

The Bergen Bonsai Society

October 2008 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, OCT. 26TH

Time: 9:45 AM

Place: CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

MAIN PROGRAM
GUEST ARTIST
DAVID EASTERBROOK



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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	X			
	February 17	<u>BONSAI VIDEO & MINI-POT SALE</u>	X			
	March 9	<u>“SHIMPAKU” Juniper Workshop</u> (trees supplied) - G. LeBolt	X			
	April 6	<u>MABS Guest Artist – Min Hsuan Lo</u> - (Taiwan) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	X	X		
	April 11-13	<u>MidAtlantic (MABS) Convention</u> @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY				X
	May 18	<u>Guest Artist – Pedro Morales</u> - (Puerto Rico) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	X	X		
	June 22	<u>Tropical Trees Lect/Demo & Workshop</u> (trees supplied) -- G. LeBolt	X	X		
	July 20	<u>Annual Picnic & Auction</u> @ Lakeside (12noon-3pm)		X		
	August 17	<u>Styling Open Workshop (BYOB)</u> --G. LeBolt <u>PLUS: TREE SALE</u>	X			
	September 21	<u>Bus Trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden</u>				X
	October 25	<u>Special Follow-Up Workshop – Larch</u> – David Easterbrook (Canada)	X			
	October 26	<u>Guest Artist – David Easterbrook</u> – (Canada) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	X	X		
	November 16	<u>Bonsai Wintering Review + Annual Show & Critique</u>	X			
	December 7	<u>Annual Holiday Party</u> @ Peking Duck Restaurant (12noon–3pm)				X

● 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 APROX. 1:30PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. 2PM to APROX. 5:00PM

LAST MONTH - SEPTEMBER 21ST – BUS TRIP TO BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

Our trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens was planned so that the luxury touring bus would meet us in Closter at 8:45, depart at 9:00 AM, and give us a quick and smooth ride. Admission and parking fees would be included in the price, we would have a personal Tour of the Bonsai exhibit {open to the public} and then another Tour of the behind the scenes “back area”, to see all of the other trees and the work in progress. We planned for the weather to be perfect, 80 degrees, with not a cloud in the sky. As usual, all worked out EXACTLY as planned!!

The highlight of the trip was the personal Tour given to us by Julian Velasco, the Curator of these wonderful bonsai. He does an amazing job maintaining the exhibit and all of the hundreds of trees behind the scenes. He keeps his staff on the ball and everything is done exactly on schedule. His current staff consists of 0 people and one volunteer. AMAZING.

When he works with the trees, he sees more than the trees. They each have a character and a message describing their lives and their surroundings. With careful observation, Julian is able to see and feel the world of nature each time he studies a tree, with each having its own individual story. This is the magic that he receives in return from the tree, for all of his pinching, pruning and care.

Of course, any trip home from Brooklyn would not be complete without a stop at the famous Juniors Cheesecake Restaurant and we did our Club and the economy proud with the load of cheesecakes, strudel and other goodies that arrived in Closter at the respectable hour of 5:30 PM, right on time. GREAT TRIP!!!!

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

David Easterbrook has been Curator of the Bonsai collection at the Montreal Botanical Garden since 1983. He is also a recognized Bonsai artist having taught and demonstrated throughout North and Central America, as well as Europe.

He first began growing Bonsai as a hobby when he was 19 years old and then studied with Jerry Stowell of Stockton, NJ. In 1980, he completed a one-year apprenticeship with Isao Shinkai of Kidouen Nursery in Japan. His free time is devoted to caring for the over 700 Bonsai in his personal collections. He is most famous for his work in creating Bonsai forests and groupings, as well as his outstanding specimens of larches, thuyas and pines.

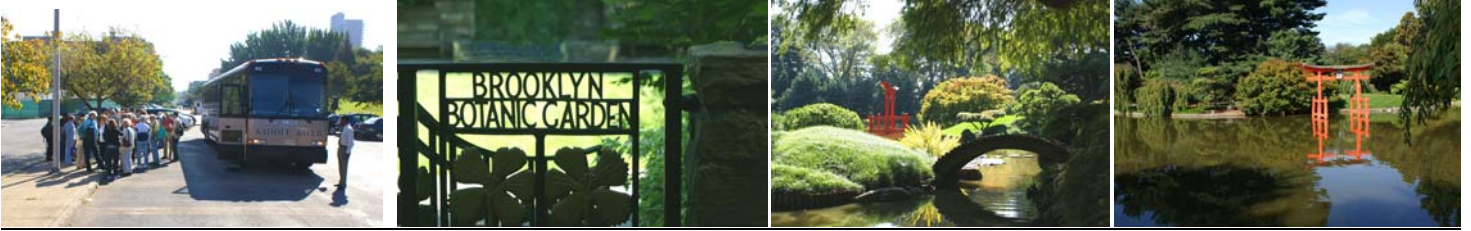
David was a founder of the Montreal Bonsai and Penjing Society in 1978 and now has been honored with the official title of “Sensei” to this organization. This society has also named its most prestigious award in his honor. He was the organizer of the 1988 American Bonsai Convention in Montreal, the first ever held outside the USA. As well, he served as Director on the ABS board from 2004 to 2008. He has also authored 2 books on Bonsai and Bonsai care and techniques.

→ **SPECIAL NOTE:** If you are in the Sat. Oct 25th “Larch Workshop”:

1. If you 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.
2. If your tree did not survive, bring **ANY OTHER TREE** of your choosing.
3. The special Sat. meeting will commence at 9:45am at the Nature Center.

The Sunday, Oct. 26th, regular 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.

LAST MONTH – SEPT. 21 - BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN BUS TRI



NEXT MONTH - NOV. 10th - WINTER REVIEW & ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

After a review of Bonsai Wintering techniques presented by George, there will be time to ask further questions on wintering our Bonsai.

As for the annual Bonsai Show – That's exactly what it is! We want every member to show us their best bonsai. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or a seasoned veteran, if your Bonsai is 3 years old or 30 years old. The important thing is that all of our members should participate in this event.

WORKSHOP STATUS: No more for 2008. A 2009 schedule will be starting in March.

STUDY GROUPS: No more for 2008. A schedule for 2009 will be in a future newsletter.

BBS WEBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view our Newsletter, pictures from last month's trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 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.

December 7th – Annual Holiday Party – Noon 'till 3pm

Another year is drawing down and we (&most of our tress have survived and prospered. Time to celebrate it all, as we gather together for our traditional Holiday Luncheon Party. The Peking Duck House restaurant will again be the site of our sumptuous buffet of fine food.

Once again we are holding the cost to only&13 per member (\$15 for guest) – a Zagat “best Buy”. Our actual cost is much higher, but BBS underwrites the difference.

Seating is limited to 40 and we are always fully subscribed. Everyone will receive a Mame tree gift and there will also be several useful and interesting door prizes.

Please join us, -fill out the attached **Reservation Form** and bring it (with payment) to our October 26th meeting. If you can't be at the meeting, mail it in ASAP.

2006 Holiday Party Reservation Form

_Yes, I will surely join the Holiday Festivities!!

Date form Submitted _____ Name: _____

Number of Members _____ @\$13 each Number of guest _____ @\$15 each

2009 PROGRAMS

The tentative schedule (& guest artist) will be review at our Oct. 26th meeting

We will also review demand to see if we want to have a Tropical Workshop.

We also have the opportunity to run a Brazilian Raintree Workshop

MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND THE OCTOBER MEETING