



# THE TWIG



## ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

5:30 PM CHARLTON TAVERN, CHARLTON NY

You and your significant other are invited to an evening of good food, good fellowship and fun at our annual auction. **Bring wrapped bonsai items for the auction please.** Gag gifts are always fun too. If the item you are bringing is worth a bit...indicate a starting bid on the box. NO starting bids on gags please. This is our biggest fund raiser so check your closets for bonsai items that could use a new home. Bring cash or your check book to pay for items you win. **ALSO Email Dorothy by this Sunday with your choices for our annual awards IF you did not already do so.** Send Molly Beverage a check made out to MHBS for your dinner ASAP. \$39 per person...tax and gratuity included. Alcohol/soda priced and paid for at the time. Menu choices are on below. Email Pauline with your entree choices please. You may wish to add in \$35 for dues ( \$40 family). Checks to MHBS sent to Molly Beverage 285 Hickory Hollow Road Pawlet, VT 05761

### MENU: Choices in RED

Spinach **Salad** with nuts and sun dried fruit with our warm bacon dressing

**Entree** (Choice of one per person)

**Grilled Filet Mignon - on a raft of puff pastry with slivered portabella and melted brie cheese finished with sun dried tomato scampi butter**

OR

**Grilled Mahi Mahi - a top a nest of fettuccine and slivered garlic, spinach topped with a sun dried tomato Mediterranean olive topanada lemon lime zest**

OR

**Airline Chicken - dressed with a pancetta and prima vera vegetables finished with carved mushroom marsala wine sauce**

Warm Baguette Bread with whipped butter

Chef choice of potato or rice

Chefs Seasoned Vegetable

Coffee, Tea, and Decaffeinated Coffee

Twin Miniature Cannolies-

with shavings of dark chocolate a top a sweet apricot orange sauce

**THE SHARPENED TOOLS ARE BACK..pick up at a meeting or call Pauline to get them earlier.**



**VOTE FOR THE CLUB AWARDS**

Send your nominations by email to Dorothy:

[draymo@earthlink.net](mailto:draymo@earthlink.net)

The awards are

- § The Helen Jeffers Award for Outstanding Service
- § The Nelson Hopper Award for Educational Service
- § The Michael Kinnicutt Award for Outstanding Service by a New Member

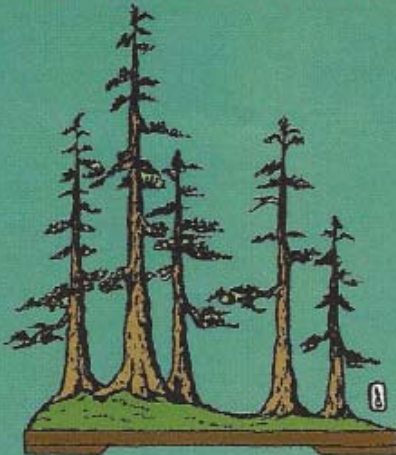
Email your choices to Dorothy by November 25.

**MIDATLANTIC  
BONSAI SOCIETIES  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL  
APRIL 19-21, 2013**

Featuring:

Kunio Kobayashi- Japan  
Peter Warren- UK  
Ryan Neil- USA

**HARRISBURG/HERSHEY HOLIDAY INN GRANTVILLE, PA**



- Friday Workshops
- Professional & Members' Exhibits
- Keido Demonstration by Master Kobayashi

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## Bonsai by committee at our November Meeting Photoessay by Alan Tallman



## Wintering Bonsai in the Northeast..Zones 4 and 5

By Pauline Muth

When temperatures can drop into the -20s and -30s F, bonsai needs special protection.

I use three methods here in Zone 4: Here protection is needed from mid December until April. The frost last from September until the end of May,

1. Tender bonsai is put into my greenhouse. As you can see in the picture, my glass and aluminum greenhouse is covered in plastic for the winter. Artificial lighting inside the greenhouse allows the growing of light hungry non-hardy bonsai. In the northeast I include all tropicals plus maples, azaleas, mame sizes and exposed root styles in the non-hardy category. Tropicals are green-housed from early September until the end of May. Semi hardy types are put in during November and remain until the end of May, as they will have budded out and need spring frost protection.



2. Zone 4/5 Very Hardy Bonsai are put into large above ground storage we create in my bonsai work area. Bonsai is placed on the pea gravel covered ground and then surrounded by plywood and topped with boards. It is covered after the first real snow fall. I must use mothballs and electronic devices to prevent rodent damage. The bonsai kept here are at ambient outdoor temperature which can be as low as -40 degrees F.

3. I also have a concrete building designed especially for bonsai storage. It is under the ramp leading up to my studio and so far has maintained a winter low temperature of 29 degrees F. This is perfect. I use a small fan to circulate the damp air in the building.

4. The best method in our region is an underground vault with good drainage and a leaky top made of hardware cloth and covered with straw. If dug in an area that does not have a high water table, this provides the best protection during severe winters. Again, care must be taken to protect from rodent damage.

**For those with a few bonsai to protect,** an unheated garage or shed works best. Put the bonsai into an unused cooler and put it in the garage for winter. Check for drying out periodically. A handful of snow on the soil works wonders. The cooler is for rodent protection.

Frozen bonsai only need protection from wind. If a thaw occurs, water may be needed. Do not store them away too early...the storage must stay cold. Of course I am only speaking about trees that are hardy in our area.

**BEST WISHES OUT GUESSING MOTHER NATURE THIS WINTER.  
MAY ALL YOUR TREES SURVIVE IN GREAT CONDITION!**



## Minutes of November Meeting

President Tom called the meeting to order at 1:05

14 members were present

Minutes were approved as published in the Twig

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1349.71

### Upcoming events

- Our annual banquet and fundraising auction will be December 2 at the Charleton Tavern. Please bring wrapped bonsai-related gifts for the blind auction. You will also be able to purchase tickets for the ABS seminar raffle at that time. The drawing will take place during the evening. Club awards will also be presented.
- Remember to register for the banquet by e-mailing Pauline. Checks for the dinner should be mailed to Molly.
- Please remember to renew membership by sending Molly a check or by paying at the banquet.
- Addition to the 2013 calendar  
Feb. 24 sketching workshop with Dorothy. Even if you think that you can't sketch, you might be pleasantly surprised. Sketching is an important and useful component in the designing of a tree.

March 34 repotting workshop and back by popular demand making poo balls

Oct. 27 training box building

Nov. 24 winter storage techniques

### Old Business

- Remember to register for ABS now. You do not need to pay until June. Start gathering books, pots, etc. that could be donated for the silent auctions.

### New Business

- Following discussion, a motion was made by Pieri and seconded by Jon to meet in Voorheesville for the Jan. and Feb. meetings. Motion was approved.
- Larry suggested that we up-grade our website. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Pieri to up-grade our current website to a more professional subscription. Motion was passed. Larry plans to give a presentation on our new website at the March meeting.
- Larry offered to donate new business cards for the club.

- We will be able to order new shirts having an ABS and MHBS logo for the ABS Learning seminars. The price is \$22.00.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pieri, seconded by Mike, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Kiszkiel, secretary-MHBS

### BONSAI EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND

December 2	Annual Christmas Dinner at Charlton Village Tavern
Jan. 27	lesson on wiring a deciduous tree and wiring with a mentor VOOHRESVILLE
Feb. 24	sketching workshop with Dorothy. VOOHRESVILLE
Mar. 31	repotting workshop p and back by popular demand making poo balls
April 19-21	MABS
May 19	workshop and demo with Ted Matson
June 30	workshop with John Romano
July 27-28	workshop making pedestals for ABS exhibit (Sat. and Sun. event)
Aug. 25	slab and rock collecting field trip
Sept. 12-15	ABS Learning seminars
Sept. 29	Thank you party for ABS Seminars
Oct. 27	training box building
Nov. 24	winter storage techniques
Dec. 1	Holiday Party and Auction



**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED AS OFFICERS IN 2012 !**  
**and a special thanks as all officers are returning for 2013**

**Officers MHBS 2012 and 2013**

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Bonsai Clubs International - [www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)  
MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies - [www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com)  
National Bonsai Foundation - [www.bonsai-nbf.org](http://www.bonsai-nbf.org)

**THE MHBS WEB SITE IS <http://mohawkhudsonbonsai.org>**

**REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR  
ABS LEARNING SEMINARS 2013**

**[www.loveofbonsai.com](http://www.loveofbonsai.com)**