

The Bergen Bonsai Society

November 2007 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 18TH

Time: 9:45AM

Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Road, Closter NJ 07624

MAIN PROGRAM

BONSAI WINTERING REVIEW

& ANNUAL SHOW & CRITIQUE

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated

P.O. Box 822

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666



Year 2007 Programs

Mark Your Calendar

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>AM</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AFT</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>EVE</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AWAY</u> <u>MTG</u>
	January 21	<u>Bonsai Video & Pot Sale</u>	<u>X</u>			
	February 18	<u>Power Point Slide Show & Discussion</u> -- Peter Sobel	<u>X</u>			
	March 25	<u>Two Juniper Workshops</u> (AM & AFTN) -- G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	April 18	<u>MABS Guest Artist – Robert Stevens</u> --(Indonesia) Note: WED W/S & L/D		<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
	April 20-22	<u>MidAtlantic (MABS) Convention</u> @ Ramada Inn (E. Hanover, NJ)				<u>X</u>
	May 6	<u>Guest Artist – Roy Nagatoshi</u> -- (California) L/D & W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June 3	<u>Tropical Trees Lect/Demo & Workshop</u> (trees supplied) -- G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	July 15	<u>Annual Picnic & Auction</u> @ Lakeside (12noon-3pm)		<u>X</u>		
	August 19	<u>Styling Open Workshop</u> (BYOB)--G. LeBolt AM ANALYSIS & AFT HANDS-ON	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	September 16	<u>Guest Artist – Julian Adams</u> -- (Virginia) L/D & W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 21	<u>Bus Trip & Tour – Staten Island Botanic Gdn. – Chinese Scholars Gdn.</u>				<u>X</u>
	November 18	<u>Bonsai Wintering Review + Annual Show & Critique</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 9	<u>Annual Holiday Party</u> @ Peking Duck Restaurant (12noon–3pm)				<u>X</u>

- Indicates a change since last newsletter in date or event

NOTES

1. All meetings @ Closter Nature Center are on Sundays (**except** APR 18th)
2. All morning meetings @ Closter Nature Center start 9:45 AM to APX. 1:30PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. 2PM to APX. 5:00PM

LAST MONTH -- OCT. 21ST – BUS TRIP – CHINESE SCHOLARS GARDEN

“All Aboard!” was the command from our Leader as the driver revved up the bus engine and we left our beloved Closter behind for the hinterlands of Staten Island. Awaiting us there were the Chinese Scholars Garden and other surprises at the Botanical Gardens. The weather was as perfect as a June day in October.

Imagine taking an entire site and packing it up stone by stone and pebble by pebble using local craftsmen and artisans and transporting it from China along with those same craftsmen, and have them reassemble the entire structure here in the Staten Island Botanical Garden. It was totally awe inspiring to see this totally different culture and artistic concepts, and be able to walk through it exactly as the Chinese Scholars and politicians did hundreds of years ago. This was their home, their learning center, their inspiration. It was easy to see how this site could inspire such activities. The private guide that was prearranged was very knowledgeable and answered all of our questions.

Following our tour, we all went in different directions to explore this large park. Andi & I explored art galleries, artists at work, a fashion show and lovely gardens. We were invited to share champagne at one place and a glass of Chardonnay at another.

The traffic was a little heavy coming home, but we all arrived safely and satisfied that the day was well worth the effort. Thanks, again, to George, who made all of the arrangements.

Mitch Becker



THIS MONTH– NOV. 18TH – BONSAI WINTERING REVIEW + ANNUAL SHOW & CRITIQUE

It's amazing how the time flies when you're having fun! The cold weather is now arriving & it will be time to put away most of our Bonsai for the winter.

For our Nov. Meeting, George LeBolt will first present a comprehensive review of wintering methods & techniques for our temperate trees, as well as for Tropicals. There is really no reason to lose a tree to Old Man Winter if you know & understand what steps to take to protect them. This will be followed by an open discussion, as many Members may have questions, or may offer suggestions.

This year, excellent trees have been designed &/or refined at the many Workshops & Study Group sessions we have conducted – it's time for the whole Club to enjoy them.

For our Annual Show, we ask each & every Member to bring in their favorite tree for display (if you have a stand, it's a plus) & share it with all of the other Members. Based on the quantity of trees displayed, we may not critique all of them, & the critique will be tailored to the desire of the Owner & available time.

If you have a tree suitable for exhibiting at MidAtlantic Festival in April '08, make sure to bring it to the Meeting.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT EVERYONE PARTICIPATES & ENJOYS!!

As in past years, Members at this Meeting who fail to bring in a tree for our Show may be brushed with Poison Ivy leaves, unless you think this is too rash.

NEXT MONTH – DEC. 9TH -- ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY – (NOON – 3PM)

Another year is drawing down & we (& most of our trees) have survived & prospered. Time to celebrate it all, as we gather together for our traditional Holiday Luncheon Party. The Peking Duck House restaurant will again be the site of our sumptuous buffet of fine food.

As previously discussed, the cost will be \$15 per Member (\$20 per guest) – a Zagat “Best Buy”. Our actual cost is higher, but BBS underwrites the difference.

Seating is limited to 40 & we are always fully subscribed. Everyone will receive a Mame tree gift and there will also be several useful & interesting door prizes.

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2007 Holiday Party Reservation Form

Yes, I will surely join the Holiday Festivities!!

Date Form Submitted _____ NAME _____

Number of Members ____ @ \$15 each Number of guests ____ @ \$20 each

Please bring this form (& payment) with you to the meeting on November 18th, or, if you are not going to the meeting, mail it PDQ (with your check, payable to “Bergen Bonsai Society”) to George LeBolt at 404 Homans Avenue, Closter NJ 07624

WORKSHOPS – No more this year. Make sure to sign-up early when the details for next years are published in our January Newsletter.

STUDY GROUPS – No more Study Group Sessions for this year. All told, for '07, we had 12 sessions, with 18 Members registering for 67 spots. Initial schedule for '08 will probably be in our March Newsletter. We hope many more Members will sign up for these in-depth sessions – a great way to learn!

'08 TROPICAL TREE WORKSHOP – (Probably June) At a previous Meeting, 8 Members indicated that they wanted trees for our Tropical Tree Workshop. At our Nov. 18th Meeting, we will take sign-up. Members may request the variety of tropical tree they would like to get, as well as the size. We've had some really great trees in the past, & in '08 we will surely get some magnificent ones. If demand is sufficient, we will run 2 Workshops (as before), one in the morning & one in the afternoon. Deadline for sign-up will be our Holiday Party. Don't miss out on this outstanding Workshop.

BBS WEBSITE

Have you looked at our Website (www.bergenbonsai.com) lately? Bob Pruski, our Webmaster, has done an excellent job of improving, enhancing & enlarging it. You can now read our current Newsletter, view many pictures of Members trees, see Workshop pictures, & even find yourself in the many photos taken at the Chinese Scholars Garden Bus Tour last month. In addition, a complete list of our Library contents has been posted. (see "Library" below)

LIBRARY

We expect that by our Nov. 18th Meeting, a complete list of our library contents (video tapes, hardcover books, magazines & other publications) will be posted on our website at www.bergenbonsai.com. This means that Members can look up which material they'd like to borrow, call the librarian, & have it delivered to the next Meeting. This also means that for any one of our hundreds of magazines, you can instantly search for any Bonsai topic, & immediately determine which issues contain articles on your subject. We hope to demonstrate this at our November Meeting. In addition to Library material being brought to our Meetings by special request, our Librarians will continue to bring the video tapes, hardcover books & current magazines to each Meeting.

All of this provides a marvelous opportunity to read up on specific Bonsai subjects, especially over the winter months. We hope all of our Members will take advantage of & make good use of our improved Library facilities in '08.

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