

The Bergen Bonsai Society

September 2008 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

Next Meeting: Sunday, SEPT. 21ST

Time: Assemble: 8:45AM Depart: 9:00AM

**CLOSTER MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT
(Behind Boro Hall) 295 Closter Dock Rd., Closter
NJ 07624**

MAIN PROGRAM

BUS TRIP

BROOKLYN BOTANICAL GARDEN

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 (BYOB)</u> --G. LeBolt <u>PLUS: TREE SALE</u>	<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

LAST MONTH - AUGUST 17TH - STYLING W/S (G. LeBolt) & SPECIAL TREE SALE

It was a first of its kind at our Club. Members arrived early to see plant material available for sale by other Members at nominal prices. Some were pre-bonsai. Some were Bonsai gone wild, and some were bonsai. The Club benefited by collecting 20% of each sale. It was interesting to see some of the material offered and the interest of our Members. Over \$300 worth of material was sold during the event.

At our regular Meeting, the last two Workshop sign-ups were reviewed & then filled. Our planned programs for 2009 were reviewed by George. They included at least three visiting Guest Artists, as well as several programs offered by George. There was also a change regarding the Annual Outdoor Picnic, which in previous years was held in July. The date for this event will be switched to June, when it is somewhat cooler & fewer Members are on vacation.

The main part of the session was a styling (or restyling) of Members trees that they brought in for review, analysis, and suggestions by our in-house artist, George. Many Members saw a very different tree from the one that they originally envisioned when multiple suggestions were made by George. It was up to the Member to choose which design they felt would be most comfortable for them & then get to work trimming, pruning, and wiring. George took a second & third look at several trees while making suggestions and with some additional input, the participants left with a "happier" (& usually smaller) tree than they started with, as evidenced by the "before" & "after" pictures below.

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THIS MONTH – SEPTEMBER 21ST – BUS TRIP TO BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

The bus has been chartered and all details are in place. We will have our usual 55 passenger luxury touring bus (with plumbing facilities) and plan to leave from Closter at 9am and return at apx 6pm. We already have 37 people signed up. We will have a conducted tour of the Bonsai display by the Curator, Julian Velasco. This will be followed by a visit with the Curator 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 45 people on board. If you haven't reserved yet, call George (201-768-7455) ASAP & bring your friends & family for a great trip.

NEXT MONTH – OCTOBER 25TH & 26TH – GUEST ARTIST – DAVID EASTERBROOK

We look forward with great anticipation to the return of Mr. Easterbrook, who visited us two years ago.

On Saturday 910AM @ the Nature Center) we will have a Special Workshop. This is limited to those Members (who previously signed-up) who wanted to have a design review & hands-on follow-up Workshop with the Larches that David supplied two years ago. NOTE: This Workshop is filled.

→ **SPECIAL NOTE:** If you are in this Workshop & have a small tree or small forest, which you think may not take much time to review &/or work-on, you may bring a **SECOND** tree (any variety) for analysis & hands-on work, subject to time limitations.

For our regular Sunday Meeting (9:45AM @ Nature Center), Mr. Easterbrook will do a Lect/Demo in the Morning & a BYOB Workshop in the afternoon.

There is currently **ONE** opening available – last Workshop – last chance.

ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

Now is the time 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 worked on themselves.

WORKSHOP STATUS: There is only opening available W/S #7 (D. Easterbrook), Sunday, Oct. 26th.
Call George (201-768-7455) P.D.Q. if you want to fill it.

STUDY GROUPS

Only 2 more sessions remain, as listed in another section of this Newsletter. As of now, they both have openings. Please get your reservations in as quickly as possible.

BBS WEBSITE

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

LIBRARY

As usual, our complete Library inventory (apx.400 items) 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
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George LeBolt	Peter Sobel

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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 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 7/26 F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 10/4 <input type="checkbox"/>
Sun 6/1 F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 8/2 F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sun 7/6 F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sun 9/7 <input type="checkbox"/>	

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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.

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE ----- SPECIAL NOTICE

Many of our Members have asked where they can obtain soft annealed copper wire. The Club is prepared to place a bulk order. The advantage is: If we order over \$350 worth, the **shipping charges** are **WAIVED!**

This would be a good time to stock up. Copper prices keep going higher. Fill out **WIRE ORDER FORM** (below) & mail it (together with payment) to:

Mitch Becker, Treasurer
Bergen Bonsai Society
778 Downing St.
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Make check payable to "Bergen Bonsai Society".

2008 WIRE ORDER FORM **SOFT ANNEALED COPPER**

Wire Size (AWG)	Weight (per Coil)	Price (per Coil)	Price (per Coil)	Quantity of Coils Ordered	Cost (\$)
#22	0.50	250	\$7.00		
#20	0.50	158	\$6.00		
#18	1.00	200	\$12.00		
#16	1.20	156	\$14.00		
#14	2.00	160	\$22.00		
#12	2.00	100	\$22.00		
#10	2.50	80	\$27.50		
#8	2.50	50	\$27.50		
#6	2.50	32	\$27.50		
#4	2.50	20	\$27.50		

Name : _____ **TOTAL OWED:** _____

Time is of the essence – get your order in quickly. Last chance for payment will be on the **B.B.G. Bus Trip, Sept. 17th**!

Suggestions for Wire to Order

For beginners with small trees: -- One coil each, -- #22, #20, #18, #16

For medium size trees add, -- #14, #12

For large trees further add, -- #10, #8

For very large trees (heavy branches to bend) further add, -- #6, #4