



The Bergen Bonsai Society

January 2007 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 21st

Time: 9:45AM

Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Road, Closter NJ 07624

MAIN PROGRAM

BONSAI VIDEO & POT SALE

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 MTG</u>	<u>AFT MTG</u>	<u>EVE MTG</u>	<u>AWA Y 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>Possible Mat. Supplied W/S</u> OR <u>Potting & Repotting</u> -- G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	April 18	<u>MABS Guest Artist – Robert Stevens</u> --(Indonesia) Note: WED Night Mtg		<u>?</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 – Horst Krekeler</u> -- (Germany) <u>L/D & W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	May 7	<u>Guest Artist – Horst Krekeler</u> -- (Germany) SPEC. W/S Note: MON Mtg.	<u>X</u>			
	June 3	<u>Tropical Lect/Demo & Workshop</u> (tree supplied) -- G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>	<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	<u>X</u>			
	September 16	<u>Guest Artist – Julian Adams</u> -- (Georgia) <u>L/D & W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 21	<u>Guest Artist – (TBD)</u> OR <u>Annual Show & Critique</u> – G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>	<u>?</u>		
	November 18	<u>Annual Show & Critique</u> OR <u>Guest Artist – (TBD)</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>?</u>		
	?	<u>Possible Collecting Trip -- Deer Browsed Apples</u> -- (N.Y. State)				<u>X</u>
	?	<u>Possible 1 Day Bus Trip -- Chinese Scholars Garden</u> – (Staten Island)				<u>X</u>
	December 9	<u>Annual Holiday Party</u> (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 & MAY 7th)
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

BBS 2007 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

1. **March 25th** **Possible W/S with Deciduous Trees (TBD) (supplied) with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time No Potting - styling only
 2. **April 18th** **Possible BYOB Workshop with Robert Stevens -- (Wednesday)**
Afternoon Workshop (before evening Lect/Demo)
 3. **May 6th** **BYOB Workshop with Horst Krekeler**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
 4. **May 7th** **Special BYOB Workshop with Horst Krekeler -- (Monday)**
Morning Workshop -- Regular Meeting Time
 5. **June 3rd** **Tropical Tree Workshop (tree provided) with George LeBolt**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM L/D)
 6. **August 19th** **BYOB Styling Workshop with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time - Open to all members – No Charge - Registration Required - Limitation: 1 Tree per Member
 7. **September 15th** **BYOB Workshop with Julian Adams** Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
 8. **October 21st** **Possible BYOB Workshop with** Afternoon W/S (after AM L/D)
OR November 18th **Guest Artist (TBD)**
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Workshop Registration Form

Member's Name _____ Date Reg. Sent _____ Total Fee Enclosed \$ _____

To participate, check boxes below

<u>W/S#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Conducted By</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Silent* Observer @ \$5(BBS)</u>
1.	3/25	Possible Deciduous Trees (supplied)	George LeBolt	TBD	<u>George</u>		No Charge
2.	4/18	Possible BYOB	Robert Stevens	\$30	BBS		
3.	5/6	BYOB	Horst Krekeler	\$30	BBS		
4.	5/7	BYOB	Horst Krekeler	\$35	<u>BBS</u>		
5.	6/3	Tropical Trees (supplied)	George LeBolt	TBD	George		
6.	8/19	BYOB	George LeBolt	0	---		No Charge
7.	9/15	BYOB	Julian Adams	\$30	BBS		
8.	10/21 <u>OR</u> 11/18	Possible BYOB	TBD	TBD	BBS		

* This is an excellent opportunity to learn styling by watching many trees be styled. Registration open to all members on a first come, first serve basis.

For all Workshops: Participants to bring trees (if applicable), turntables, wire, tools, etc...(and potting materials, if applicable)

Detach & **mail** (or bring to next meeting) this Registration Form (with check for Workshop or Observer) to George LeBolt, 404 Homans Av., Closter, NJ 07624 MAKE SURE CHECK IS MADE OUT TO PROPER PARTY!

DON'T FORGET: If you register and then find out later that you can't come, please have the courtesy to call George.

NOTE: If you need a tree for any of the BYOB workshops, call George at (201)768-7455 ASAP. He may have some available, or based on your need, may be able to obtain what you want.

WORKSHOP STATUS: Not fully finalized. Sign-ups will begin at January Meeting.

NOVEMBER 12th & 13th MEETINGS -- DAVID EASTERBROOK

We had a great turnout for David Easterbrook's Lecture/Demo & workshops. Approximately 40 members attended the AM Lecture/Demo & 20 members enrolled in the 2 workshops.

Our business meeting covered Larch payments, the Holiday Party sign-up, tropical tree orders for our June Workshop and a review of the anticipated schedule of our 2007 program.

In keeping with our Larch Program, George LeBolt displayed one of his Larches as our **Tokonoma**.



Then David Easterbrook took us deep into the woods! He started with a forest clump of about 30 trunks & a mass of twigery. Off came the lower branches & out went the superfluous trunks. Many trees were repositioned to improve their spacing & trunk heights were adjusted. Then came the arduous & skillful task of wiring & finally the artistic job of shifting & placing branches. Et voila! An ancient forest appeared, as if by magic. See the pictures.



DEMO TREE – BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

During this entire process, David fielded all questions & gave us an amazing array of practical knowledge.

The lucky raffle winner was John Bockelman.

Following a short break, the afternoon Workshop had 8 participants. Each of the collected trees & forests supplied was remarkable. In some cases main lines could be pictured. In others, all was concealed within a myriad of convoluted branches & twigs. David studied each tree in turn, presented the owner with a sketch of what to work towards, made some cuts & got them started. Later, after wiring, he adjusted trunk and branch positions. The result: some of the most spectacular trees we ever saw in a Workshop.

The next day (Monday) we had 12 more participants in the Workshop with equally rewarding results.

Great job by David, & we are planning to have him visit with us again in 2009.

From another point of view, here is a Workshop write-up from one of our newer Members, Sherwin Cheng:

"With all of the hype leading up to our highly anticipated Larch workshop, I really didn't know what to expect? Here we were going to have a hands on workshop with the "Michael Jordan" of the Bonsai world.

In my short time with Bonsai and the BBS, I've had two words drilled into my head. "TAPER" and "MOVEMENT". Unfortunately, none of my current trees have these two things. I do have inverse taper, and straight taper (i.e., zero movement). But I've learned that there is beauty in all that is Bonsai. We just need to find the beauty and make the most out of it. Not every tree will have beautiful nebari, old and flaky bark, perfectly placed branches and ideal symmetry. And that's OK. We all need to start somewhere.

This brings me back to our workshop with David. The day started off with a long styling demonstration with an enormous larch forest. Several hours later, and 90% of the branches on floor, and David had created a magnificent forest, complete with jins and sharis.

Then our workshop started and I was presented with my tree. My tree looked obviously old, and vaguely resembled a scorpion ready to strike. Only 4 in. high, with outstretched branches, the tree could best be described as a semi-cascade. After what seemed like an eternity, David worked his way over to my tree and quickly sketched an artistic rendition of what my tree could be. Then he started chopping!! Pretty soon, my tree had only 2 main branches. Then the wiring started and I was certain that I would have every branch wired before David could work his way back to my table. Time started to run short, but David did work his way back to me and within 3 minutes had every branch twisted and shaped similar to his drawing. So what did I learn after spending the day with David and the wonderful members of the BBS?

- 1) Less is more!!
- 2) Avoid straight lines!!

I still don't know how to jin or create shari on my tree, but hopefully I'll learn.

So, I would personally like to thank David for collecting our incredible trees and for taking the time to share with all of us his vast Bonsai knowledge. And once again, thanks to George, our leader supreme, for organizing the event and making all of this possible.

Until our next meeting, Happy Bonsai!!"

Sherwin Cheng, aka "rookie bonsai guy"

WORKSHOP PICTURES



LAST MONTH DECEMBER 10th – ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

About 45 of our Members assembled at the Peking Duck Restaurant for a fabulous feast & a rousing good time.

George expressed thanks to each of the individuals that donated their time and efforts to make 2006 an outstanding Bonsai year for us with programs, t/Demos, Workshops, trips & all of our other activities.

Our animated friend, Louie the Lobster, danced & sang, each of our Members received a small tropical plant & 5 lucky Members won door prizes.

We'll have to wait another year to do it again!

HOLIDAY PARTY PICTURES



THIS MONTH **JANUARY 21st – BONSAI VIDEO & ANNUAL POT SALE**

After the Bonsai video, we will have a very short business meeting, followed by our Pot Sale. Most of the pots are of medium &/or larger sizes, & all are at excellent, below-market prices.

As usual, each Member will be allowed to purchase **ONE** pot first (out of fairness to all) & then the remainder will be available.

Good pots are getting harder to find & the prices keep going up – so don't miss this sale – it may very well be our **LAST** pot sale.

NEXT MONTH **FEBRUARY 18th – POWERPOINT SLIDESHOW & DISCUSSION**

We are anticipating a program even more interesting than the one Peter presented last year, but he won't reveal the subjects!

STUDY GROUP SESSIONS

No dates established yet – see future Newsletters for further information.

GUEST ARTIST PROBLEMS

- A) MidAtlantic Headliner – We were originally scheduled to have Robert Stevens (Indonesia) on the Sunday following the Convention (April 29). Mr. Stevens subsequently changed his schedule & will no longer be available on that date. The only way we could have him as a guest artist was to schedule him for Wednesday, April 18th. Since it's a weekday & we would like most Members to be able to attend, he will be doing an evening Lect/Demo. At our January meeting, we will monitor demand & determine if an afternoon Workshop is wanted.
- B) Horst Krekeler has been having some arterial health problems which might prevent him from doing his Spring tour in the U.S. We are in constant touch with him, but won't have a definite answer for apx. 2 months.
- C) Late Fall Speaker – We are trying to arrange for this on either Oct. 21st or Nov. 18th. We will shift our Annual Show & Critique to accommodate the artist.

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The Convention is coming up soon. We speak of it every Meeting, & by now we hope ALL of our Members have registered. Remember, if you can't go for the entire weekend, then just go for a day – but GO!

► Any Member who has a suitable tree & wishes to display it in the MidAtlantic Exhibit, please contact George & bring the tree to our March Meeting. We would like to see more Members' trees exhibited.

DUES, DUES, DUES

Year 2007 Dues are due as of January 1, 2007. In Spite of inflation and fluctuations in stock prices & real estate values, our dues remained the same as they had been for MANY years, \$25 for an individual member and \$30 per family--both rated Best Buy by Consumer Reports & Hustler!

Remember, you must be a paid up member to participate in the Tool Sale, Pot Sale, the Workshops, the Library, and all other Club Activities. We thank most of our Members for renewing at our Holiday Party.

If you haven't yet renewed, and are coming to the January meeting, please complete the Dues Form below and we will collect your dues at the meeting. It would help our Treasurer, our bookkeeping & time consumed at our meetings, if you would mail your Dues Form (and check) to Mitch right away.

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Dues Payment and Information Form for 2007

Name(s) _____

☐ Single \$25 ☐ Family \$30

Please mail with your check (payable to Bergen Bonsai) and this form to:

Mitchell Becker, Treasurer
778 Downing Street
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Please complete the following **ONLY** if any information has **CHANGED**. This will permit us to update our mailing records. Please print using all capital letters.

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Telephone (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

E-mail address _____

<p>SORRY, but if you haven't paid your '07 dues by the <u>Feb 18th</u> meeting, we will be unable to continue sending you our Newsletter!</p>
