

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

## May 2010 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 16th

Time: 11 AM - 5 PM

Place: McFaul Environmental Center

150 Crescent Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481



Bergen Show  
McFaul Environmental Center  
Wyckoff, NJ

**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 WORKSHOP — (MATERIAL SUPPLIED)</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 — Charles Ceronio</u> — 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 27	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC &amp; AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
	July 18	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 15	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	September 19	<u>GUEST ARTIST — Marty Schmalenberg</u> AM L/D & Aft BYOB W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 17	<u>GUEST ARTIST — David Easterbook (MATERIAL SUPPLIED)—</u> AM L/D & Aft W/S	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 21	<u>WINTERING REVIEW &amp; ANNUAL SHOW &amp; 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**      **Open Workshop (BYOB)**  
Regular Meeting Time — Open to all members—Registration Required
4. **Aug 15th**      **Open Workshop (BYOB)**  
Regular Meeting Time — Open to all members — Registration Required — Limit 1 Tree per Member
5. **Sept 19th**      **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist—Marty Schmalenberg**  
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)

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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*</b></u> <u><b>Observer @ \$10</b></u> <u><b>(BBS)</b></u>
1.	Mar 21	Temperate Tree (supplied)	Sobel / Pruski	TBD	BBS		
2.	Apr 25	BYOB	Charles Ceronio	\$40	BBS		
3.	Jul 18	Open Workshop BYOB	Sobel / Pruski	\$0			
4.	Aug 15	Open Workshop 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 their specific details are subject to change.**

## LAST MONTH — APR 25th — GUEST ARTIST — CHARLES CERONIO

With Bob in Asia, Virginia took over the meeting and did her usual elegant job. The meeting went smoothly and quickly, allowing maximum time for our visiting dignitary, Charles Ceroni. Charles came all the way from South Africa to share his extensive bonsai knowledge with all of us. He was fresh from the MidAtlantic convention where he was a featured presenter.

The source of the “bush” that Charles had to work with, had an interesting history. It was growing for many years in front of the I-Hop restaurant in Teaneck. When they decided to redo the landscape, they were about to dig it up and toss it. When Len came along and said that he would dig it up if they would let him have it. No question, of course. With a big shovel, big shoulders, and a great heart. Len took the time and devoted the effort to save it from euthanasia. He hauled it to the Teaneck garden club and planted it in the ground for two years. Charles was the lucky benefactor. Len dug it up the morning of the meeting and planted it in a gorgeous bonsai pot. However, he made it clear that the pot did not come with the tree when the tree is raffled off.

The shrub was presented to Charles. The challenge—find the bonsai in this “mess”. The shrub was full of very heavy dead wood and little greenery but Charles was up to the task. He chopped and cut and shaped and cut. The really heavy branches that needed bending were bound with wet raffia and wired by Len and Peter. The bending process produced lots of sweat from both of them but it was accomplished. Those heavy trunks went where Charles wanted them. After several hours of work, a pre-bonsai of interesting stature emerged.

The raffle was a verbal contest as to who the winner would be. Ralph began his voodoo act to have his ticket selected but to no avail. AMAZING!! The winner was Len, tree and pot. CONGRATULATIONS to all who made this a very successful meeting.



The afternoon workshop followed. As always, we have a full house. Charles gave his artistic advice to our members on how their pre-bonsai can become a unique bonsai. He started off to examine the pre-bonsai, clear out what is not a bonsai. Showed our members the different possibilities on their tree, then he drew a sketch of the creation. Some of the members asked him to autograph on his sketch. May be one day, the signed sketch of Charles Ceroni and the bonsai will auction for big money.



## **THIS MEETING—MAY 16TH—ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER WYCKOFF, NJ**

It's spring, and what is a better way to spend the day than at an eighty-one acre wildlife sanctuary. Yes, that's right, 81 acres of nature trails, waterfowl ponds, daffodils, rhododendrons, a hosta garden and much more. The Bergen Bonsai Society's May 16th meeting will be a public showing of our trees at the *James A. McFaul Environmental Center* on Crescent Avenue in Wyckoff.

**Bring your best trees and show Bergen County what and who we are. This is our first "open house", so let's make it a success.**

Set up starts at 1:00 PM the show will end at 4:45 PM. Some of us will need to arrive by 12 noon to help setup. For those who are bringing trees, please try to arrive by 12:30 PM, we can prepare the display of your creations. We wish to see everyone participate. For those who cannot stay for the day, please arrange for someone to take your trees home.

Please log onto the link below to see the full brochure on this park.

For information: <http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/ParksPDF/5%20Environmental%20Center.pdf>

For directions: <http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/bcParks/PDFs/McFaulDirections.pdf>



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## **NEXT MEETING —JUNE 27th—130th ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION**

Our annual picnic is not only the opportunity 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. **Please sign up ASAP**, send your check to Bob with the set up form below.

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Yes, we will be happily attend the 130th Annual Picnic & Auction on June 27th.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Bergen Bonsai for \$15. each for \_\_\_\_\_ member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$18. each for \_\_\_\_\_ guest

Mail Reservation form & check to Bob @16 Hamilton St., Montvale, NJ 07645



## MIDATLANTIC NEWS

It was a success as usually thanks to the Board, and to Len Schwartz and Ralf Schumann our representatives. This year, the first "George LeBolt Peoples choice award" was presented and can be seen in the photo below. Also pictured is the wonderful ficus that Len Schwartz submitted. This was the first tree our club submitted that was not one of George's in many years, and we couldn't be prouder for the great Job Len did.



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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, our EXTENSIVE LIBRARY & 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). Please contact our Librarians (for magazines — Diane; video — David; books — Rose), 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.

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