

The Bergen Bonsai Society

MAR 2011 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, Mar.20th

Time: 9:45 AM —5:00 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624



PRESENTATION : BONSAI SOIL POTTING/ RE-POTTING WORKSHOP

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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> |
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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>PRESENTATION BONSAI SOIL POTTING/ RE-POTTING WORK- SHOP — TEMPERATE TREE WORKSHOP</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| * | April | <u>NO MEETING</u> | | | | |
| | April 15,16,17 | <u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u> | | | | <u>X</u> |
| | May 15 | <u>BERGEN SHOW — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ (1pm-5pm)</u> | | <u>X</u> | | <u>X</u> |
| * | June 12 | <u>ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)</u> | | <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—AM L/D & PM workshop</u> | <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 —AM L/D & PM workshop</u> | <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> |

* 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 — FEBRUARY 20TH — ELECTION OF BBS BOARD — POT SALE - Power Point Presentation of Bonsai Festival — Bob Pruski

Bob opened the meeting with a review for new members of the role of the tokanoma at the start of meetings and the purpose of the bonsai clinic. He then reviewed our schedule for the remainder of the year. The last piece of business was the election of a new Board of Directors.

A pot sale was held allowing our members a chance to fill in their inventory for pots that they might need for spring potting and repotting.

Peter has done extensive research and has finally located a source for orchid bark in the size that can be mixed with bonsai soil, particularly for tropicals. He also is going to arrange for members to buy bonsai soil from yet another source at an excellent price with a bulk discount. More info will be forthcoming for price and how to place your orders.

The ballots were counted and the results created our Board for 2011 composed of Marlene, Rose, Al K (new), John P (new), Bob, Ralf, Len, Peter, and myself. At the end of the session, the new Board held elections for officers as follows: President, Bob; Vice-President, Peter; Treasurer, myself; and Secretary, Marlene. We all promise to do our best to make this a VERY successful and interesting year

Bob made a six day stop in Japan last spring on his way to visit his brother in Guam. He had the opportunity to tour a town that has multiple world renown bonsai artists studios. He met many of the artists and viewed trees that were for sale as well as their own personal gardens and trees. He prepared an excellent power point presentation and we all had the opportunity to take the trip with him as he explained what we were looking at. One thing many of us noted was how different some of the trees looked compared to the classic Japanese style and "rules". There were number of trees that were more free form than we usually see in trees of this caliber. Perhaps this allowed the artist to be even more expressive in presenting the message that he wanted the tree to convey. It was exciting for us so I can only imagine what it was like for Bob to be there.



Welcome to our newest member Isidoro & Nelly Muniz and "Sunny" Lee. May your bonsai grow and flourish. - Mitch

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING — MARCH 20TH -PRESENTATION ON BONSAI SOIL,
POTTING/RE-POTTNG BY MIKE HUMPHREY —TEMPERATE TREE WORKSHOP**

We will begin our meeting with Mike Humphrey's presentation on **bonsai soil, potting/re-potting**. Follows will be an open workshop. **One can bring their own tree to work at no charge, where you can have many inputs to help you with your tree.** Or we have 6 boxwoods available for \$40 each. These boxwoods are aprox. 16-18" tall with nice fat trunks—a **very good buy**. If anyone needs a tree contact Peter Sobel to reserve one now.

**NEXT MEETING — MAY 15TH—BERGEN SHOW—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. This will be our second exhibition at James A. McFaul Environmental Center on Crescent Avenue in Wyckoff.

Set up starts at 11:00 AM the show will end at 4:45 PM. Bring your best trees and show Bergen County what and who we are. More details will be forthcoming by email.

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

<http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/bcparks/McFaul.htm>

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 (For Videos — David; Hard Cover Books — Rose; Bonsai Today/ Focus —Diane and Int'l Bonsai, BCL Misc — John), 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.

Dues Payment and Information Form for 2011

Name(s) _____

Single \$35

Family \$45

Please mail with your check (payable to **Bergen Bonsai**) and this form to:

Mitchell Becker, Treasurer

85 Quarry Drive

Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Please complete the following **ONLY** if any information has **CHANGED**. This will permit us to update our mailing records. Please print using all capital letters.

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

E-mail address _____

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 Pa. 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 vendor 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>OFFEICES</u> | |
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| President | Bob Pruski |
| Vice President | Peter Sobel |
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| Rose Chan | Al Keller |
| John Passante | Peter Sobel |
| 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 |
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| Refreshments | Elsbeth Christern Ralf Schumann |
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