

The Bergen Bonsai Society



NOV 2011 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sun Nov. 20th

Time: 9:45 AM –1 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ

WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

The Bergen Bonsai Society
Incorporated
P.O. Box 822
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Year 2011 Programs Mark Your Calendar

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>AM</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AFT</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>EVE</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AWAY</u> <u>MTG</u>
	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 WORKSHOP — 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

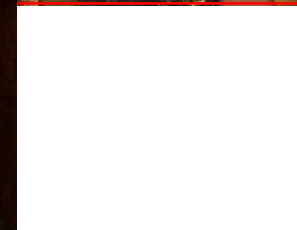
LAST MONTH'S MEETING —OCT 16TH —GROUP WORKSHOP

Our last meeting was the one that was and then wasn't and then was. The phones were ringing off the hook when Bob discovered that we had a problem with our guest artist who could not come to the scheduled date a week before the date. Our creative Bob came up with an alternate plan and boy, did it work!!!!

Bob drove down to south Jersey and picked up a number of wonderful, curvy, LARGE procumbent junipers. His plan was to divide the meeting up into a number of small groups with one or more of our more advanced members to help the entire group design a bonsai out of their "bush". Based on the number of attendees, we ended up with four groups. The bell rang and the thinking, suggestions, bending, twisting, wiring, cutting, etc. began.

After several hours, bonsai trees began to emerge. Each group had a representative discuss how and why they ended up with the design of their particular tree. Best of all, the trees were then auctioned off, one by one so that we ended up with four lucky winners.

Out of chaos came a great session. Thanks again to Bob and his creativity
Mitch



THIS MEETING —NOV 20TH — WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

Our annual show is fast approaching, and we would like to see everyone participate. After all we are a bonsai club and this is the time for us to shine. Whether you're just a beginner or one of our more experienced bonsai artists this is the time to show everyone what you've got. So start now on selecting a tree and begin getting it ready to display.

Support your club and bring in a tree to display. There will be no harsh critique, only a few observations made from some of our members on what they like about your tree and what you might do to improve it. This helps everyone learn, by seeing other member's trees and getting some ideas on how to improve their own efforts.

BBS also needs to start thinking now about participating in Mid-Atlantic's spring festival and this is a perfect way for us to get started. So bring your tree(s) for consideration to be shown at MABS

NEXT MEETING —ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY — DEC 11TH — NOON TILL 3 PM

Another year is drawing down and we (& most of our trees) have survived and prospered. Time to celebrate it all, as we gather together for our traditional Holiday Luncheon Party. This year we will try a different cuisine **Green Grill Restaurant 450 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601**

We are holding the cost to only \$22 per member (\$25 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.

Please join us, fill out the attached Reservation Form and bring it (with payment) to our next meeting.

If you can't be at the meeting, mail it **ASAP**, to **Mitchell Becker, Treasurer**

85 Quarry Drive

Woodland Park, NJ 07424

2011 Holiday Party Reservation Form

Yes, I will surely join the **Holiday Festivities Dec 11th. 2011 !!** Check payable to **Bergen Bonsai Society**

Date form Submitted _____ Name: _____

Number of Members _____ @ \$ 22 each Number of guest _____ @ \$25

Dues Payment and Information for 2012 Membership

Name (s) _____

☐ **Single \$35**

☐ **Family \$45**

Please make check payable to **Bergen Bonsai Society, and this form to**

Mitchell Becker, Treas.

85 Quarry Dr.,

Woodland, NJ 07424

Please complete the following **ONLY** if contact information need to be **update**.

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Telephone (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

E-mail address _____

GOOD AND WELFARE

BBS WBSITE

Go to **www.bergenbonsai.com** & you can view our newsletters, pictures from our latest meetings, the Mid-Atlantic Convention, our **extensive library** & much more. Continued thanks to Bob Pruski.

LIBRARY

As usual, the **complete** library inventory is posted on our website (**BergenBonsai.com**). Find 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 asset and one of the best ways to learn more about bonsai in general. The library is a treasure trove 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 get answers to the questions that you have about your trees in time for the growing season.

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