



## MIDATLANTIC BONSAI SOCIETIES SPRING FESTIVAL

*Friday March 31 - Sunday April 2, 2023*

*Hampton Inn, 1 Hilton Court, Parsippany, NJ 07054*

**BONSAI MASTERS: WILL BADDELEY TODD SCHLAFER HUGO ZAMORA LUNA**  
**Eight Demonstrations: Eight Trees Raffled Three Friday Workshops Extensive Vendor Area**  
**Bonsai Exhibit Three Critiques Silent Auctions Live Auction**

- Registration forms available on-line at [www.midatlanticbonsai.org](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org)
- On-line registration closes at 5:00pm on Friday, March 24, 2023
- Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by Friday, March 24, 2023
- Use of recording devices strictly prohibited; Bonsai Exhibit may be photographed

**FRIDAY WORKSHOPS (1pm-5pm): Available to Festival registrants only.** See page 2 for details. **Participants are asked to bring their own tools and wire to the workshops.**

**Silent Observer Tickets** that provide access to all workshops are available (\$25). This is a great way to learn from all the Masters as they work with the participants on a variety of different trees. Limited availability.

**SATURDAY CRITIQUES: Available to Festival registrants only.** Critiques will take place on Saturday before the banquet. Critiques will be offered by each of the Masters on the bonsai and accents in the Bonsai Exhibit. Please indicate 1st and 2nd critique choices on the registration form.

### Friday March 31

- 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Registration open
- 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Workshops with the Masters. Silent observer tickets available
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Vendors' Area open
- Dinner on your own
- 8:00 PM All Masters' Teaching Demonstrations I (Part 1). Trees to be raffled Saturday before lunch.

### Saturday April 1 (NOTE: after Part 1 of each Demonstration, Masters will continue to work off stage and may be visited)

- 7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast included if staying at hotel
- 8:00 AM Registration and Vendors' Area open
- 8:30 - 10:00 AM Will Baddeley Teaching Demonstration II (Part 1)
- 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM Bonsai Exhibit open
- 10:00 AM Coffee Break
- 10:15 AM Hugo Zamora Luna Teaching Demonstration II (Part 1)
- 11:45 AM All artists on stage (Part II) to present their trees from Friday night; trees raffled
- 12:15 PM Lunch (included with registration)
- 1:15 PM Todd Schlafer Teaching Demonstration II (Part 1)
- 2:45 PM Coffee Break
- 3:00 PM Will Baddeley Teaching Demonstration II (Part 2) with raffle of tree
- 4:00 PM Hugo Zamora Luna Teaching Demonstration II (Part 2) with raffle of tree
- 5:30 PM Critiques of Bonsai Exhibit
- 6:00 PM Vendors' Area closed
- 8:00 PM Banquet, Awards, and Live Auction  
(Registrants and vendors not attending the banquet are welcome to attend the auction)

### Sunday Morning April 2

- 7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast included if staying at hotel
- 8:00 AM - Noon Registration and Vendors' Area open
- 8:00 AM Todd Schlafer Teaching Demonstration II (Part 2) with raffle of tree
- 8:30 AM Hugo Zamora Luna Teaching Demonstration III (Part 1)
- 9:00 - Noon Bonsai Exhibit Open
- 9:30 AM Coffee Break
- 9:45 AM Will Baddeley Teaching Demonstration III with raffle of tree
- 11:45 AM Hugo Zamora Luna Teaching Demonstration III (Part 2) with raffle of tree
- Noon 2023 Bonsai Festival closes. Trees may be removed from the Bonsai Exhibit.

**FRIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR REGISTRANTS ONLY: March 31, 2023 1PM - 5PM**  
**MATERIALS FOR THE WORKSHOPS CAN BE SEEN ON THE MABS WEBSITE AT**  
[www.midatlanticbonsai.org](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org)

**Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT) Carving Workshop with Will Baddeley** \$100 Early bird; \$115 after February 28; \$130 at the door. Workshop limited to 8 participants. *All participants will need to supply their own rotary carving tool and accessories and have some knowledge of its use and their own safety gear.*

**Eastern Larches Workshop with Todd Schlafer** \$180 Early bird; \$205 after February 28; \$230 at the door. Workshop limited to 8 participants. Trees collected by Kris Springer of Black Dodge Bonsai.

**Kishu Shimpaku Juniper Shohin Workshop with Hugo Zamora Luna** \$150 Early bird; \$175 after February 28; \$200 at the door. Workshop limited to 8 participants. Beautiful specimens raised by the Chikugo-En nursery in California.

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Will Baddeley:** Will Baddeley's first tree came from a petrol station back in 1997. It didn't survive long. However, in the meantime, he bought a book by Colin Lewis and was hooked by the idea of using native trees to make bonsai. He then went about collecting as many different species of trees as possible, bought as many books as he could afford and joined a local club. In 2001, his club entered him in the New Talent Competition. Will won the UK heats and represented his country in Trevarez, France in 2002 and came in third. Will is self-taught if there is such a thing. Observant and committed would be another way of putting it as he soaks up information like a sponge. Will's main influences have come from the likes of Colin Lewis and his passion for native trees and in particular, *Ulmus minor*. Will was also influenced by Kevin Willson and his work with wild material and deadwood work with power tools.

**Todd Schlafer:** First Branch Bonsai is located in Lakewood, Colorado and is run by Todd Schlafer. When Todd began to become obsessed with bonsai, he sought out one of the best teachers in the United States which landed him with Ryan Neil of Bonsai Mirai. Todd began going to Mirai in 2012. He continues to travel to Mirai to work with Ryan and further his education. Todd's goal is to teach and educate students at the highest level possible without cutting corners. He keeps everyone at a high standard. He wants to promote bonsai, to think outside of the box and to collaborate with others to reach encouraging and stimulating outcomes. His intention is to move each student's practice forward and help them discover and become aware of their own unique style.

**Hugo Zamora Luna:** Hugo Zamora Luna's first experience in the world of bonsai was through a basic bonsai course at the age of 16. Hugo has since been involved in bonsai for over 24 years. In 2000, he started giving demonstrations and presentations at the local congresses in Mexico City. Not long after, he started working at different places around the countryside. Hugo has been teaching courses since 2001 and was the Mexican Bonsai Federation Didactic and teaching leader for 6 years. Hugo studied in Tokyo with Japanese Bonsai Master Kunio Kobayashi, one of the most respected Masters in the world. He completed his apprenticeship in 2015. Hugo has continued to travel back to Japan for several months at a time to work at the Shunkaen Bonsai Museum and meet with Mr. Kobayashi on a regular basis. This has allowed Hugo to continue to practice the art of bonsai at the highest level.

## MABS REGISTRATION FORM 2023

(Forms are also online at [www.midatlanticbonsai.org](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org))

Complete and mail to: Rob Gordon, 26 Crandall St., Glens Falls NY 12801

(Please make checks payable to MABS)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MABS club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount wanted	Item	Early Bird	After Feb 28	At door	Cost total
	Full Registration	\$180	\$200	\$220	
	First Time Registration	\$120	\$135	\$150	
	Non Bonsai Spouse (NAME _____)	\$120	\$135	\$150	
	Friday/Saturday Registration	\$140	\$155	\$170	
	Saturday/Sunday Registration	\$140	\$155	\$170	
	Friday OR Sunday only (circle day)	\$65	\$75	\$80	
	Extra Saturday Lunch (one lunch is included with registration)	\$45	\$45	not available	
	Saturday Banquet ( <b>NOT included in registration</b> ) ____ Chicken ____ Salmon ____ Vegetarian	\$62	\$62	not available	
	Will Baddeley Workshop	\$100	\$115	\$130	
	Todd Schlafer Workshop	\$180	\$205	\$230	
	Hugo Zamora Luna Workshop	\$150	\$175	\$200	
	Silent Observer for All 3 Workshops	\$25	\$25	\$25	
ONLY 1 allowed	Give 1st and 2nd choice of critiques in cost total column please. You will ONLY be able to have one critique.				
	Will Baddeley Critique	\$30	\$30	\$30	
	Todd Schlafer Critique	\$30	\$30	\$30	
	Hugo Zamora Luna Critique	\$30	\$30	\$30	
	<b>TOTAL TO BE PAID</b>				

Questions? Contact Rob Gordon at (518) 796-8339 or [robertgordon@gmail.com](mailto:robertgordon@gmail.com)

Lunch is included on Saturday. The banquet is a separate item not included in the Festival registration.

**MAKE YOUR HOTEL REGISTRATION FOR THE WEEKEND EARLY (BY JANUARY 2023 if possible) AT THE HAMPTON INN PARSIPPANY, 1 HILTON COURT, PARSIPPANY, NJ, 07054 973-267-7373**

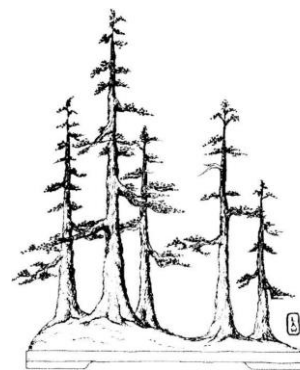
**If calling in be sure to mention MABS**

Easy reservations can be made by using this link: <https://group.hamptoninn.com/trv5hp>

Closing date for group rate room reservations is March 18, 2023. Rooms are \$95 plus taxes

**MEMBER CLUBS OF MIDATLANTIC BONSAI SOCIETIES**

Bergen Bonsai Society  
Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford  
Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley  
Brandywine Bonsai Society  
Deep Cut Bonsai Society  
Great Swamp Bonsai Society  
Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society  
Pennsylvania Bonsai Society  
Pioneer Valley Bonsai Society  
Susquehanna Bonsai Club  
Yama Ki Bonsai Society

**MIDATLANTIC BONSAI SOCIETIES****SPRING FESTIVAL****MARCH 31 -- APRIL 2, 2023**

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**Rob Gordon**  
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