

The Bergen Bonsai Society

May 2008 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 18TH

Time: 9:45AM

Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter NJ 07624

MAIN PROGRAM

GUEST BONSAI ARTIST

PEDRO MORALES (Puerto Rico)

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated

P.O. Box 822

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666



Year 2008 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 27	<u>GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Ann Gould</u> – Disease Mgmt. for Woody Plants	<u>X</u>			
	February 17	<u>BONSAI VIDEO & MINI-POT SALE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	March 9	<u>“SHIMPAKU” Juniper Workshop</u> (trees supplied) - G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	April 6	<u>MABS Guest Artist – Min Hsuan Lo</u> - (Taiwan) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 11-13	<u>MidAtlantic (MABS) Convention</u> @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY				<u>X</u>
	May 18	<u>Guest Artist – Pedro Morales</u> - (Puerto Rico) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June 22	<u>Tropical Trees Lect/Demo & Workshop</u> (trees supplied) -- G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	July 20	<u>Annual Picnic & Auction</u> @ Lakeside (12noon-3pm)		<u>X</u>		
	August 17	<u>Styling Open Workshop</u> (BYOB)--G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	September 21	<u>POSSIBLE BUS TRIP</u>				<u>X</u>
	October 25	<u>Special Follow-Up Workshop – Larch</u> – David Easterbrook (Canada)	<u>X</u>			
	October 26	<u>Guest Artist – David Easterbrook</u> – (Canada) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 16	<u>Bonsai Wintering Review + Annual Show & Critique</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 7	<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 Oct. 25th - Saturday)
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 2008 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

1. **March 9th** **Shimpaku Juniper Workshop (trees supplied) with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time No Potting - Styling Only
 2. **April 6th** **BYOB Workshop with Min Hsuan Lo**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
 3. **May 18th** **BYOB Workshop with Pedro Morales**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
 4. **June 22nd** **Tropical Tree Workshop (tree provided) with George LeBolt**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
 5. **August 17th** **Styling Open Workshop (BYOB) with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time - Open to all members - Registration Required - Limitation: 1 Tree per Member
 6. **October 25th** **Special Follow-Up Workshop – (Larch) - with David Easterbrook**
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time --- Note: Saturday
 7. **October 26th** **BYOB Workshop with David Easterbrook**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
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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 @ \$10 (BBS)</u>
1.	3/9	Shimpaku Juniper (supplied)	George LeBolt	\$40	<u>George</u>		
2.	4/6	BYOB	Min Hsuan Lo	\$40	BBS		
3.	5/18	BYOB	Pedro Morales	\$40	BBS		
4.	6/22	Tropical Trees (supplied)	George LeBolt	VARIES	George		
5.	8/17	BYOB	George LeBolt	\$10	BBS		
6.	10/25	LARCH - BYOB	David Easterbrook	\$40	BBS		
7.	10/26	BYOB	David Easterbrook	\$40	BBS		

* This is an excellent opportunity to learn styling by watching many trees being 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: #6 is already fully subscribed! All others have openings. Sign-up P.D.Q.

LAST MONTH – APRIL 6TH -- MidAtlantic Guest Artist - Min Hsuan Lo (Tiawan)

We had a short, but busy business meeting – distributing fans & soil, taking Workshop & Study Group sign-ups & promoting the MidAtlantic Convention, coming up next week.

We then presented Mr. Min Hsuan Lo with a very interesting and challenging “Tigerbark” Fig (Ficus Kingman) for his analysis & styling. It didn’t take long for his practiced eye to determine the best line & styling. He decided on a two trunk style, & a key move to bringing out the best in the tree was to put a wedge in the back left side & “tip” the tree about 25 degrees, establishing an excellent dynamic balance. After much pruning & clipping, Mr. LO admonished that for good results, “All branches must be wired”(where have we heard that before????). With some wiring assistance from George, it didn’t take him long to produce the results you can see in the pictures below. The lucky raffle winner was Greg Gallimore. When we say “lucky”, we mean it, had just become a Member two hours earlier!

Our afternoon Workshop had 8 participants with a wide variety of trees. Mr. Lo interacted exceptionally well on a one-to-one basis, also asking the student what THEY saw & what THEY wanted to accomplish. Many times when multiple solutions were available, the final design was not imposed, but was a matter of the owners’ preference. It was very enjoyable, relaxed & instructional – everyone profited immensely.



AM LECT/DEMO



AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

MIDATLANTIC

We’d like to report that everything went well & without a single hitch, BUT, there were plenty of glitches at our new location at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa.

One of the guest artists (Mr. Potter) refused to style his Lect/Demo tree on Sunday. He said it was not suitable – this after inspecting & O.K.ing the same tree on Friday, not very professional, to say the least.

The food availability Friday night & Sunday afternoon was not up to par, but the excellent Saturday Luncheon & Saturday evening Banquet more than made up for it.

Our own George LeBolt did a very encompassing Program on Brazilian Raintrees Friday evening & the winning raffle for the Lect/Demo Raintree was won by BBS Member, David Feitelson, way to go, David!

Everyone enjoyed the Lect/Demos, the Vendor Area & the Exhibit of about 35 excellent trees.

George LeBolt exhibited trees for our Club & was honored to have them receive TWO awards.

The MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies “Presidents Award”

The Bonsai Clubs International Award for the “Most Outstanding Bonsai”

For 2009, we will return to the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa. All of our concerns have been addressed & management assures us of smooth sailing next year. We hope to see you ALL there.

Here are some pictures from the Convention –



GEORGE'S AREA



TOOLS



TREES

THE VENDOR AREA



SOME EXHIBIT TREES



FICUS NATURALENSIS



SCOTS PINE

TWO OF THE TREES EXHIBITED BY GEORGE LEBOLT

THIS MONTH – MAY 18TH – MidAtlantic Guest Artist - Pedro Morales (Puerto Rico)

As you all know, Pedro Morales is an internationally renowned Bonsai Artist from Puerto Rico. It has been many years since he last visited with us & we are looking forward to his humor & talent again.

In the morning, he will style a large Tropical tree (supplied by George) which will, of course, be raffled off.

In the afternoon, he will conduct a “Bring your own Bonsai” Workshop.

NOTE: There are still TWO openings available for his Workshop. His expertise with Tropical trees should make you RUN to sign-up. Call George @ 201-768-7455 ASAP!

NEXT MONTH – JUNE 22ND – Tropical Trees Lect/Demo & Workshop – G. LeBolt

During our morning Meeting, George will create a Tropical Bonsai (probably Ficus Kingman) from nursery stock. We expect to see a young shrub transformed into an old tree in apx. 90 minutes. Time sure goes by fast when you're having fun.

The Tropical tree Workshop, for those who previously signed-up & ordered their trees, will follow in the afternoon. All of these trees were hand-picked specimens, acquired by George in Florida & Georgia in January. From many years of past experience with these Workshops, we expect exceptional trees & the emergence of excellent Bonsai.

SPECIAL NOTE: TWO new spots have just opened for the “small” size (\$45) Tropical trees. They are 16” to 18” tall & have “heavy” trunks. To fill one of these spots, call George immediately @ 201-768-7455.

GOOD & WELFARE

Irina Forsythe is now at home & speedily recovering from her previous surgery. See you at our next Meeting, Irina.

STUDY GROUPS

A few more dates have now been established, as listed in another section of this Newsletter. The next session is filled, but, obviously, the new dates are open. Please get your reservations in quickly.

BBS WEBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view pictures from our recent MidAtlantic Convention. Thank you Bob Pruski

LIBRARY

Once again, our complete Library inventory is posted on our website. See what you want, contact our Librarians, and you will have it at the next Meeting. This is one of the best ways to learn.

OFFICERS & STAFF

<u>OFFICERS</u>	
President	George LeBolt
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Mitch Becker	Teresa & Victor Plummer
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Shepherd Haight	Virginia Shen
George LeBolt	Peter Sobel

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Newsletter Production	Shepherd Haight
Photographer	Bob Pruski
Website	Peter Sobel Bob Pruski

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2008 STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

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. 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
Sat 4/26 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 7/26 <input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 9/7 <input type="checkbox"/>
Sun 6/1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 8/2 <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>
Sun 7/6 <input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 8/24 <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>

F ☒ = Filled

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)

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SPECIAL NOTES:

Due to George LeBolts busy Bonsai schedule (both here & away), he will be unable to conduct the usual 12 to 15 Study Group Sessions this year, he has only scheduled seven. Several new dates are listed above.

In addition to styling trees, here is some important **TIMING** info for potting & repotting.

June, July, & August are the best months to style, pot &/or repot most Tropicals trees, which is best done under supervision.

Some of our Members have never participated in a Study Group session and literally don't know what they are 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.