

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Feb 2010 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 21st.

Time: 9:45AM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624



MAIN PROGRAM **ELECTION** **POT SALE & TOOL SHARPENING**

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated

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Year 2010 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 24	<u>PRESENTATION BY A SURPRISE ARTIST</u>	<u>X</u>			
February 21	<u>POT SALE AND TOOL SHARPENING</u>	<u>X</u>			
March 21	<u>TEMPERATE (MATERIAL SUPPLIED) WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 16, 17, 18	<u>MIDATLANTIC CONVENTION</u> @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY				<u>X</u>
April 25	<u>GUEST ARTIST</u> — Charles Ceronio — AM L/D & Aft BYOB W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
May 16	<u>BERGEN SHOW</u> — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ (1pm-5pm)				<u>X</u>
June 20	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
July 18	<u>TROPICAL WORKSHOP — BYOB</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
August 15	<u>STYLING OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
September 19	<u>GUEST ARTIST</u> — Marty Schmalenberg AM L/D & Aft BYOB W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 17	<u>GUEST ARTIST</u> — David Easterbook (MATERIAL SUPPLIED)— AM L/D & Aft W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 21	<u>WINTERING REVIEW & ANNUAL SHOW & CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>			
December 12	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY</u> (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

BBS 2010 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

1. **March 21st** **Temperate Tree W/S (trees supplied)**
Morning Workshop— Regular Meeting Time. No Potting—Styling Only
2. **April 25th** **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist—Charles Ceronio (MidAtlantic Guest Artist)**
Afternoon Workshop— (after morning Lecture/Demo)
3. **July 18th** **Tropical Tree W/S (BYOB)**
Regular Meeting Time — Open to all members—Registration Required
4. **Aug 15th** **Styling Open W/S (BYOB)**
Regular Meeting Time — Open to all members — Registration Require — Limitation: 1 Tree per Member
5. **Sept 19th** **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist—Marty Schmalenber**
Afternoon Workshop— (after morning Lecture/Demo)
6. **Oct 17th** **Scotts Pine W/S with Guest Artist— David Easterbrook (trees supplied)**
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*</u> <u>Observer @ \$10</u> <u>(BBS)</u>
1.	Mar 21	Temperate Tree (supplied)	Sobel / Pruski	TBD	BBS		
2.	Apr 25	BYOB	Charles Ceronio	\$40	BBS		
3.	Jul 18	BYOB	Sobel /Pruski	\$0			
4.	Aug 15	Tropical Trees BYOB	Sobel / Pruski	\$0			
5.	Sept 19	BYOB	Marty Schmalenberg	\$40	BBS		
6.	Oct 17	Scotts Pine (supplied)	David Easterbrook	\$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:** Participants to bring trees (if applicable), turntables, wire, tools, etc (and potting materials, if applicable).

Detach & **mail** (or bring to next meeting) this Registration Form (with check for Workshop or Observer) to Bob Pruski, 16 Hamilton St., Montvale, NJ 07645 — Make checks payable to: the Bergen Bonsai Society

DON'T FORGET: If you register and then find out later that you can't come, please have the courtesy to call Peter Sobel or Bob Pruski.

These events and there specific details ae subject to change.

LAST MONTH — JAN 24TH — PRESENTATION BY PETER SOBEL

Though we all miss George, our bonsai trees need us to continue our interest in them and for us to keep learning and continue our devotion to their care. The club will go on. We will strive to make it better with time and that will be our tribute to the "Master".

Virginia started right on time and conducted a short business meeting. We collected dues and then discussed the need for club members to consider bringing trees for the MidAtlantic exhibition (Dean, the Pinowskis and Len are each considering bringing a tree). Our club show in May will be held in Wycoff. It would be great if we could have a tree on exhibit from each member of the club. This is a show that will be open to the public and we expect a good number of people to visit us there. Peter then presented his Tokanoma, a group of Suiseki, each in its own custom made wooden tray (Diaza) and gave us background on the art of viewing stones. Bob distributed pictures and prices (\$30, \$45 or \$75) of the three possible trees that club members can order for the tropical tree workshop to be held in March. You must have your order and money in at the February meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the power point show prepared and presented by Peter. Not only did we view great bonsai, (some not so great), but we also viewed what is supposed to be the largest trunk of a tree and the oldest tree in the world. Peter really has a knack of putting together a group of pictures that are not only interesting, but also variable and unique. His discussions of them are both educational and creative. Thank you Peter!

We held a Board meeting after the general meeting and it was decided to hold our election for the 2010 Board members at the February general meeting, following the procedures of our bylaws. Please be sure to attend so that your vote can be counted. Ten people will be elected to the new Board and the nominees must be present at the meeting to accept.

THIS MONTH — FEB 21ST — ELECTION, POT SALE & TOOL SHARPENING

We have four important topics for February:

1. Election

By now, you have all received a ballot with instructions by either e-mail or snail mail. We will have an election for board of directors as per the by-laws. Please bring your ballot with you. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Please be advised that only 2010 paid members are eligible to vote.

2. Pot Sale

Be sure to bring money or you checkbook to enable you to participate in our annual pot sale. Pots will be much less expensive than in a retail shop. Potting time is approaching so be ready with the correct pot for that special tree. Keep in mind our upcoming show in May.

3. Tool Sharpening

Ralf Schumann will advise us on keeping our tools sharp and ready for use. Bonsai work involves the use of many types of tools which require special care to perform at peak condition. Now is the time to do maintenance items.

4. Collect money for the March temperate tree workshop. **(LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP)******

NEXT MONTH—MAR 21TH — TEMPERATE WORKSHOP

As explained at the January meeting, we will have a temperate (outdoor) tree workshop with the material supplied. Bob and Peter have located three good looking types of plants in 3 price ranges for us. Photos of the tree types were shown to January attendees and people expressed their interest. At the February meeting we will take a your order and collect the money for your tree.

GOOD AND WELFARE

George and Judy are now in The Arbors at Port Warwick Newport News, Virginia phone: 757-310-6549. George has been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and would like our support at this critical time.

BBS WBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view our Newsletters, pictures from our last Meetings, the MidAtlantic Convention, our EXTENSIVE LIBRARY & much more. Continuing thanks to Bob Pruski.

LIBRARY

As usual, the **complete** Library inventory is posted on our website (BergenBonsai.com). See what you want, contact our Librarians (Diane, John & David), 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. The library is a treasure of information just waiting to answer all of your questions and some that you haven't even thought about yet. Use these winter months to answer the questions that you have about your trees and get answers in time for the growing season.

OFFICERS & STAFF

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Mitch Becker	Bob Pruski
Marlene Cuniberti	Ralf Schumann
Rose Chan	Virginia Shen
Teresa Plummer	Peter Sobel
Victor Plummer	Len Schwartz

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	
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Library (Bonsai Today/Focus)	Diann Pinkowski
Library (Int'l Bonsai, BCL misc.)	Diann Pinkowski
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