

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

SEPT 2013 Newsletter

Place: Closter Nature Center  
154 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ



Meeting: **Sun Sept. 15th.** Time: noon — 4 PM  
**ANNUAL PICNIC AND AUCTION**

2ND Meeting: **Sun Sept. 29th.** Time: 9:45 AM—4 PM  
**GUEST ARTIST—Mr. M. YAMAJI**

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## Year 2013 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 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 &amp; PM workshop</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October ??	<u>COLLECTING TRIP RYE , NY</u>				<u>X</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. 12:30 PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. Noon to APROX. 4 PM

## **LAST MONTH MEETING —AUG 18TH. –ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE**

We knew that Peter was not going to be at the meeting because he did tell someone at the last meeting. However, here was no one who was assigned to conduct the meeting. None of our senior experts were present but we did have a nice turnout of people and trees.

We started with a clinic for John regarding a pine that was redesigned at the last meeting. It looked great except the top few branches were dying off. The rest of the tree looked perfectly healthy. It was suggested that the top be removed and to raise one of the side branches that was in a perfect location for a new apex. Good luck John. Keep us posted how it goes. It will be interesting

Ralph reported that he received an e-mail from a woman who visited our display at the McFaul center last year. She would like to know if we would be interested in presenting a program or display at the NJ State Botanical Gardens in Ringwood at the “Harvest Fest” coming the first weekend in October, which draws several thousand people. Ralph will get more info and find out what they would be looking for. We might be able to show a few trees under a BBS sign and have someone talk about bonsai without making it into a BIG show. It might be a great opportunity to expose BBS to a wide audience

We talked about preps for the picnic next month. John and Diann volunteered to bring in plates, utensils, cups, napkins, soda, ice, etc. Jason will order the food, with a little less than last year for about 30 people.

Rose will send out a quick e-mail to all members, reminding them of the picnic, asking them to bring bonsai related material for the auction, and to send their reservations to Peter. Thanks Rose.

Our Show and Tell went very well with 15 trees. The tree owner talked about the tree history, care, goals for the future, etc. After each presentation, members offered ideas for other options for the tree and in each case, the owner received many new ideas to think about. Obviously, for any given tree, there are many bonsai trees within it. It was fun to see these creative ideas evolve. - Mitch





## **THIS 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 bonsai pots and Peter is donating bunch of things to be auctioned on the spot, hope you all bring something to support your club. **Bring a friend and bring your wallet.** As always, **lunch will be served.**

**\*\*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 133 th Annual Picnic & Auction on Sept 15th.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Bergen Bonsai \$15.each X \_\_\_\_\_member / guest )

Mail your reservation to **Peter Sobel**  
**129 Deerhaven Road**  
**Mahwah, NJ 07430**

**\*\*OR send Peter or me email to have a head count. sobelmach@hotmail.com or rchan0121@yahoo.com\*\***

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

Hiroyoshi 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 Kōpira 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. **We have one spot left in our Sunday workshop it will be an experience to have a Japanese master that speaks English to give you insights on your trees. I think it would be a great learning experience to have him critique your trees.** If you are interested and have not yet registered, please contact Peter Sobel. Silent observers are welcomed.



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## **NEXT MEETING —OCT 20TH —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 year 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.



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

### **For Hardy , Tropical and Sub– Tropical**

- 1.) Fertilizing — Stop feeding hardy plants by mid Sept, except tropical.
- 2.) Location— Bring Tropical indoors by mid Sept.
- 3.) Pests & Diseases — Protect from sun after spray, Watch for red spider.
- 4.) Potting — Tropical Only.
- 5.) Pruning — Hardy no drastic pruning; Tropical Yes
- 6.) Watering — Less often.

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### **BBS WEBSITE**

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**). 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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