

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

Nov 2010 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, Dec 12th

Time: 12 Noon—3 PM

Place: Taj Palace Restaurant

513 Cedar Lane Teaneck, NJ 07666



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**The Bergen Bonsai Society**

Incorporated

P.O. Box 822

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

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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 Easterbrook (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

## **LAST MONTH'S MEETING — NOVEMEBER 21ST.— BERGEN BONSAI SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW**

What a great meeting We started out with a very complete lecture by Bob on the winter care of bonsai. It is very close to the time when we must start winterizing all but the tropicals, which are stored at room temperature indoors. Bob presented not only a verbal review of the many types of bonsai and their care but also the many alternate ways of caring for them during the cold weather. Follow his directions and chose a method that works best for you. Put your bonsai and pre-bonsai and your worries away and they will be happy and alert next spring.

It was a bonsai styling opportunity for everyone. We ended up with 18 bonsai of all shapes, sizes, and species. Before each owner presented their bonsai, the members studied the bonsai and voted for their three favorites ones. It was a wonderful way to learn and at the same time get some great ideas on how to possibly improve their bonsai. Each person who brought in a tree got multiple praises and also multiple suggestions. It all went very smoothly and everyone seemed to have a good time. For me it was another good learning experience.





The top bonsai were very close in total votes. They were (and not in this order): a large trunked Fukien tea by Peter, a large Nerifolia Ficus with an interesting Nebari by me, a wonderful Penjing scene by Bob, and a lovely tall Alberta spruce by Ralph. Also noted was a lovely bonsai on a very large rock by Len. Every member bonsai that was brought in was interesting and received valuable improvement comments as well as observations of their finer points. Thanks to *everyone* who brought in a bonsai. We certainly valued the work and time that each one devoted to their “art” work.

“A good time was had by all” - Mitch



## **THIS MONTH'S MEETING —DECEMBER 12TH., NOON TIL 3 PM —ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

Time to celebrate it all, as we gather together for our traditional Holiday Luncheon Party. This year we will try a different cuisine **Taj Palace Restaurant** at 513 Cedar Lane Teaneck, NJ 07666 Tel: 201-530-1950

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 gift and there will also be three surprise door prizes.

## **NEXT MONTH'S MEETING — JANUARY 16 TH.,— GUEST ARTIST — DICK RAUH**

Bergen Bonsai will be doing something quite different for our **January 16, 2011** meeting. We are lucky enough to have the renown artist Dick Rauh give a lecture and demo on the drawing and illustrating of bonsai. He will also attempt to have all members present try a bit of drawing too.

Mr. Rauh came to botanical painting in retirement, after a career in **motion picture** special effects. The certificate program in botanical art at the New York Botanical Garden led to illustration work for a number of scientists. Ignorance of botany caused him to pursue a graduate program in plant sciences, and he earned a doctorate in 2001 from the **City University of New York**. A collection of his work received a gold medal from the **Royal Horticultural Society** in January 2006 and a **Best in Show** award. He has a number of paintings in the exhibit **Connecticut Invasive**, currently at the Peabody Museum in **New Haven, Connecticut**, and in the touring show **New York Invasive**. As a fellow of the **Brooklyn Botanic Garden Florilegium Society**, he has drawn a number of specimen trees in the living collection, including several in the Garden's important collection of bonsai.

BBS is very fortunate to have MR. Rauh visit us and I hope all our members take advantage of this unique opportunity.

## **OFFICERS & STAFF**

<b><u>OFFICERS</u></b>	
President	Bob Pruski
Vice President	Virginia Shen
Treasurer	Mitch Becker
Secretary	Marlene Cuniberti
<b><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></b>	
Mitch Becker	Bob Pruski
Marlene Cuniberti	Ralf Schumann
Rose Chan	Virginia Shen
Teresa Plummer	Peter Sobel
Victor Plummer	Len Schwartz

<b><u>COMMITTEES</u></b>	
Library (Videos)	David Feitelson
Library (Hard Cover Books)	Rose Chan
Library (Bonsai Today/Focus)	Diann Pinkowski
Library (Int'l Bonsai, BCL misc.)	Diann Pinkowski
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Programs	Bob Pruski Peter Sobel
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## Tentative 2011 Calendar of Events will be finalized on the next newsletter

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	January 16	<u>GUEST ARTIST— Dick Rauh — Drawing Bonsai</u> (presentation/demo)	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	February 20	<u>ELECTION OF BBS BOARD — POT SALE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	March 20	<u>TEMPERATE TREE WORKSHOP OR RE-POTTING WORKSHOP</u> <u>Power Point Presentation of Bonsai Festival — Bob Pruski</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 10	<u>POSSIBLE L/D WITH MID-ATLANTIC HEADLINER</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 15,16,17	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u>				<u>X</u>
	May 15	<u>BERGEN SHOW — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ</u> ( 1pm-5pm)		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
	June 19	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC &amp; AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
	July 17	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 21	<u>GUEST ARTIST — John Romano—</u> AM L/D & PM workshop	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	September 17	<u>EVENING POT-LUCK DINNER WITH A DEMO BY Eric Auger</u>			<u>X</u>	
	September 18	<u>GUEST ARTIST — Eric Auger — CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 16	<u>GUEST ARTIST —David Easterbrook —</u> AM L/D & PM workshop	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 20	<u>WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 11	<u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>

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## Election of the 2011 Board of Directors

You are receiving this mailing because you were a member of *The Bergen Bonsai Society (BBS)* in 2010. Receiving this notice does not automatically give you the right to participate in the voting process in the BBS election unless your dues are paid in full for 2011.

Attached is a nominating form for the 2011 Board of Directors. Your nomination(s) for the board may be mailed via USPS to our P.O. Box or emailed to [bpruski@verizon.net](mailto:bpruski@verizon.net) and must be received no later than Friday January 14, 2011. Open nominations will also be welcomed at our January 16, 2011 meeting. Nominations will be accepted for any BBS member provided they have been a member of The Bergen Bonsai Society for at least twelve months, they have been consulted with and are willing to accept the nomination, and they will fully participate in the work and obligations that serving on the Board entails. You will be sent a ballot with all nominees before our February 20, 2011, meeting at which time each member will be asked to check off their nine choices to serve on the board for the next year. You may mail your ballot to the BBS P.O. Box or bring your ballot to the meeting on February 20, 2010. If you mail in your ballot it must be in the P.O. Box by Thursday @/17/2011. Please make sure your membership dues are paid for 2011 or you will be unable to vote.

This procedure is compliant to the current By-Laws that govern BBS. That is, the general membership elects the Board of Directors and then the Board of Directors elects the club's officers.

When you hand in your ballot to the election custodians at the meeting do not write your name on it. The choices you make on your ballot are to remain anonymous.

For your convenience a list of 2010 BBS members, a list of the 2010 Board of Directors, and a list of those members that are currently engaged in committees or club related activities is also attached to this mailing.

# BERGEN BONSAI SOCIETY

## Nominations for the 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please write any person you wish to nominate for the BBS Board of Directors for 2011. Any BBS member is eligible provided they have been a member of The Bergen Bonsai Society for at least twelve months, they have been consulted with and are willing to accept the nomination, they will fully participate in the work and obligations that serving on the Board entails and they have paid their 2011 membership dues. Also, the nominations made by the current BBS Board are listed below

1. Mitch Becker
2. Marlene Cuniberti
3. Rose Chan
4. Teresea Plummer
5. Victor Plummer
6. Bob Pruski
7. Ralf Shumann
8. Len Schwartz
9. Peter Sobel
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