

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

**SEPT 2012 Newsletter**

**Meeting: Sun Sept 16th.**

**Time: Noon—5 PM**

**Place: Closter Nature Center  
154 Ruchman Rd., Closter, NJ**



## ANNUAL PICNIC AND AUCTION

**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 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>ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW — McFaul Environmental Center Wy- ckoff, 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 — AUG 18TH SATURDAY —ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW— MCFaul ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER WYCKOFF, NJ ( 1PM -5 PM)**

It was amazing, It was sooo lovely. It was sooo professional. I do not know how to describe to you the amazing and exciting presentation that our club members created with their wonderful trees at our McFaul Annual Bonsai Show. It was a presentation that any bonsai aficionado would have been proud of. The trees were exciting, variable, and many, quite dramatic. Thanks to the members who worked on them and brought them in to be displayed.

A BIG thanks goes to Ralph who organized the whole show. He knew which trees were going to be brought in and was able to organize them in a way that made each tree seem to fit in the design of the whole. They were well placed and spaced. He supplied appropriate trays and stands for most of the trees. Complimenting the trees were small plants that added so much to a demonstration

In one corner, we had Michael working on a starting piece of material and slowly creating a lovely bonsai. It took a lot of wiring, cutting, and looking in order to accomplish the final product. There were a number of people that sat and watched the entire process from beginning to end while others joined in for different periods of time. There were lots of questions and the members walking around the floor were able to engage in serious bonsai discussions with the visitors.

We were not overwhelmed with visitors but there were enough for us to say that it was certainly worth the effort and that it should be done again next year. - Mitch





## **NEXT MEETING — SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012—OUR 132<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION**

Bring your friends, relatives and money to our 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic & Auction at the Closter Nature Center, 154 Ruchman Road, Closter, NJ from Noon to 3:00pm. The cost of the picnic will be \$15.00 a person. Please advise if you will be attending. We could possibly have the picnic in the cabin, because of the pond drain. However, please bring your chair in case it will be outdoors. As last year, we will have the same Caterer with plenty of delicious food & cold drinks. This is a wonderful time for us to relax & socialize together and be part of our main fundraising event. Remember to bring your bonsai related items for our auction.

**\*\*A new item for the picnic:** If anyone would like to auction a tree or bonsai related item, which is of value, we will offer the tree or item at a minimum bid of \$50.00 and split the bid on an 80(donator)/20 (club) ratio.\*\*

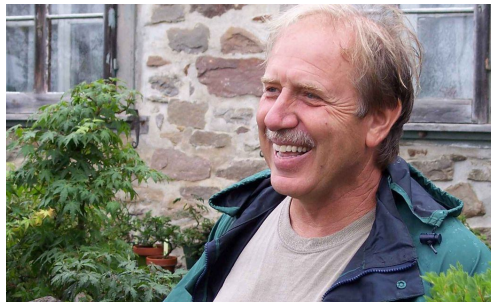
\*\*\*\*\*

Yes, we will happily attend the 132 th Annual Picnic & Auction on Sept 16th.  
Enclosed is my check (payable to Bergen Bonsai \$15.each X \_\_\_\_\_member / guest )

Mail your reservation to **Bob Pruski President**  
**16 Hamilton St.**  
**Montvale, NJ 07645**

\*\*\*\*\*

## **THIS MEETING — OCTOBER 14th —GUEST ARTIST —DAVID EASTERBROOK — AM L/D & PM WORKSHOP**



David Easterbrook has been curator of the Montreal Botanical Garden's bonsai collection since 1982. He has retired from his position last month after 28 long years. David is no stranger to us. He has been our visiting artist for many years. He has the greatest member attendants every time. His workshop always sold out. This time is no exception.

David began growing bonsai in 1970 and is owner of a bonsai nursery. He studied bonsai in Japan in 1981 and teaches regular bonsai classes as well as being a well-known lecturer and demonstrator in northeastern US and Canada and also France. He served as president of the Montreal Bonsai Society in 1982 and 1983 and was chairman of the American Bonsai Society convention which was held in Montreal in July 1988. He has also authored two books on bonsai and bonsai care and techniques.

The afternoon workshop is **SOLD OUT, SILENT OBSERVERS ARE FREE.**



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

1. Fertilizing — apply low nitrogen 5-10-10
2. Location — watch night temperature—in some area it drops to 34° in September
3. Pests & Diseases — spray as required.
4. Pruning — special drastic pruning to make multiple buds and short needles may be applied to pines.
5. Watering — vigorously growing plants require same watering as in summer.
6. Tropical — Absolutely necessary to spray before bringing indoors.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **NEWS FROM OTHER BONSAI CLUB**



Our library has a new addition, **Man Lung Penjing** by **Wu Yee Sun** from Hong Kong. Family of Yee-sun Wu donated many of his collection to US. It has become a part of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum in Washington DC with the Wu family making a generous donation towards building the Yee-sun Wu Chinese Garden Pavilion

In addition, Yee Sun Wu has presented many of his creations to other institutions including the Seventh University of Paris (France), Montreal Botanical Garden (Canada), the Sun Yat Sen Park in Vancouver (Canada), the Botanical Park of the Nanjing Institute of the Chinese Academy of Science, the Hong Kong Baptist College, and the Former Governor House of the Hong Kong Government. All of these penjing exhibitions are open to the public. .

Feel free to take out the book from our library, if you are interested please email Rose at [rchan0121@yahoo.com](mailto:rchan0121@yahoo.com) or call 917-517-9076. She will bring it to the next meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*

**More pictures from our show at McFaul Nature Center.**





\*\*\*\*\*

## **BBS WEBSITE**

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 —Diann, 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**

<b><u>OFFICERS</u></b>	
President	Bob Pruski
Vice President	Peter Sobel
Treasurer	Mitch Becker
Secretary	Marlene Cuniberti
<b><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></b>	
Mitch Becker	Bob Pruski
Rose Chan	Ralf Schumann
Marlene Cuniberti	Len Schwartz
Michael Humphrey	Peter Sobel
Diann Pinkowski	

<b><u>COMMITTEES</u></b>	
Library (Videos)	David Feitelson
Library (Hard Cover Books)	Rose Chan
Library (Bonsai Today/Focus)	Diann Pinkowski
Library (Int'l Bonsai, BCL misc.)	Diann Pinkowski
Hospitality	Teresa Plummer
Refreshments	Elsbeth Christern Ralf Schumann
Tokonoma	Michael Humphrey
Good & Welfare	Virginia Shen
Executive Board Meetings	Jim Killian
MidAtlantic Representatives	Len Schwartz Ralf Schumann
Programs	Bob Pruski Peter Sobel
Newsletter Production	Rose Chan
Photographer	Bob Pruski ; Ralf Schumann
Newsletter Reporter	Mitch Becker
Website	Bob Pruski