

The Bergen Bonsai Society

DEC 2012 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun Dec. 9th

Time: 12:30 PM—2 PM

**Place: Bensi Ristorante Italiano
387 Washington Ave. Hillsdale, NJ**



HOLIDAY PARTY

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 & 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 & 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 — NOVEMBER 18th. WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW

Our bonsai “show and tell” meeting was a great finale for the BBS last meeting of the year. We had the opportunity to look at about 15 trees that our members brought in to the “show”. They were at all stages of development. Each member described their tree, how they hoped to develop it in the future, how long they had it, where they got it from, etc. Then the advice of the members was sought to see if the individual tree *might* be seen from a different perspective. The ideas were interesting and hopefully helpful to the tree owner. They came with great enthusiasm and many were forthcoming. Each member who exhibited a tree surely had a lot to think about for the future.

We then held a vote to select the 3 trees that drew the most attention, be it design, uniqueness, overall impression, etc. The ones selected with the most votes were owned by Bob Pruski, Michael Humphrey, and Peter Sobel. Good job for all of those who decided to bring in trees and good advice from our members for possible changes that they thought would improve the tree.

A suggestion was made that we change the by-laws to allow for elections to be held every 2 or 3 years for Board members rather than each year. The Board will consider it and if they agree, it will be put to a vote by all of the members. The feeling of those present was quite positive.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Looking forward to our Holiday Party next month at a different and more upscale restaurant than we have gone to in the past. Mitch



THIS MEETING — DEC 9TH — HOLIDAY PARTY

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 Ristorante Italiano 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

NEXT MEETING — JAN 20TH — POWER POINT PRESENTATION

We will start our year with power point presentation from Rose with her China trip in May 2012 .
There will be pot sales and **80/20 open market**. You may want to bring in **bonsai or any bonsai related items** to sale. The proceed 80% for you and 20% to the club. If you have questions about the sale, please contact Bob.

Dues Payment and Information for 2013 Membership

Name (s) _____

☐ **Single \$50**

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 _____

BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH —DECEMBER

For Hardy

- 1.) Cold frame or pit closed tightly, after enough water, insecticide, and fungicide have been applied.
- 2.) Some transitional species and grasses are treated the same way as hardy species.

For Tropical & Sub Tropical

- 1.) Pests & Diseases ; Pruning, drastic; Trimming, Maintenance; Weeding; Wiring **As required**
- 2.) Fertilizing; Potting; Propagation — **Yes**
- 3.) Watering — **Yes**, extra humidity required if plants are in heated location.

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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