

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

## July 2009 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 19th

Time: 9:45AM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624



### MAIN PROGRAM GUEST ARTIST CHASE ROSADE

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### Year 2009 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 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 &amp; AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
	July 19	<u>GUEST ARTIST</u> – Chase Rosade – AM L/D & Afternoon <b>BYOB</b> 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 <b>BYOB</b> W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 18	<u>ANNUAL SHOW &amp; CRITIQUE</u> – G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	November 15	<u>WINTERING REVIEW &amp; 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)

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### **Workshop Registration Form**

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reg. Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To participate, check boxes below

<u><b>W/S#</b></u>	<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Material</b></u>	<u><b>Conducted By</b></u>	<u><b>Cost</b></u>	<u><b>Payable</b></u>	<u><b>Participant</b></u>	<u><b>Silent* Observer @ \$10 (BBS)</b></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** 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:** Workshops '1, '2, '3, & '4 were **FULLY SUBCRIBED.** Workshops '5, '6 & '7 still have **Some** openings. Don't miss out, don't delay, get your reservation (with payment) to George **ASAP.**

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>
SAT May 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUN Aug 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>
SUN June 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUN Aug 30 <input type="checkbox"/>	TBD <input type="checkbox"/>

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.

For the 6 months (starting March) there will be only SIX sessions available.

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

July and Aug are both 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.

## MAY 24th — TROPICAL TREES — GEORGE LeBOLT

I really didn't think he could do it, - I mean pull off a 3 act circus!, (Actually 3 1/2). First, a lecture/Demo (then a short business meeting) followed by a Brazilian Raintree Workshop & finalized with a tropical tree workshop. But our resident Bonsai Master, the renowned Monsieur LeBolt, pulled it off with ease.

At our morning Lecture/Demo, George presented us with a beautiful Ficus Retusa with a magnificent array of green leaves which totally obscured any & all branch structure. Oh, what a lovely thing it was.

Then he took out the guillotine & the branches started dropping like flies. (Many of these branches were rescued by our sympathetic Members, to root them as cuttings, to return in the future, hopefully, as beautiful trees.)

As the shrub lost more than 75% of it's branches (& all of its leaves) & as wiring & branch placement proceeded, suddenly a very interesting, multi-trunk Bonsai evolved. In short order it became an aged tree of character.



The lucky raffle winner was Jeanie Wu.

George explained that if you de-leaf at all, remove all of the leaves, so that they will grow uniformly as the new leaves evolve. Otherwise, if just a single branch is de-leaved, there is a good chance that the tree will just give up on that branch and let it die, as the energy will go to the branches with leaves. Another reason to defoliate is that it makes seeing the structure of the tree much easier as well as the wiring which follows. However, we were warned, only do this if the tree is healthy and at the right time of year.

The business meeting came next. It was short and made as pleasant as only George can do, with his out-of-this-world humor. Much was accomplished.

Then George conducted a Workshop featuring Brazilian Raintrees. Some clever silent observers remained to see what they could learn. Unfortunately this author was not one of them so observations will have to be written by another.

Mitch Becker

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The Brazilian Raintree Workshop followed with 7 participants. George supplied the trees (from 6 to 12 years old) which were already substantially designed. They all had substantial trunk movement with branches in the right locations. Multiple front options were available & choices were made. The trees were reduced & pruned, & with minimal wiring (or some times only a tie-down) everyone left with what we hope will be future show trees. Most importantly, George provided all the information for care, potting, wintering, etc.. Wouldn't it be great if all the workshop participants would bring their trees to a meeting in 2years, so we could all see their progress?



Before

After

Typical Workshop Result

In the afternoon, George conducted the Tropical tree workshop for 8 participants, with terrific trees that he supplied. These included Ficus Kingman, Ficus “too little”, Ficus Kiki, Bucida Spindsa (Dwf black olive), Dwf Fukien Tea, Portulacaria Afra & Barbados Cherry. They ranged in size from 18 inches to almost 3 feet tall. Each tree was carefully analyzed and the designs were extremely varied. Basic designs were solidified & main pruning, defoliating & some basic wiring was performed. In many cases finer wiring would have to be done later, at home. Great trees, great results, & a great time was had by all. Thanks George.



## **JUNE 28th — ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION**

The weather department predicted possible showers, but BBS arranged for a perfect day, — temperature 78 degree & a mild breeze from the lake.

We began devouring the caterers (hot & cold) delicious warps & by 1 PM we were completely sated.

A tremendous amount of Bonsai materials had been donated for our Auction, due in part to several of our Members down sizing because of moving from a house to an apartment.

Our 31 attendees sometimes came away with absolute bargains, but even when the bidding was fast & furious, the final bids were still bargains. Thank fully, our Club was able to realize enough \$ to pay for a 2010 visiting Bonsai Artist. We all had a marvelous time, — good food, good friends & good buys. Can't wait to do it again next year.



## **THIS MONTH — JULY 19 GUEST ARTIST -- CHASE ROSADE**

No introduction is needed for this Bonsai Artist. He has presented several programs for us in the past \* we look forward to seeing him in action again.

He will perform a Lect/Demo in the morning (tree to be selected & raffled off). This will start **promptly** @ 10:15 ( leaving a little time earlier of refreshments & socializing), so please don't arrive late, as this would disrupt the presentation. Following the Lect/Demo, there will be a very short business meeting & then the winning raffle ticket will be pulled.

We will then reset the room for our BYOB workshop. There are currently two openings available, — Sign up & take advantage of Chase Rosade talents. To reserve quickly, call George @ 201-768-7455.

## **NEXT MONTH — AUG 16 BYOB STYLING OPEN WORKSHOP - GEORGE 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 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, (plus the workshop).
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 many more Members doing the hands-on work with their trees, and we would also like to involve several more advanced Members in teaching and assisting others.

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

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

We are sorry to report the recent passing of Peter Sobel's father, — our heart felt condolences to him & his family.

We are also sorry to report that David Feitelson was hospitalized for some time & is now promoted to recovery in a Nursing Facility. Speedy recovery David.

## **STUDY GROUP & WORKSHOP STATUS**

Two new Study Group dates have been established

These are probably the last ones for this year.

There are still a few openings available for our coming workshops.

See separate sections of this Newsletter for pertinent details.

## **BONSAI MATERIAL**

We again remind all of our Members that George LeBolt has some **exceptional** trees (mostly temperate But some tropicals) available for sale at **extremely** low prices. Give him a call at 201-768-7455 to arrange to come over & browse (you'll also get a look at his extensive collections of fine Bonsai).

## **ANNUAL SHOW & 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.

## **BBS WBSITE**

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

## **LIBRARY**

As usual, our **complete** Library inventory is posted on our website (BergenBonsai.com). See what you want, contact our Librarians (Diane, John & Virginia), 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.