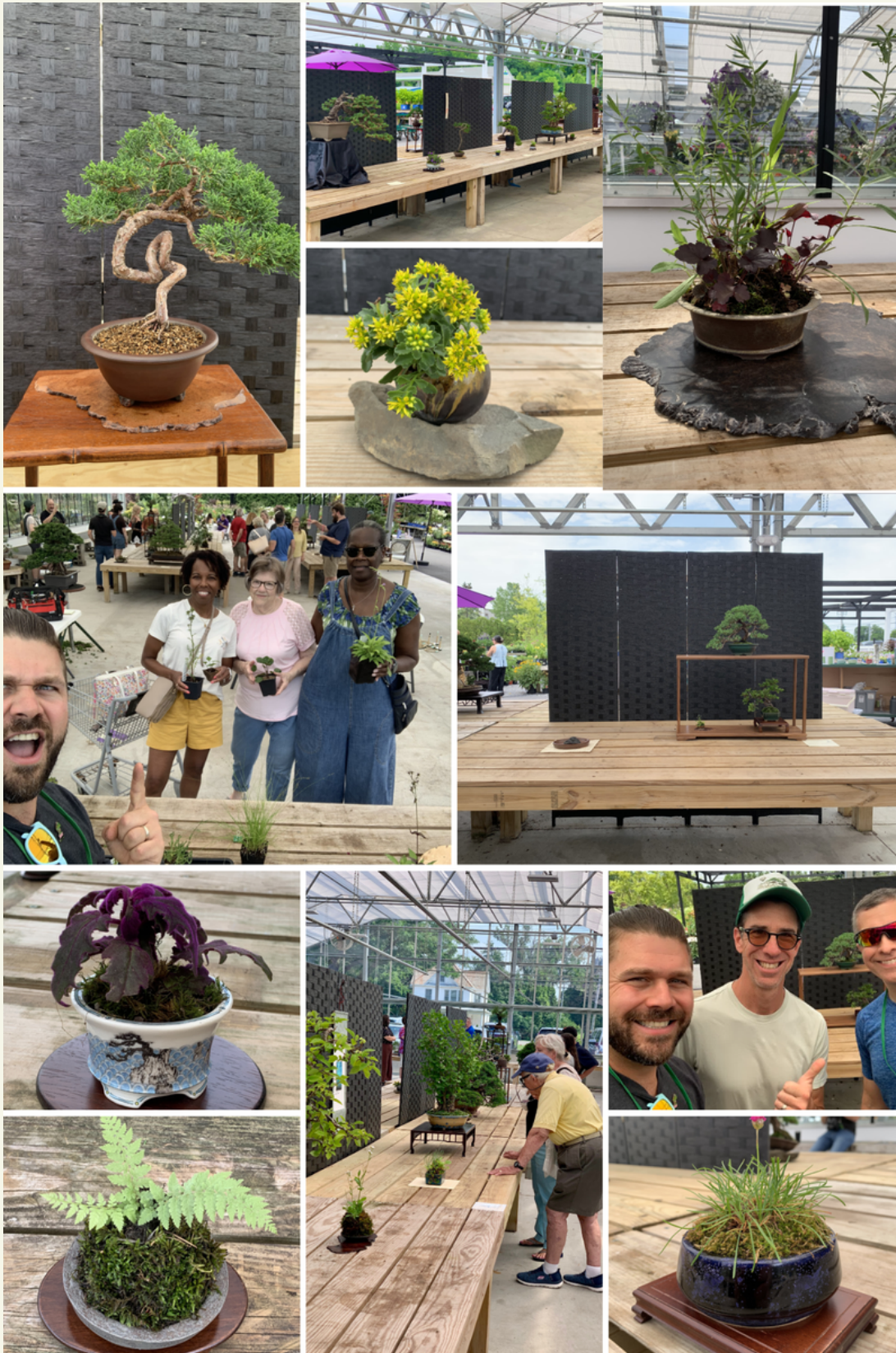
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# Bonsai by month, with Dave Hodgetts

## July Outdoors

As temperatures rise, watering and shade management become ever more important. When possible, check trees every 3–4 hours during the day. A layer of sphagnum moss on the soil surface helps prevent it from drying out quite so fast and both 30% shade cloth and direct shading also help. Direct shading of the pots can also prevent temperature-related root damage. Warm and windy days are especially demanding and shelter from the wind can help. Water each tree until it comes out the drain holes. If water pools on the soil surface or runs right off, water must be allowed to sink in and then rewatered as many times as necessary. Automated watering systems may have a role in certain circumstances, but are no substitute for hand watering. Automated systems may also be prone to unanticipated gremlins, with potentially catastrophic results.

Larch continue to push new growth. On refined trees, the new growth can simply be pinched in half once it reaches 1-1/2 to 2" inches long. On trees in development, leave the new growth to harden off. At that point buds are visible, and you can choose between cutting back to an opposing pair of buds, which will typically result in a bifurcation, or cutting back to a bud pointing in the direction you want the branch to grow.

The second flush of growth on broad-leaved deciduous material can be pruned back to two leaves when hardened off utilizing directional pruning. To increase light reaching inner foliage, each remaining outer leaf may be cut in half. On Japanese maples, one of each pair of outer leaves is typically removed. Rotate each tree periodically to permit equal sun exposure. Remove inner foliage on junipers that has yellowed and died. Extending foliage tips, or lion's tails, can be cut back, being careful to leave some of this year's foliage at each branch tip.

Tropicals can be repotted as they hit mid-summer dormancy.

In general, fertilization continues, as determined by the tree's species and developmental status. The application of antifungals is discontinued for July, although they remain on hand for use as needed. Insecticide application continues.

As Pauline used to say, Keep growing.



# Meetings and Activities

| Month                                                    | Time                                                | Activity                                                                          | Location                                                | Registration Information                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>July</b><br><b>7/25/2026</b><br><b>7/26/2026</b>      | Saturday<br>9 AM – 5 PM                             | Full day bring your own tree workshop with Mark Arpag                             | DJH Bonsai<br>1793 Tarrytown Rd<br>Feura Bush, NY 12067 | Registration Required for full day workshop |
|                                                          | Sunday<br>9 AM– 12 PM<br>12 PM Meeting<br>1 PM Demo | Half Day bring your own tree workshop with Mark Arpag<br>Meeting<br>Demonstration | DJH Bonsai<br>1793 Tarrytown Rd<br>Feura Bush, NY 12067 | Registration Required for half-day workshop |
| <b>August</b><br><b>8/30/2026</b>                        | 12 PM meeting                                       | “In Memoriam” Tree Retrospective and Bring your own tree workshop                 | DJH Bonsai<br>1793 Tarrytown Rd<br>Feura Bush, NY 12067 | No Registration Required                    |
| <b>September</b><br><b>9/26/2026</b><br><b>9/27/2026</b> | Saturday                                            | Full day Bring your own tree workshop with Carmen Leskobiensky                    | DJH Bonsai<br>1793 Tarrytown Rd<br>Feura Bush, NY 12067 | Registration Required, details TBA          |
|                                                          | Sunday<br>12 pm meeting                             | Half Day activity– Club Show prep<br>Meeting<br>Demonstration                     | DJH Bonsai<br>1793 Tarrytown Rd<br>Feura Bush, NY 12067 | TBA                                         |
| <b>October</b>                                           | Club Show<br>October 3rd & 4th<br>Details 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<br>(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               | 518-256-8908 | brandon.herwick@gmail.com | 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<br>MHBS reps   | Jonathan Stewart<br>& 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)