

The Bergen Bonsai Society

July 2008 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 20th

Time: NOON

Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter NJ 07624

MAIN PROGRAM

ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION

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</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AFT</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>EVE</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AWAY</u> <u>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 Analysis & Afternoon Workshop – Regular Meeting Time - Open to all members - Registration Required - 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 – JUNE 22nd – TROPICAL TREE L/D & W/S –G. LeBOLT

After some important Club Business involving sign-ups and decisions regarding our bus trip, etc., Diana brought forth the results of her experimentation with Bald Cypress seeds that were given to many of us by Bob at the last meeting. Only a few of us were successful at germinating the seeds. However, many of Diane's seeds had sprouted and she shared her seedlings and secrets with us. She just pushed the seeds into the soil, covered them, and they sprouted. AMAZING! Next George brought forth one of his "babies", about a foot tall and presented it to Bob. His success was multiple. All George did was put the seeds into water and when they sprouted he transplanted them into soil. Bob promised to bring in more seeds at the next meeting so that we can try again.

Priceless is the word that next described the demo and workshop that followed and indeed it was "price less". Generally, it costs the club about \$1,000 (including Lect/Demo, Workshop, transportation, food, etc.) to bring in a Guest Artist. Most do an excellent job but some occasionally leave something to be desired. Our Guest Artist this month is always a success, he has a reputation in the Bonsai Community that is second to none and has the artistic skills that are the envy of many. The program this month was among the best that I have witnessed in a long time.

This Artist took a lush Nerifolia Ficus shrub, and in less than an hour, converted it into a lovely Bonsai work of art. I can't wait to see it when all of the fine wiring is done and the tree has a chance to grow in the hands of the lucky winner, Bob Pruski.



START



LOWER BRANCHES REMOVED



85% OF TREE REMOVED



TRIMMING



THINNED



WIRING



SHAPE BRANCHES



FINISHED

In addition to the demonstration, our Artist brought with him twelve fabulous tropical trees for our Workshop, ranging in size from large to giant, and at prices that are available nowhere else. He worked with each participant to find the Bonsai hidden in them and the initial styling was accomplished on all twelve of them, each unique and each totally different in shape and size. It will now be up to the workshop participants to do the balance of fine wiring and tweaking. We would love to see all the trees (after they have been potted) at our annual show this fall.

We will publish some "before" and "after" Workshop pictures in the next Newsletter.

Our deep thanks goes out to this Artist for supplying his time, effort, energy, business acumen, and communication skills to making this and every other meeting at the Bergen Bonsai Society engaging and successful. His fee is his love of Bonsai and commitment to us.

THANK YOU GEORGE LeBOLT

You all have an opportunity to thank George and the Club by supporting us at our major fundraising event of the season, the July Picnic and Auction. Please bring in items that can be appreciated by your fellow Club Members for auction that relate in any way to Bonsai and open your hearts and your wallets when the auction begins. Think of what you spend on an evening out for dinner and a movie. Our lunch will be delicious and the "show" will be truly entertaining.

By Mitch Becker

SEE YOU ALL AT THE PICNIC JULY 20TH

THIS 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.

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Picnic and Auction Reservation Form

Yes, I will happily attend the 128TH 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

Mail it to George @ 404 Homans Av., Closter, NJ 07624 or telephone him immediately @ 201-768-7455

NAME: _____

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NEXT MONTH – AUGUST 17TH -- STYLING OPEN WORKSHOP (BYOB) – G. LeBolt

We usually have a big turnout for this event and all of our Members profit from the styling advice offered by George for each of the many trees. The format for this meeting will be the same as last year, namely,

1. Minimal Business Meeting
2. AM Styling Workshop-open to all (with advance Registration). There is a nominal \$10 charge (to BBS) for design review and analysis by George.
3. Afternoon Hands-on Workshop (included in \$10 fee) with assistance from advanced Members of BBS who will help all participants achieve the styling suggestions originally given by George in the morning session

We would like to see more Members doing the hands-on work with their trees, and also involve several more advanced Members in teaching and assisting others.

Let's get **EVERY** Member involved!

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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 apx 6pm. We already have 30 Members signed up. 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 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 will be reduced if we have a really good turnout. Bring payment to our Picnic/Auction meeting on July 20th.

ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

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

STUDY GROUPS

A few more dates have now been established, as listed in another section of this Newsletter. The next session is already filled and the 8/2 session only has ONE opening. Obviously, the new dates are open. Please get your reservations in quickly.

BBS WEBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view our Newsletter, pictures from our last Meeting, the MidAtlantic Convention, & much more. Thank you again, Bob Pruski.

LIBRARY

As usual, our **complete** Library inventory is posted on our website. See what you want, contact our Librarians (Diane, John & Irena) , and they will bring it to the next Meeting. This is a tremendous facility and one of the best ways to learn more about Bonsai.

OFFICERS & STAFF

<u>OFFICERS</u>	
President	George LeBolt
Vice President	Virginia Shen
Treasurer	Mitch Becker
<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>	
Mitch Becker	Teresa & Victor Plummer
Marlene Cuniberti	Bob Pruski
Shepherd Haight	Virginia Shen
George LeBolt	Peter Sobel

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	
Library (Videos)	Irina Forsythe
Library (Hard Cover Books)	John Ricco
Library (Bonsai Today/Focus)	Diann Pinkowski
Library (Int'l Bonsai, BCI, misc.)	Diann Pinkowski
Hospitality	Judy LeBolt Teresa Plummer
Refreshments	Elsbeth Christern Mildred Rooney
Tokonoma	Jane Boutis
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Demo. Tree Follow-up	Marlene Cuniberti
MidAtlantic	George LeBolt Len Schwartz
Programs	George LeBolt
Newsletter Production	Shepherd Haight
Photographer	Bob Pruski
Newsletter Reporter	Mitch Becker
Website:	Bob Pruski

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 if inclement weather.

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 7/26 F ■	Sun 9/7 □
Sun 6/1 F ■	Sat 8/2 □	Sat 10/4 □
Sun 7/6 F ■	Sun 8/24 □	TBD □

F ■ = Filled

NOTE: 8/2 – only one opening currently available

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 seven. Several new dates are listed above.

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

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.