

The Bergen Bonsai Society

OCT 2012 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun Oct 14th

Time: 9:45 AM—5 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd., Closter, NJ



GUEST ARTIST
DAVID EASTERBROOK

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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> |
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| | 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 & 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</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 SAT 18 | <u>ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW — McFaul Environmental Center Wy-</u> <u>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 & 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> |
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* 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 — SEPT 16TH SUNDAY—OUR 132nd ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION

This year for the first time we had our annual picnic and auction in the fall rather than mid summer. The weather could not have been better - a glorious September day and no mosquitos to battle. Fortunately it had rained a few days before so there was some water in the newly excavated pond. The function was well attended and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the full range of the very generous buffet. The auction was a little different this year. A wide range of plants were presented, many excellent workshop pieces. It was also encouraging to see some new young blood, Peter's son Cody challenging the bidding for a much desired plant. Bob and Peter did the honors and liquidated everything. It was a perfect closing to a beautiful fall day alongside the newly renovated pond.

By Marlene.



**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.**



****After the workshop we will be going to the Grand Chinese Buffet, 875 Route 17 in Ramsey, at 6:00pm. If you would like to join us let me know so I can make a reservation. I am looking forward to seeing everyone this Sunday . ****

**NEXT MEETING — NOV 18th —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

BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH OF OCTOBER

1. Fertilizing — No for the Hardy; Yes to the Tropical & Sub Tropical
2. Location — Hardy—Prepare winter location; Tropical—move indoors.
3. Pests & Diseases — Hardy—Dormant spray; Tropical—spray as required
4. Pruning — Hardy—No. ; Tropical — as required
5. Watering — Hardy—As required between 10AM—3 PM ; Tropical—as required.
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 or call 917-517-9076. She will bring it to the next meeting.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY — DEC 9 TH — 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 at **Bensi Hillsdale 387 Washington Ave . Hillsdale, NJ 07642**

The price will be **Adult \$25 ; child 12 and under is \$10.**

Enclosed is my check payable to **Bergen Bonsai. Society**. You may bring your check to the next meeting, **OR** Mail your reservation to **Bob Pruski President**
16 Hamilton St.
Montvale, NJ 07645

2012 Holiday Party Reservation Form

Yes, I will surely join the **Holiday Festivities Dec 9th. 2012 !!** Check payable to **Bergen Bonsai Society**

Date form Submitted

Name:_____

Number of Attendees_____ @ \$ 25 each Number of child_____ @ \$10 each

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.

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