

# The Bergen Bonsai Society



**MAY 2012 Newsletter**

**Next Meeting: Sun May 20th**

**Time: 9:45 AM—4:30 PM**

**Place: Closter Nature Center**

**154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ**

## OPEN WORKSHIP

**The Bergen Bonsai Society**

Incorporated

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## Year 2012 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 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 29	<u>MID-ATLANTIC ARTIST — John Thompson — L/D &amp; Workshop</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 SAT 18	<u>BERGEN SHOW — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ ( 1pm-5pm)</u>		<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 &amp; 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

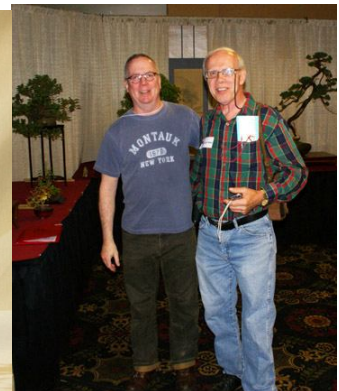
1. All meetings @ Closter Nature Center are on Sundays
2. All morning meetings @ Closter Nature Center start 9:45 AM to APROX. 1:30 PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. 2 PM to APROX. 5 PM

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING — MID-ATLANTIC ARTIST — JOHN THOMPSON — AM L/D & PM WORKSHOP

At our last meeting, Len reported on the MABS annual convention. He told us that “our” trees were right up there with those presented by other clubs and even compared favorably with the trees in the “professional” exhibit. Congrats to Peter and Mike.

When Bob introduced our guest artist John Thompson, he also introduced a wild and wooly juniper that John was going to work on. It was certainly an interesting tree with total confusion. There was a hanging branch that dropped down about two feet below the level of the pot along with massive growth above the pot. What to do? What to do? There were many options.

John was an excellent presenter in that he continued to describe each step of the conversion as he did it and this wild bush slowly evolved into a wonderful cascade. It was so easy when John did it. There were many possible designs that one could have come up with to convert this mass of branches and greenery into a pre bonsai but the one that John chose and followed to convert this bush into a pre-bonsai was just wonderful with great possibilities for its future. Thanks again to John. Congratulations to Dean who won the tree in the raffle. This tree should be a significant addition to your bonsai collection.



## **THIS MEETING — MAY 20TH —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 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 wonderful day together and create bonsai of your love.

If you need material to work with, please contact Peter Sobel immediately.

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## **NEXT MEETING — JUNE 16TH SATURDAY — MARTY SCHMALENBERG — DEVELOPING YOUR BONSAI EYE AT MARTY'S STUDIO — STILL WATER, NJ**

This will be an away meeting. Marty is very generous to open his studio for our club. We get to see his collections, at the same time he will give his lecture demo on bonsai. "Developing your Bonsai Eye". This is a program Marty has had much success with, and doing a follow up on the next months meeting will really support all the information that Marty will be passing on to us. Marty is no stranger to our club. He is from New Jersey Head of Asian Studies at **Blair Academy** and long-time bonsai and suiseki artist. He brings information on the cultural, philosophical and aesthetic appreciation of stones to his educational programs which are presented around the country.

Transportation — We will be carpooling to Marty's for this event. The Board has agreed to pay each member who drives their car and brings 2 other members \$30.00 to cover gas and expenses. At our next meeting (5/20) we will go into more detail on this. We should be able to arrange drivers and passengers and a place (the parking lot in Closter in front of K-Mart?) to meet. We will all need to bring our own lunch/drinks/snacks etc. as there will be no way for us to provide lunch. We will be starting at 10:00am at Marty's, break for lunch, and then finish up by 3:30. It is about an hour to an hour and 30 minutes drive, so we will need to be on the road by 8:30 on Saturday morning. If we can end the day at 3:30 we should all be home by 5:00pm. This should be a very productive day and something I hope we can all take advantage of. Having Marty for both June and July can really be a unique learning experience and an opportunity that won't present itself again. We will go over this event in detail at the next meeting.

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## **FOLLOWING MEETING — JULY 15TH SUNDAY — MARTY SCHMALENBERG — PART 2 / WORKSHOP AT OUR REGULAR MEETING PLACE —CLOSTER NATURE CENTER**

Follows with Marty's away meeting, he will come to our club to continue his lecture and help our members on questions with their bonsai; pre-bonsai.....

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## **BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH OF MAY**

- 1.) **Fertilizing** — Yes to encourage growth. No, for needled trees where short needles are desired unless design requires new growth. Do not fertilize for one month after repotting. Also, to prepare for defoliation after 3 weeks, if required.
- 2.) **Location** — Hardy leave it to Full Sun; Tropical & Sub-Tropical give half shade for week, then move to permanent location.
- 3.) **Pests & Diseases** — Watch for aphids on new shoots; borers on flowering and fruit bearing trees.
- 4.) **Potting** — Best season for Camellia and Azalea.
- 5.) **Watering** — Watch for dehydration because of wind, avoid over watering of pine where shape is finished and there is an attempt to make short needles.

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## **NEWS FROM OTHER BONSAI CLUB**

The Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society is honored to host Visions of the American West the [American Bonsai Society](#) (ABS)/[Bonsai Clubs International](#) (BCI) Convention June 21-24, 2012! Visions of the American West is bringing in top talent from all over the world to the beautiful Rocky Mountains and the Mile High City, Denver Colorado. The Denver Marriott Tech Center is opening their doors of hospitality to be our host site! You won't want to miss! For more information visit <http://www.bonsai2012.org>

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## **BBS WBSITE**

Go to [www.bergenbonsai.com](http://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.

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## **LIBRARY**

As usual, the **complete** library inventory is posted on our website ([BergenBonsai.com](http://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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**\*\*We will be unable to publish a June newsletter, if there any important messages they will be posted on the home page of our website. \*\***

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