

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

## Oct 2009 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, Oct 18th

Time: 9:45AM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624



### MAIN PROGRAM ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW AND CRITIQUE

#### **The Bergen Bonsai Society**

Incorporated

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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 &amp; AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
	July 19	<u>GUEST ARTIST</u> – Chase Rosade – AM L/D & Afternoon <b>BYOB W/S</b>	<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 W/S</b>	<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 ,event or time, 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

## LAST MONTH — SEPT 13TH — GUEST ARTIST

Our guest Artist for this meeting was none other than Roy Nagatoshi. Roy, a second generation Bonsai Artist and Nurseryman, has been giving lecture/demonstrations in the United States for over thirty years. Having such talent was not just entertaining, but also inspirational.

Roy was provided with a Korean Boxwood (*boxus sinica*) for his demo tree. Upon his inspection he discovered that the tree had three main branches coming off the trunk from the same general area. These branches were too high up on the trunk to consider a multi-trunk approach, so he picked one that could be used for the best possible front of the tree and seemed to have the best line, movement, and branching to work with.

After removing the superfluous branches and dense growth, Roy came to the realization that his original styling idea was not going to be the best design for this material. His main trunk was too straight and had little or no branching where it was needed. On to plan B, — Shohin!

By the time Roy was finished, he had removed over 95% of the tree. What was left was a small, well designed Shohin with great potential.



Roy takes a look  
Before his demo



Present the tree to the club



As he get to work, he realizes this tree will have to be a shohin



He makes a final check



Roy with Bob P. who was the lucky raffle winner of the tree

After a quick lunch break Roy captured the attention of the lucky eight Members who had signed up for his afternoon workshop. He had all the workshop participants gather around each tree while he discussed, with its' owner, each tree's possibilities. The trees that were brought in for the workshop were quite varied & included: Juniper Prostrate, Juniper Procumbens Nana, collected Larch and Ponderosa Pine. Then it was time to get to work, — wiring, branch cutting and jinning, while Roy went from work station to work station aiding and encouraging each member until everyone had completed the original work needed for their tree to begin its journey to becoming a quality bonsai.



Of course the day wouldn't complete unless we gathered at the Grand Chinese Buffet to discuss the day's events and to enjoy one another's company over a delicious meal.

Our thanks go out to Roy for a great day. I know I'm looking forward to his next visit with our Bergen Bonsai Society.

Bob Pruski

## **THIS MONTH — OCT 18TH — ANNUAL SHOW & CRITIQUE**

This is the one we've all been gearing up for. We expect **Each & Every Member** to bring in their best tree for our Show. At whatever level in bonsai you are at, we want every Member to proudly participate.

Members failing to display a tree will be impaled with Raintree or Citrus thorns (their choice), - get the point?

Additionally, let us know if you want your tree to be considered for the 2010 MidAtlantic Exhibit.

We anticipate that the critique will be an instructional adjunct, from which we can all enjoy & profit.

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## **NEXT MONTH - NOV 15TH — WINTERING REVIEW & BONSAI VIDEO**

We will cover a broad gamut of all wintering techniques for both hardy & tropical trees, offering many solutions of how to guarantee the survival & good health of all your Bonsai. Members suggestions will also be encouraged.

Following This we will review our 2010 programs & then view a Bonsai Video.

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## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY — DEC 6TH — NOON TILL 3 PM**

Another year is drawing down and we (& most of our trees) 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.

We are holding the cost to only \$14 per member (\$16 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 ASAP, to George @ 404 Homans Ave. Closter, NJ 07624

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## **2009 Holiday Party Reservation Form**

Yes, I will surely join the Holiday Festivities!!

Date form Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 14 each      Number of guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16 each

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## GOOD AND WELFARE

We were sorry to hear that Judy LeBolt has been again, due to a dislocated hip. She will have replacement surgery soon. — Speedy recovery Judy.

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## BBS WBSITE

Go to [www.bergenbonsai.com](http://www.bergenbonsai.com) & you can view our Newsletters, pictures from our last Meetings, the MidAtlantic Convention, & much more. Continuing thanks to Bob Pruski.

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## LIBRARY

As usual, the **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 in general, & especially, wiring techniques.

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