

The Bergen Bonsai Society



JAN 2012 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sun Jan 15th

Time: 9:45 AM—12:30 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ

DEAN GILLILAND **PRESENTATION ON KOREA**

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated

P.O. Box 822

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Website: BergenBonsai.com



Year 2012 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 15	<u>DEAN GILLILAND –PRESENTATION on KOREA</u>	<u>X</u>			
	February 19	<u>ELECTION OF BBS BOARD — POT SALE; SLIDE SHOW</u>	<u>X</u>			
	March 18	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP —BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 15 / 29	<u>MID-ATLANTIC ARTIST ??</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 20 - 22	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u>				<u>X</u>
	May 20	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB /MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June SAT 16	<u>MARTY SCHMALENBERG — DEVELOPING YOUR BONSAI</u> <u>EYE AT MARTY'S STUDIO STILLWATER NJ</u>	X	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
	July 15	<u>MARTY SCHMALENBERG — PART 2 / WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 19	<u>BERGEN SHOW</u> — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ (1pm-5pm)		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
	September 16	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC AND AUCTION</u>		<u>X</u>		
	October 14	<u>GUEST ARTIST —David Easterbrook —AM L/D & PM workshop</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 18	<u>WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 9	<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 —DEC 11TH 12:30 PM — 3 PM ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The Green Grill restaurant was a wonderful step-up for the 34 people who celebrated at our end- of -the-year holiday party. The buffet was endless with salads, sushi, sashimi, sea food, fruits, etc., and even soft ice cream. I participated in all of the goodies when suddenly, the waiter came around again and again with skirt steak, beef ribs, chicken legs, shish kabob, etc. I finally succumbed to my full stomach. I could not eat any more. Not only was the quantity and variety wonderful, the meats were tender and very tasty.

We had a round of thank you's to the members who contributed so much to make this year such a great success with many new programs and procedures that we had never had before. Much of this was thanks to Bob Pruski's imagination and hard work so thank you again Bob. I know that your dream is to make this into a club of members ruling the roost but this year you got us all cackling in the right order and that made our programs happen and be successful. It was a learning year and no one could ask for more. Mitch



**THIS MEETING —DEAN GILLILAND —PRESENTATION ON HIS TRIP TO KOREA
AND NORM GEISINGER — PRESENTATION ON BENDING LARGE BRANCHES**

Dean Gilliland's slide show will take us on his recent trip to Korea. And Norm Geisinger's presentation on bending large branches.

**NEXT MEETING — ELECTION; POT SALES; PETER SOBEL — BONSAI SLIDE
SHOW**

We will begin our new year with regular business meeting. Our focus will be on the Election of the 2012 Board of Directors and the year of activities. 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.

Follows with Pot Sales; Peter Sobel's slide show.

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

Our long time member **Agnes** and **David Adler** were invited by **Belskin Museum of Art, Closter, NJ** to presents an exhibit of their work of arts, sculptures.
Do not miss the opportunity to visit the exhibit. **FREE ADMISSION**
Museum opens on Saturday and Sunday bet 1 –5 pm



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.

OFFICERS & STAFF

<u>OFFEICES</u>	
President	Bob Pruski
Vice President	Peter Sobel
Treasurer	Mitch Becker
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<u>EXECUTIVE COM-MITEE</u>	
Mitch Becker	Bob Pruski
Marlene Cuniberti	Ralf Schumann
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John Passante	Peter Sobel
Len Schwartz	

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	
Library (Videos)	David Feitelson
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Election of the 2012 Board of Directors

You are receiving this mailing because you were a member of *The Bergen Bonsai Society (BBS)* in 2011. 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 2012.

Attached is a nominating form for the 2012 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 and must be received no later than Friday January 13, 2012. 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 19, 2012, 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 19, 2012. If you mail in your ballot it must be in the P.O. Box by Thursday 02/16/2012. Please make sure your membership dues are paid for 2012 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 2011 BBS members, a list of the 2011 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.

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SCULPTURE BY AGNES AND DAVID ADLER

JANUARY 8 – JANUARY 29, 2012

The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art, Closter, N.J. proudly presents an exhibit by sculptors Agnes Adler and her husband David. Both Holocaust survivors, the Adler's creative expression began in Israel where they eventually arrived after escaping the Nazis in Hungary. They met in 1955 as students at the Academy of Fine Arts in Tel Aviv and married a year later. They immigrated to the United States in 1961 and are residents of Westwood, N.J.

Agnes' style is figurative—"my sculpture reflects feelings and moods. I get emotionally involved." Her work conveys the connection between people, mostly of mothers & children. "Human emotions and the human body are my inspirations. They supply me best with significant forms, flowing lines."

On the other hand David's style is abstract—"my work is philosophical and architectural, not related to the human experience". He is involved in filling space to please the eye rather than to speak to the emotions. "It is understood that the observer cannot extend the same degree of affection toward a work of art as the artist had by creating it. It is also understood, that by rejecting the new, the unexpected, the strange; he shuts the door to the process of growth, excitement and imagination."

The Adlers have exhibited their works throughout the East Coast. Agnes was the recipient of a Puffin Foundation grant to digitalize her large collages dealing with issues of social justice, a selection of which will be in this exhibit.

EXHIBIT OPENING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 1-5 pm

Museum Hours: Saturdays and Sundays 1-5pm

Hours by appointment can be arranged

FREE ADMISSION

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