

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

## **JAN 2011 Newsletter**

**Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan 16th**

**Time: 9:45 AM —3 PM**

**Place: Closter Nature Center**

**154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624**



An educational  
non-profit organization

### **GUEST ARTIST**

**Dick Rauh**

### **The Bergen Bonsai Society**

Incorporated

P.O. Box 822

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

**Website: BergenBonsai.com**



### **Year 2011 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 16	<b><u>GUEST ARTIST— Dick Rauh — Drawing Bonsai</u></b> (presentation/demo)	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
February 20	<b><u>ELECTION OF BBS BOARD — POT SALE</u></b>	<u>X</u>			
March 20	<b><u>TEMPERATE TREE WORKSHOP OR RE-POTTING WORKSHOP</u></b> <b><u>Power Point Presentation of Bonsai Festival — Bob Pruski</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 10	<b><u>POSSIBLE L/D WITH MID-ATLANTIC HEADLINER</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 15,16,17	<b><u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u></b>				<u>X</u>
May 15	<b><u>BERGEN SHOW — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ ( 1pm-5pm)</u></b>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
June 19	<b><u>ANNUAL PICNIC &amp; AUCTION @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)</u></b>		<u>X</u>		
July 17	<b><u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
August 21	<b><u>GUEST ARTIST — John Romano—AM L/D &amp; PM workshop</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
September 17	<b><u>EVENING POT-LUCK DINNER WITH A DEMO BY Eric Auger</u></b>			<u>X</u>	
September 18	<b><u>GUEST ARTIST — Eric Auger — CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 16	<b><u>GUEST ARTIST —David Easterbrook —AM L/D &amp; PM workshop</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 20	<b><u>WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE</u></b>	<u>X</u>			
December 11	<b><u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u></b>		<u>X</u>		<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 — DECEMBER 12TH — ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

It was different. It was unusual. It was a good time had by all. That was the summation of our Holiday Party this year. The food was not Chinese and there were no shrimp but what was served was a *very* large variety of Indian foods with each more delicious and tasty than the next. There were a few spicy dishes for those who like that type of food but the rest were quite mild. Outstanding for me was the mild beef and fish curry along with the moist tandoori chicken. The two desserts, one quite sweet, were a fine finish to the meal.



We missed a few of our members and send our best wishes to Jane Yaker who was just released from a hospital and could not attend.

With full stomachs, Bob thanked the members who contributed to the success of the Club by their hard work and devoted efforts. However no one has put in more time and effort than Bob himself and we all thanked him for his great efforts in making the club a huge success this past year. Bob then reviewed the program for next year and it sounds like a very exciting one with some firsts. Check your newsletter for details.

Bob reminded us that elections will be coming up soon so put in your nominations for members who wish to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. We will be voting for nine members to serve (and work).

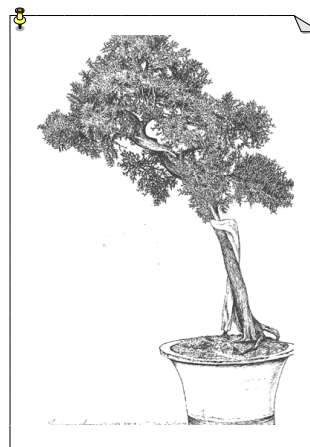
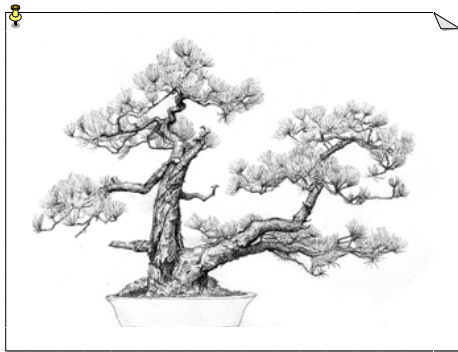
The door prizes this year were exceptional. There was a beautiful tea set won by Dianne. Marlene took home a very colorful bonsai calendar. Virginia has a new Japanese scroll to add to her tokonoma room at home. One of the best bonsai books (the Naka Techniques #1) was added to Marlene's library. Elena is the new owner of a lovely tall Japanese cascade pot. Thanks Bob for the shopping spree.

Everyone left with a full stomach and a smile on their face as we wished each other a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

## **THIS 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

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## **NEXT MONTH'S MEETING — FEBRUARY 20TH — ELECTION OF BBS BOARD — POT SALE**

Our meeting on February 20th is one of the most important of the year. This is when we elect our executive board. There are nine members on the board and so far we have a slate of 12. This is where you, the members of BBS, decide on the future of the organization. On the January 16th meeting the voting ballots will be dispersed and the actual vote will finalize on February 20th.

Also on the agenda for the February meeting will be a slide presentation by Bob Pruski of the 2010 bonsai festival in Omiya, Japan. This should be a very enjoyable presentation.

## MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies (MABS) Festival April 15, 16 and 17 Holiday Inn Grantville Penn ( near Harrisburg)

Bergen members should have received a MidAtlantic brochure. MABS, our regional group, is composed of eleven local clubs extending from Springfield Mass. In the north east to eastern Penn. In the south west. This is the 27th year of the Festival.

The Festival has four major components : an exhibit of the some of the best trees belonging to club members, a large venders area at which everything associated with bonsai can be bought, continuous lecture demonstrations by three world renowned international bonsai artists and Sunday workshops conducted by these same artists. In addition, this year there will be a separate display of trees by professional area artists and on Friday April 15th MABS will conduct a competition for new talent ( with only few years experience ) with the winner automatically enrolled in the ABS new talent completion in June.

The invited Artists this year will be **Yasuo Mitsuya** from Japan, **Steve Tolley** from England and **Kathy Shanner** from the US.

Costs are   \$150 for a full registration (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)  
              \$75 for a first time registrant or a non bonsai spouse  
              \$115 for Friday and Saturday only (which includes lunch)  
              \$90 /night for hotel stay

The Grantville Holiday Inn is located about 170 miles from the GW bridge and takes under 3 hours to reach.

### OFFICERS & STAFF

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

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	
Library (Videos)	David Feitelson
Library (Hard Cover Books)	Rose Chan
Library (Bonsai Today/Focus)	Diann Pinkowski
Library (Int'l Bonsai, BCL misc.)	Diann Pinkowski
Hospitality	Teresa Plummer
Refreshments	Elsbeth Christern Ralf Schumann
Tokonoma	
Good & Welfare	Virginia Shen
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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.  RoseChan
3.  MarlenCuniberti
4.  John Passante
5.  Dianne Pinkowski
6.  John Pinkowski
7.  Teresea Plummer
8.  Victor Plummer
9.  Bob Pruski
10.  Ralf Shumann
11.  Len Schwartz
12.  Peter Sobel
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