

The Bergen Bonsai Society

AUG 2013 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun Aug. 18th.

Time: 9:45 AM—noon

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd., Closter, NJ



ANNUAL AUCTION AND CRITIQUE

The Bergen Bonsai Society

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Year 2013 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>
	January 20	<u>ROSE CHAN –PRESENTATION on CHINA; POT SALE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	February 17	<u>LECTURE ON MAKING FERTILIZER BALL; SWAP MEETING</u>	<u>X</u>			
*	March 17	<u>PREP/SELECTION OF TREES FOR THE TWO SHOWS</u>	<u>X</u>			
*	April 7	<u>GUEST ARTIST—YOUNG CHOE — KUSAMONO LECT/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 19-21	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
	April 28	<u>LECTURE ON REPOTTING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	May 19	<u>LAVA ROCK LECTURE OPEN WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June 23	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP—</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	July 21	<u>GUEST ARTIST— JIM DOYLE— LECT/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 18	<u>ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	September 15	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC AND AUCTION</u>		<u>X</u>		
*	September 29	<u>GUEST ARTIST— M. YAMAJI — FROM JAPAN LECT/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 20	<u>GUEST ARTIST —David Easterbrook —AM L/D & PM workshop</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October ??	<u>COLLECTING TRIP RYE , NY</u>				
	November 17	<u>LECTURE GET YOUR TREE READY FOR WINTER</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 8 or 15	<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 MEETING —JUL 21ST. — JIM DOYLE LECTURE DEMO/ MATERIAL SUPPLIED WORKSHOP AND SALE



It was so exciting to have Jim Doyle with us that Peter totally skipped the business meeting in order to introduce Jim as soon as possible. I will not dwell on Jim's background, reputation, or skills regarding bonsai since we are all aware of them. We felt so lucky to have him visit us.

Jim is a master collector of yamadori and has sold innumerable numbers of trees that he has personally collected from various parts of the world. The proof (if needed) was in the slide exhibit that he presented to us showing his presence at high peaks, snow covered mountains,, and rugged rock covered valleys looking for and finding just the right tree that had bonsai potential and could be dug out of the rocks reasonably root intact. These trees were begging Jim to take them home since they somehow knew that once Jim got his hands on them, they would become extraordinary trees in beauty, shape, and health. They even had the potential to live for ever if cared for properly. What an honor!!!

When that was over, Jim found in front of him a very strange looking spruce with a pair of trunks that had a "U" at the base but with a lot of motion in the trunk, sitting along side of a third trunk that rose from the base straight up with almost no taper. Jim showed us seven possibilities (and there were probably many more) to chose from in order to convert this lucky unattractive spruce into an outstanding bonsai. The one he chose resulted in the third trunk being removed (ouch!) and the other two redesigned into a slanting pair in a bunjing style bringing out the best in each other. With a lot of wiring by Peter and Mike, Jim twisted and turned branches until a lovely pre-bonsai tree evolved. Now it is up to the owner and the tree to grow and get shaped into the fine tree that it has the potential to be.

The afternoon was spent in a workshop with Jim helping the workshop group arrive at a style for their trees and answering their questions in order to come away with more knowledge than they had before and a better and healthier tree. - Mitch



THIS MEETING — AUG 18TH. –ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

A short summer has gone by. Hope you all had a nice growing season. It is time to bring you bonsai to our annual show and critique meeting. We would like you to hear from you of what you did or could have done to your bonsai. Learning from each other is the best teaching method. Please bring in as many as you like. Everyone will have a chance to show and tell.

The meeting will start 10 AM. We have previously said to have brunch catered. Perhaps it is still Summer many of us are taking vacation on that weekend. The club preferred to do it when we have high attendances.

Therefore, this meeting will serve coffee and cakes only.

NEXT MEETING S—PART I — SEPT 15TH — ANNUAL PICNIC AND AUCTION

Annual picnic and Auction will take place by the Closter Nature Center's pond. This year we will have a **large supply of pots**. And they are at a very reasonable pricing. **Bring your wallet and support your club**. As always, **lunch will be serve**.

PART II— SEPT 29TH — GUEST ARTIST FROM JAPAN — M. YAMAJI —PRESENT LECTURE / DEMO



Hiro Yoshi Yamaji, the second owner of the Yamaji Sanshoen garden, helped his father while he was in his childhood and brushed up his bonsai-cultivating techniques. "It was a natural course for me to follow in my father's footsteps since Japan's bonsai boom was going on at that time," recalls Yamaji. In those days, there were sufficient bonsai materials -- an abundant amount of trees picked up from the wild. Many tourists and guests from major urban areas in Japan came to Kagawa Prefecture. A number of bonsai plants in containers were on display at souvenir shops along the approach to the famous Kotohira-gu Shrine, also known as Kompira Shrine, in the town of Kotohira near Takamatsu. Bonsai culture was flourishing.

We are very fortunate to have Mr. Yamaji to come to our club. As all ways, in the morning there will be lecture / demo on how to create bonsai. The afternoon will be an added study group for a charge. It is limited to 8 members only. If you are interested and have not yet register, please contact Peter Sobel. Silent observers are welcomes.

BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH —AUGUST

For Hardy , Tropical and Sub– Tropical

- 1.) Fertilizing — Stop feeding hardy plants by end of August, except evergreen needle.
- 2.) Location— Remove to half shade soft needles evergreen (e.g., Larch), thin leafed broad leaf, and deciduous (e.g., Maple Hornbeam).
- 3.) Pests & Diseases — Protect from sun after spray, Watch for red spider.
- 4.) Potting — Evergreen 1st week only; Hardy No; Tropical Yes
- 5.) Pruning — Hardy no drastic pruning; Tropical Yes
- 6.) Watering — Before sunrise and after sunset use mist spray in addition to regular watering.

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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