

The Bergen Bonsai Society

May 2009 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 24th

Time: 9:45AM

Place: Closter Nature Center



MAIN PROGRAMS TROPICAL TREES LECT/DEMO. + 2 WORKSHOPS

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Year 2009 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 18	<u>GUEST SPEAKER</u> – Richard Buckley – Rutgers Univ. Plant Pathologist	<u>X</u>			
	February 22	<u>GUEST SPEAKER</u> – Sean Smith – Bonsai Stands & Displays	<u>X</u>			
	March 29	<u>TEMPERATE (MATERIAL SUPPLIED) WORKSHOP</u> – G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	April 17, 18, 19	<u>MIDATLANTIC CONVENTION</u> @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY				<u>X</u>
	April 26	<u>MIDATLANTIC GUEST ARTIST</u> David Easterbrook	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	May 24	<u>TROP. TREES</u> AM Lect/Demo, Raintree W/S, + Aftn W/S – G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June 28	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
	July 19	<u>GUEST ARTIST</u> – Chase Rosade – AM L/D & Afternoon BYOB W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 16	<u>STYLING OPEN WORKSHOP (BYOB)</u> – G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	September 13	<u>GUEST ARTIST</u> – Roy Nagatoshi – AM L/D & Afternoon BYOB W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 18	<u>ANNUAL SHOW & CRITIQUE</u> – G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	November 15	<u>WINTERING REVIEW & BONSAI VIDEO</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 6	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY</u> @ Peking Duck Restr. (12 noon– 3pm)				<u>X</u>

* Indicates a change in date or event, since previous Newsletter

NOTES

1. All meetings @ Closter Nature Center are on Sundays
2. All morning meetings @ Closter Nature Center start 9:45 AM to APROX. 1:30 PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. 2 PM to APROX. 5 PM

BBS 2009 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

1. **March 29th** **Temperate Tree W/S (Trees supplied, Dwf. elm or juniper) with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop— Regular Meeting Time. No Potting—Styling Only
2. **April 26th** **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist—David Easterbrook**
Afternoon Workshop— (after morning Lecture/Demo)
3. **May 24th** **Brazilian Raintree W/S (Trees supplied, sizes vary) with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop— (after morning Lecture/Demo)
4. **May 24th** **Tropical Tree W/S (Assorted varieties & sizes, supplied) with George LeBolt**
Afternoon Workshop— (following morning workshop)
5. **July 19th** **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist—Chase Rosade**
Afternoon Workshop— (after morning Lecture/Demo)
6. **Aug 16th** **BYOB Open Styling W/S—with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop—Regular Meeting Time. Open to all Members
7. **Sept 13th** **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist— Roy Nagatoshi**
Afternoon Workshop—(after morning Lecture/Demo)

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.	Mar 29	Temperate Tree (supplied)	George LeBolt	\$35	George	_____	
2.	Apr 26	BYOB	David Easterbrook	\$40	BBS	_____	
3.	May 24	Brazilian Raintree (supplied)	George LeBolt	Varies	George	_____	
4.	May 24	Tropical Trees (supplied)	George LeBolt	Varies	George	_____	
5.	Jul 19	BYOB	Chase Rosade	\$40	BBS		
6.	Aug 16	BYOB	George LeBolt	\$10	BBS		
7.	Sep 13	BYOB	Roy Nagatoshi	\$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: Bring trees (if applicable), turntable, wire, tools, lunch 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 Ave. , 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: Sign-Ups began at our February Meeting. Workshops '1, '2, '3, & '4 are now **FULLY SUBSCRIBED.** Workshops '5, '6 & '7 still have **Some** openings. Don't miss out, don't delay, get your reservation (with payment) to George **ASAP.**

MARCH 29th - TEMPERATE TREE WORKSHOP

Our Business Meeting, though brief, covered many items, including Publicity, Membership, low MidAtlantic registration, bonsai soil order, workshops, library, etc.

For the Tokonoma tree, George LeBolt displayed a 30+ year old Catlin Elm, which he grew from a root cutting. George selected this tree because it was the same Variety as the Workshop trees which he was supplying. He explained that Catlin Elms were excellent Bonsai material because of their uniform, small leaves (they reduce to apx 3/8"). The only drawback is they cannot take sustained frost & must be wintered in a cold room or unheated garage.



Tokonoma Tree

There were 8 workshop participants (7 Catlin Elms & 1 Shimpaku Juniper). The Elms were in 4" square pots, 9" to 15" tall, 6 to 8 years old, well branched & partially shaped & trained. Much clipping & pruning was required, and usually, very little wiring. Most trees were reduced to mame size, between 5 to 8 inches & could be put into bonsai pots now, or grown on for heavier trunks & more branch ramification. The Juniper emerged as a 6" high mame.

MANY LITTLE TREES, - MANY BIG SMILES.



WORKSHOP PICTURES

APRIL 26th - GUEST ARTIST, DAVID EASTERBROOK

Our Business Meeting covered 19 items, including W/S registration & payments, MidAtlantic review, Study Group & future programs. George promised to get it all done in 1/2 an hour, - actual time only 22 minutes.

The Tokonoma tree was a Ficus Retusa, displayed by Jane Yaker. (sorry, no pictures.)

For his morning Lecture/Demo, David worked on a Weeping Willow. First, he presented a slide show, demonstrating the weeping styles found in nature. He explained that rather than the branches descending from the trunk, they must first grow UPWARD, & then cascade down. He greatly reduced the branches, leaving only the ones necessary for a delicate balanced tree. Every branch was meticulously wired & positioned, — the result was fabulous. The lucky raffle winner was Len Schwartz.



The afternoon workshop had many interesting trees, including (6) larch, (2) juniper, (1) spruce, & (1) sciadopities (Jap, Umbrella "Pine"). David did an exceptional job, producing the best possible design & results for each tree. Some of the larch bending was very extreme & took much raffia, taping, copper wire & **MUSCLE**. The workshop did not conclude until 6:30 PM, as David made sure everyone's tree was finished. Sorry we don't have more pictures.



THIS MONTH - MAY 24th -TROPICAL TREES - GEORGE LEBOLT

This months Meeting may be real challenge, in that instead of the usual 1 or 2 Events, we will have **3**.

- 1.) We are scheduled for our customary **9:45 AM start**. This will give everyone a little time for socializing, refreshments & the Library.
- 2.) At 10 AM **SHARP (Don't come late!)**, George will start the Lecture/Demo. He will be working on a unique Ficus, which will later be raffled off.
- 3.) This will be followed by an extremely short business meeting.
- 4.) Following this we will reset the room & commence our Raintree Workshop (NOTE: One participant had to drop out so there is now 1 opening, - if you want in, please call George @ 201-768-7455 **ASAP**). We expect this workshop to require some design decisions, some reducing & pruning & minimal wiring. Potting, care & wintering will be reviewed in detail. Other Members may sit in as "silent" observers.
- 5.) In the afternoon, George will conduct our Tropical Tree Workshop utilizing trees he selected from Florida last January. There are many different varieties & sizes of trees, and in most instances everyone will get what they expressed a preference for. Once again, "silent" observers may sit in.

We are hopeful that Bob Pruski will be able to take "before" & "after" photos.

George would especially like all of the workshop participants to schedule to join him (& JUDY) for dinner at our famous Chinese restaurant, the Grand Buffet, on Rt. 17, where you may relax, socialize and indulge in about 100 different dishes.

NEXT MONTH -JUNE 28th - 129th ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION

Once again, we are making arrangements with the weatherman to provide us with perfect day for our Lakeside Picnic, Noon to 3 PM. In event of inclement weather, we'll meet in the cabin.

We will have the same Caterer as last year, with plenty of delicious food & cold drinks. Make sure you bring your folding chair, and your Auction contributions. Your Club 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 & socialize together, but equally important, this is our **MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT**.

Towards this goal, we need **ALL** of our Members to attend & support our Club. If you haven't attended in past years, put the date on your calendar **NOW**, and **make sure** you join us.

Bring scads of Bonsai & Bonsai related items for our **AUCTION**, & bring tons of \$ to purchase all of the "treasures" at bargain basement prices. We need your active Auction support to continue to provide you with such exceptional programs & activities. Please send in **Res. Form ASAP**.

Yes, we will happily attend the 129th Annual Picnic & Auction on June 28th.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Bergen Bonsai for \$13.each for _____member
NAME: _____\$15 each for _____quests

Mail Reservation form & check to George @404 Homans Ave., Closter, NJ 07624 (or call him PDQ)

MIDATLANTIC CONVENTION REPORT

The Hudson Valley Resort & Spa did a sensational job of providing perfect weather for our weekend of April 17, 18 & 19. and the huge Vendor Area was served by 18 vendors, supplying anything & everything the Bonsai enthusiast would want or need.

The extremely talented array of presenting Bonsai Artists performed their magic & produced some exquisite Bonsai. But even more importantly, they shared their love of Bonsai & their tremendous depth of Bonsai knowledge with us.

The Exhibit of 33 trees was exceptional, & the overall quality of the trees was considerable superior to those displayed last year. Clearly, the quality of the Bonsai of our MidAtlantic Clubs Members is on the rise, & some of the improvement is surely due to the knowledge & artistry gained at our Conventions.

George LeBolt exhibited three of his trees for Bergen Bonsai (see pictures below) & his 5 trunk Bald Cypress won the Exhibit Committees Award. (Note: this tree was collected from the Everglades only 6 years ago, all branches are new, & it was first put in a Bonsai container only 3 weeks before the Convention, — amazing results for such a short time).



But the Bergen Bonsai Society has 2 major problems in re the Convention.

- 1) We must display superior trees of our other Members.
- 2) Last year ('08) our Club had the most Convention attendees.

This year, we fell off the face of the Earth, with only about 1/3 as many registrants as '08. Pity! For 2010, every one of our Members should plan on attending the MidAtlantic Convention.

It's the single most important Bonsai Event of the year. **SEE YOU ALL THERE..**

GOOD & WELFARE -

We were sorry to learn that in the middle of the MidAtlantic Convention (noon, Sat.) **Judy LeBolt** suffered a hip dislocation, & was taken to a Hospital in Kingston, NY., for treatment. She is now recovering at home, aided by Physical Therapy. She thanks all of you for your good wishes & hopes to see you at our next Meeting.

Bryce Huglemeyer was at our April meeting & we were surprised to learn that he was recovering from both a dislocated shoulder & a cerebral hematoma. He looked like the walking wounded, but smilingly told us he's doing well. Keep it up, Bryce.

STUDY GROUP & WORKSHOP STAUTS

Some openings are still available, and additional Study Group date has been added. See other sections of this Newsletter for details.

BONSAI MATERIAL

Because of Judy LeBolts hip dislocation, George was forced to discontinue his MidAtlantic Vendor sales @ noon on Saturday. He customarily brings a full truckload of Bonsai Stock and returns home with an empty truck, but this time he had to bring back about 1/2 of his stock.

As a consequence, he now has an overstock of some exceptional trees (mostly temperate & some tropical) available for sale at extremely low prices. If you are in the market for some good Bonsai material at excellence prices, give George a call @ 201-768-7455 and arrange to come over & browse (you'll also get a look at his extensive collection of fine Bonsai).

2009 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 sessions, \$100 for series of 3. Priority is given to earliest registrants.

1 st Series	2 nd Series	3 rd Series
SAT April 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUN July 12 <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>
SAT May 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>
SUN June 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD <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)

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.

For the 4 months (starting March) there will be only FOUR sessions available.

In addition to styling trees, here is some important TIMING information regarding potting & repotting.

April is a good time to pot or repot most Temperate Trees.

June, July and Aug are all good times to pot or repot most Tropicals.

If you are not familiar with the best potting techniques, it is important that you do it 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.