

The Bergen Bonsai Society



FEB 2012 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sun Feb 19th

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
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Year 2012 Programs **Mark Your Calendar**

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	AM MTG	AFT MTG	EVE MTG	AWAY MTG
	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 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 —DEAN GILLILAND —PRESENTATION ON HIS TRIP TO KOREA AND NORM GEISINGER — PRESENTATION ON BENDING LARGE BRANCHES

Wow, 23°! Now that's cold. But the cold didn't keep us from having a great meeting.

Bob opened the meeting explaining the election, nominating and voting process for our board of directors that we will be having next month. Nomination forms with instructions were handed out and will also be emailed immediately after the meeting. Bob then went into some detail about our 2012 calendar of events. This looks to be another exciting year with some new activities planned.

After Bob finished with the formalities we were lucky enough to have Norm Geisinger from The Yam Ki Bonsai Society give a most informative and interesting presentation on "Extreme Bending". Norm took us on a step by step guide to bending large branches. He brought in a juniper that he made some radical bends on branches that were over 1" in diameter. A lot of us now have a much better idea of how to safely make some of these extreme bends. Our thanks go out to Norm for making the trip to us in such cold weather and imparting some great information that can be most helpful in making those design decisions.



Linda and Dean Gilliland then gave us all a real treat by presenting a series of photo images of their recent trip to Korea. Dean gave us some in-depth information on the Bonsai scene there while Linda gave us some great information on Korea itself. Linda had lived in Korea for three years and gave us some amazing insights on the Culture and lifestyle of the Koreans.

All in all it was a most enjoyable way to spend a very cold day - keeping warm while learning new bonsai techniques, watching slides of a different culture and enjoying the company of other bonsai enthusiasts.



THIS 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.

NEXT MEETING — OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED

This is one of the few workshops that the club members will bring in their bonsai; pre bonsai or shrub to work on. The idea of open workshop is to have all members participate freely, No instructor; No lecture demo; just our members. We will have the members helping each others, exchange ideas and bring a strong bonds to friendship. In the past, we have had great success and the feedback was positive. Because you asked, you got it. Lets enjoy a wonder day together and create bonsai of your love.

**** REMINDER **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**
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GOOD AND WELFARE

Our long time member **Agnes** and **David Adler** had their art exhibit it in **Belskin Museum of Art, Closter, NJ** to presents an exhibit of their work of arts, sculptures. It was a great success. And their thanks to all those whom visited and those whom help spread the news.



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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