

The Bergen Bonsai Society

October 2007 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 21st

Time: 8:45AM

**Parking Lot Behind Closter Municipal Building
295 Closter Dock Road, Closter NJ 07624**

MAIN PROGRAM

BUS TRIP & TOUR

**STATEN ISLAND BOTANIC GDN
CHINESE SCHOLARS GDN TOUR**

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

• 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 – SEPT. 16TH – GUEST ARTIST – JULLIAN ADAMS (Virginia)

Our Business Meeting covered many topics, including the library changes, sign-up for next months bus tour, a review of MidAtlantic '08 convention plans, including George's role as a Presenter, Membership, our Nov. Annual show, etc...

Our Guest Artist, Julian Adams, had a very different idea of what would be helpful to present when visiting a Bonsai Club. Normally, we are shown how to take some wild looking piece of plant material and watch as the guest artist converts it into a Bonsai that is hidden in the plant. Often times, it is not very obvious, and so that approach can be interesting, but Julian, an expert in Pines, had a different approach. I, for one, have read many articles and books on the development and care of Bonsai pines and found most of them confusing and sometimes even contradictory, so it was a very welcome change when he presented a *lecture* and omitted the *demo*. Julian gave a clear & concise talk using literature (that he distributed) and slides to demonstrate the various types of pines, and how to care for them. He simplified it by dividing the species into two groups, namely, the black, which is the most vigorous grower, and all other pines (Scots, Mugho, White, etc...), which tend to be less vigorous. He then delivered a well-organized presentation that was easy to understand & made a lot of sense, aided very much by his slides which showed the point that he was making. We came away with a very clear understanding of how to grow & maintain Bonsai pines

The afternoon was our Workshop & clinic period when Julian reviewed the problems of several trees that each of the participants presented to him. He asked each Member what they felt was the problem with the tree and offered several solutions to each. It was a valuable & useful afternoon for all who participated.

Mitch Becker

Tokonoma Tree
Dwf. Honeysuckle
Displayed by:
Dean Gilliland



Pine

By: Julian Adams



WORKSHOP PICTURES

THIS MONTH -- OCT. 21ST – BUS TRIP & PRIVATE TOUR

STATEN ISLAND BOTANIC GARDEN & TOUR OF CHINESE SCHOLARS GARDEN

The entire Botanic Garden (over 20 specialized areas) will be available to us, but the Chinese Scholars Garden is most unique. This entire garden area (& its structures) was planned in China & completely built there. Then, all of it was transported to the U.S. in '99 & rebuilt here by the 40 skilled Chinese workers who accompanied it. It is a spiritual Garden with many "borrowed" views, all of which will be explained to us on our private guided tour.

As previously announced, the cost of the trip is \$35 + a \$5 entry fee, which includes the tour.

At our Sept. Meeting, 32 people signed-up & paid. Considering that we have again chartered a 55 passenger luxury touring bus, there's plenty of room for more, so please bring the entire family (& friends) for an outstanding day trip.

We will depart from the parking lot behind the Closter Municipal Bldg. @ 8:45AM & we plan to return @ 6PM. You can bring lunch or purchase refreshments at the Garden.

If you haven't yet signed up for this trip, here's your last chance. Mail the form below (along with \$40 check to Bergen Bonsai) to George LeBolt (@ 404 Homans Ave., Closter, NJ 07624) or call him PDQ @ 201-768-7455.

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YES! Sign me on board: NAME _____ # of people _____ Check Amount _____

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

It's amazing how the time flies when you're having fun! Pretty soon the cold weather will be 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.

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.

LIBRARY Due to our Bus trip, there will be no Library activity for October.

We thank our 4 new Librarians for the excellent job they have done in providing a complete listing & reference of all the contents of our Library.

Bob Pruski, our Webmaster, says he has posted all this on our website, "Bergen Bonsai.com", so Members can now peruse the inventory, contact the appropriate Librarian, & have the material brought to our November Meeting.

Michael Storch further advises that he is working on making it "searchable" via computer, so that, for any topic, you can determine what books, magazines or tapes you should borrow.

We hope that within a short time everything will be in place so that all of our Members can readily & easily utilize that tremendous facility – our Library.

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2007 STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

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 Name: _____ Tel: _____ Date Registration Submitted: _____

General Information:

Study Group sessions are hands-on workshops designed to improve your Bonsai knowledge, skills and artistic design abilities. Participants will not only be involved with their own trees, but with design considerations and enhancement techniques for ALL trees of ALL participants.

All day sessions are from 10AM to 4PM (sometimes later) and are limited to **6** participants. (Minimum of 4 required to hold session.) Sessions are conducted at 404 Homans Ave., Closter, NJ 07624, or at the Nature Center.

Bring 3 or 4 trees, lunch, tools, wire, pots, etc. (some plant material & supplies available). Cost: \$40 for single session, \$100 for series of 3. Priority is given to earliest registrants.

1 st Series	2 nd Series	3 rd Series	4 th Series
Sun 4/29 ■	Sat 6/16 ■	Sun 7/22 ■	Sun 9/9 ■
Sat 5/12 ■	Sun 6/24 ■	Sun 8/5 ■	Sun 9/30 ■
Sun 5/20 ■	Sun 7/8 ■	Sun 8/26 ■	Sun 10/14 □

F ■ = Filled There is only 1 more Study Group session available -- **last one this year!**

Please check appropriate boxes for reservations and mail with payment to George LeBolt, 404 Homans Av, Closter, NJ 07624. (Phone Reservations accepted. Call 201-768-7455)

Some of our Members have never participated in a Study Group session and literally don't know what they're missing. As demonstrated in past years, these sessions tend to fill up early!

We urge anyone how has not yet had the benefits of this experience to sign up for at least one of these sessions this year. **Don't miss this opportunity!**

If you need a tree (Indoor or Outdoor) for the Study Group, give George a call ASAP at 201-768-7455. He may have some available, or based on your need, may be able to obtain what you want.

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