

THE TWIG

Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society



MABS
APRIL 18-20

BUDI
SULISTYOS
APRIL 24
SATURDAY

TED MATSON
MAY 4
MONDAY

MEETINGS AT PFM BONSAI STUDIO

So with a forecast of some snow for the week after Easter & Passover, it is hard to think spring, but it is coming, so take heart and enjoy the next month of great bonsai events in between getting your bonsai ready for the growing season!

MABS 2015 Join many of your fellow club members at our premier regional event.

at the Fairbridge Inn (former Ramada), East Hanover, NJ

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APRIL 25 SATURDAY SPECIAL EVENT WITH BUDI SYLISTYO OF INDONESIA

Budi will demonstrate on a special piece of material he will choose at MABS. Members will have a chance of winning the result in a special raffle. Budi will start his day by advising registered members in a bring your own tree workshop at 10 AM. Perhaps you will find a perfect tree at MABS for the workshop. Be sure to email Pauline to register for the workshop. IF there are too many registrants for Saturday, there is a possibility of an additional Sunday workshop. After a bring your own lunch (with something to share), we will watch and learn with Budi.

MAY 4 MONDAY TED MATSON WORKSHOP Bring one or more trees for Ted's help. Contribute \$50 towards Ted's fee (this could be reduced if we get enough people.. Work sessions will start at 3 PM and continue through the evening. Register with Pauline ASAP.

MHBS MINUTES BY SANDY

MHBS minutes for March 29, 2015

President Tom called the meeting to order at 12:41 PM

14 members and 2 guests were present

Treasurer's report was given and approved

Minutes were approved as published in the Twig

Upcoming events

- Apr. 17-19 MABS
- Apr. 25 Budi Sulistyos demo and workshop
- May 4 Monday workshop with Ted Matson
- May 31 design club trees with David Hodgetts
- June 11- 14 ABS Baltimore
- June 28 Mark Arpag: design white cedars

Old business

- MABS When making reservations use the following number 973-386-5622 and use the group code, MABS Bonsai Festival. Send reservation to David Paton . You can download forms at www.midatlanticbonsai.org. or get one from Pauline at the studio.
- MABS EXHIBIT TREES must be registered by APRIL 10TH. Forms have been sent out online or contact Pauline if you need one resent to you. If you are not attending the conference, transportation for your tree will be provided.
- MABS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the following:
 1. FRIDAY 11 AM – 8 PM We need members to staff the REGISTRATION DESK. Please email Tom or Pauline if you are able to help or stop by the desk on Friday to sign up for a time.
 2. FRIDAY 10 AM – 4 PM Members are needed to help the vendors move in and set up.
 3. SATURDAY 3 – 4 PM One more member is needed to staff the exhibit area.
- April 25 On Saturday at 10 AM Budi will give a demo followed by a workshop. Bring your own tree or buy a new one at MABS to style during the workshop.
- May 4 On Monday from 12 PM – 4 PM or in the evening at 6 PM, bring your own tree for advice from Ted Matson on designing and styling of the tree. You won't be disappointed with his help. Participants will help to defray Ted's fee.
- May 31 David Hodgetts's lesson and workshop on the club's hinoki trees
The trees, which were a result of the Comstock sale last Aug., will be selected by lottery and free of charge.
- June 11- 14 ABS Baltimore Visit the ABS website for more info and registration details.
- June 28 Mark Arpag designing white cedars

New Business

- Pauline's spring and summer events
 1. David Knittle will be conducting a 3 year study group on azaleas. The two dates for this year are April 11 and Nov. 14. The classes are \$70 for each session. Email Pauline for more info.
 2. Frank Mihalic will be at Pauline's studio June 4 – 7. There is an open session on Sunday June 7. Bring your own tree to style with Frank. Again, email Pauline for additional specific times and the fee.
- **SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER'S MEETING**
Some members have shown an interest in making a tokonomo for display with David Knittle because they missed his first visit with us. If interested, please email Tom or Jon Staples.

Miscellaneous Announcements

- Thanks to all who came at 10 to help with the registration packets. It made the task go faster and easier.
- Thanks to Pauline for her concise and knowledgeable presentation on land and water penjing. The wheels were turning to produce great designs.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Sandra Kiszkiel secretary MHBS

POTTING SEASON IS HERE (almost)

Outside the winter storage area is opened and repotting season is arriving. As the trees are removed I check the color-coded tags I put in the pots last year. The red-tagged bonsai are repotted first, then the yellow and if time permits the green-tagged. If the weather cooperates all the bonsai that need it are repotted.

Below I have reprinted my potting directions...great for Zone 4 and 5 where my trees will spend the spring, summer and fall mostly in full sun and lots of wind:

- I prepare the pot...this usually involves removing the bonsai, cleaning the pot and putting in screening and wires.
- My soil mix is from Northland Soils. It is a medium for great root growth and lots of aeration. IT DOES NOT contain nutrients for the plants. I use the right grain size for the bonsai.
- When I repot I put the following in the bottom layer of soil:
 - o Nutricote with micronutrients
 - o Chelated Iron
 - o Mycorrhizoid spores
 - o Superphosphate for flowering species
- After cleaning some of the soil from the roots (I never take all the soil off) and trimming the roots and rearranging those that need it for design purposes, I like to remove most of the soil from the front half one year and then the back half the next year if I am changing the soils the bonsai has been growing in. I dust Hormidin 3 rooting powder on the roots if the root system is weak and finish the planting.
- Once all the soil has been worked in, and moss added if wanted, I soak the pot and soil in lukewarm water with a transplant solution. There are a lot of these on the market now that are very reasonable.
- After transplanting, the bonsai are placed on the benches in the sun.

Note that all my greenhouse bonsai were done in this way back in January before new spring growth. Currently, they are growing like crazy and seem to constantly need trimming.

Any wiring that needs done on the outside stored trees is done before they are repotted so that the root system is stable during the wiring. Most were wired during the winter season.

Of course this is the month for creation. Tree cut back and styled this month will have the entire growing season to develop. I prefer to leave the tree in a training pot and not cut roots until the next year. This allows the tree to use all its stored food to develop the new design.

Keep growing,
Pauline F Muth

MHBS 2015 programs mark your calendars

- Apr. 17-19 MABS
- Apr. 25 Budi Sulistyos BYO workshop and demo
- May 4 MONDAY Workshop with Ted Matson
- May 31 design Hinoki with David Hodgetts lesson and workshop
- June 11-14 ABS Baltimore
- June 28 Mark Arpag designs white cedars
- July 26 Cheryl Manning workshop and demo
- Aug. 30 Accent planting with Pauline lesson and workshop
- Sept. tbd Club show
- Oct. 25 mossaing trees and moss gardens with Adriano
- Nov. 22 ideas????
- Dec. Holiday party

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2015 ABS Learning Seminars



REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

ABS next June 11-14 in Baltimore MD.

<http://www.absbonsai.org/2015-abs-learning-symposium>

PLAN WAY AHEAD AND SAVE UP FOR the World Convention in April of 2017 in JAPAN! ABS will be running a tour to the convention and some great bonsai site seeing also.

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