

The Bergen Bonsai Society

June 2008 Newsletter



Next Meeting: Sunday, June 22nd

Time: 9:45AM

Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter NJ 07624

MAIN PROGRAM

TROPICAL TREES

G. LeBOLT

AM LECT/DEMO & AFTN W/S

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>Bus Trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden</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: Openings available for #5 & #7.

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

First we had a short but very productive business meeting, including a review of all planned Events for the rest of the year. We questioned the demand for a Bus Trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (costing approx \$40) and we received a very enthusiastic response from 22 of our members who said they would go. (See details in another section of this Newsletter) We welcomed new Members – Jeannie Yu, Jason Fox, Efrain Torres and Suzan Abrams.

The Tokonoma tree was a dwarf variety of Japanese White Pine which was displayed by George LeBolt. This tree was given to George (in exchange for Tropical Trees) by a former Member, Paul Perloe, who moved to Florida some 20+ years ago. George drastically restyled it by raising a side branch to create a new crown and then rearranged and refined the rest of the tree.



Our visiting Bonsai master, Pedro Morales started his program by showing us how he has grown in stature (physically) and he assured us that it was all from good food. He then described the upcoming World Bonsai Conference to be held in Puerto Rico in 2009. There will be about 27 artists from around the world and they expect about 800 attendees. Many of the programs will be unique in that they will be very interactive with attendees and experts both participating. Pedro has taken on the task of being the Convention organizer. We should certainly all consider attending. Details will be announced shortly.

Pedro then defrocked a very large Ficus Burt Davyi with a huge twin trunk and multiple air roots. It was a difficult tree but, what makes a difficult tree into a bonsai is what makes a bonsai artisan into an artist. Pedro invited four audience “artists” to decide where the front of the tree might be and to discuss why. After reviewing the tree himself and explaining his choice, he selected a front which turned out to be the same as the one chosen by two of our members. The tree ended up being a lovely semi-cascade with an upright apex. Being a new member, who joined only a few hours before, paid off handsomely for Efrain, since he was the raffle winner of the Morales designed tree.

The afternoon workshop was attended by our new member Efrain, along with Diane, Amy, Bob, and Mitch. Each had a difficult tree, which is why they were brought to the workshop. After receiving several options for how the tree might be designed, each participant made a choice combining the suggested advice with their own felling of what they saw in the tree as an ultimate bonsai. We all began to cut and WIRE with expert advice. As the afternoon progressed, both Pedro and George made continuous rounds to offer suggestions and guidance. In came difficult trees and out came well designed pre-Bonsai trees. By: Mitch Becker



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

LECT/DEMO PHOTOS



WORKSHOP PHOTOS

THIS 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 approx. 90 minutes. Time sure goes fast when you're having fun.

The Tropical Tree Workshop, for those who previously signed up and 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 and the emergence of excellent Bonsai. The Workshop is filled but you can still be a "silent" observer.

NEXT MONTH – JULY 20TH – ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION

Lucky us! Time for our 127th Annual Picnic and Auction!

As usual, this event will be held Lakeside at the Nature Center. In the event of inclement weather, we go inside the cabin. We are scheduled from NOON until apx 3:00 pm. We expect to have the same caterer as last year with plenty of great food and cold drinks. Make sure you bring a folding chair and we will supply everything else. As everyone knows, this is one of our Main events of the year. Not only do we all have the chance to relax and socialize together (in between the feasting) but equally important it is our MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT.

Towards this goal, we need ALL of our Members to attend and support our Club. If you didn't attend in past years, put it on your calendar now and make sure you join us.

Bring scads of Bonsai and Bonsai related items but even more important, being tons of \$ to purchase all the "treasures" that will be auctioned off. George says he will contribute some very interesting items.

Not only do we expect everyone to have a great time, but we absolutely need your auction support to continue to provide you with terrific programs and activities.

Please fill out the Reservation Form below and Mail it (**PDQ**) to George LeBolt (404 Homans Ave, Closter, NJ 07624) together with payment (to BBS) enclosed. Please send this **ASAP** – we need to get a count for the caterer.

Picnic and Auction Reservation Form

Yes, I will happily attend the 127TH annual BBS picnic on **July 20th**.

Enclosed is my check payable to Bergen Bonsai Society for \$12.00 each for _____ members
\$15.00 each for _____ guests

Please bring this to the June 3rd Meeting or mail it to George @ 404 Homans Av., Closter, NJ 07624

NAME: _____

GOOD & WELFARE

Peter Sobel's father is recovering from a fractured hip – speedy recovery!

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 last Meeting, the MidAtlantic Convention, the complete Newsletter & much more. Thank you Bob Pruski

LIBRARY

As usual, 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.

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 F ■	Sat 8/2 □	TBD □
Sun 6/1 F ■	Sun 8/24 □	TBD □
Sun 7/6 □	Sun 9/7 □	TBD □

F ■ = Filled

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

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SPECIAL NOTES:

Due to George LeBolt's 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 six. 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.

BUS TRIP TO BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN – SEPTEMBER 21ST

Based on demand at our last Meeting, we will definitely be running this trip. We will have our usual 55 passenger luxury touring bus (with plumbing facilities) and plan to leave from Closter at 9am and returning at 5 or 6pm.

We will have a conducted tour of the Bonsai display by the Curator, Julian Velasco. This will be followed by a visit to the “back area” of the Garden, where we will see all the other Bonsai and work in progress.

There is an adjacent food concession, but we advise most people to bring their own lunch. After the two tours, there will be plenty of time to view the Japanese Garden and all the other many parts of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, including the Gift Shop.

On the return trip home, we will try to stop at one of Brooklyn’s most renowned landmarks, “Juniors”, so all can stock up on the best cheesecake (and other goodies) in the U.S. of A..

We anticipate the cost at \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. This cost may be reduced if we have a really good turnout. We will take sign-ups and payment starting at our June 22nd Meeting.

ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

It is not too early to think about what tree you are going to display at our Fall Show. Start pruning and grooming it **NOW**, so it will be ready later. It does not have to be a “masterpiece” but we want every Member to show a tree that they have created themselves.

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