

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

OCT 2013 Newsletter

Meeting: **Sun Oct 20th.**

Time: 9:45 AM— 3 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ



**GUEAT ARTIST —**  
**DAVID EASTERBROOK**

**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 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 26	<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	<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 —SEPT 29TH — GUEST ARTIST FROM JAPAN —** **M. YAMAJI —PRESENT LECTURE / DEMO**

It was a beautiful fall day for a bonsai meeting. A large audience came to see and meet Mr Yamaji, our highlighted artist for September.

The meeting started out with a clinic raft style pine, about four feet tall with an enormous base and heavy trunks. It was interesting to see that one of the trunks had dark green foliage while the others were somewhat paler with some slight browning on a few of the lower branch needles. Dean was concerned that his tree had some problems. Dean assured us that he rotates the tree to get even sunlight, so that was not a likely cause. Mr. Yamaji thought that the tree overall looked quite good and that it was suffering from the severe summer heat that we had this year. Dean felt much better and we hope that the diagnosis was accurate.

Mr. Yamaji then tackled a very large based yamadori pondorosa pine with lots of curves. He first removed one of the trunks that lacked movement. He was determined to make a major bend on the main branch. He started by placing a heavy copper wire horizontally along the branch. The branch was then wrapped with pre wetted raffia. The trick was to wrap it as tight as he could to protect the bark. Then came several strands of conventional large copper wire. Next an iron bar was wired to the bottom of the bend. With a lot of strength, Mr. Yamaji started to bend this heavy branch. He moved it in about four stages, each time exerting a significant amount of strength while listening for any sound of complaint from the branch. Since there were none, he then went to the next push. Each time listening for tree complaints.

In the end, the branch was where he wanted it with the sharp bend that he was striving for. The rest of the wiring and shaping came quickly. This masterpiece was won, for the umpteenth time by Dean. Congratulations to Mr. Yamaji for his creation and Dean, the proud owner.

Mr Yamaji spent the afternoon conducting a workshop for the members who had signed up for it.



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**THIS 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.

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

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**SATURDAY OCT 26TH — DIG A TREE—**

For members interested in collecting trees at Marshlands Conservancy, Rye, NY, please meet at 10:00am in the parking lot of the Marshland Conservancy on Saturday October 26, 2013.

The entrance is located on the east side of US Route 1, Boston Post Road. Our member Hank will be there and he can be reached by phone at 802-238-3486. Please remember to wear boots (it's marshland) and bring along; gloves, shovel, saw and burlap to wrap the tree.

The Marshlands Conservancy is in Rye, New York on the Long Island Sound featuring estuarine marsh, open field and woodland habitats. Marshlands is part of the Westchester County parks system.

**NEXT MEETING —NOV. 17TH — LECTURE GET YOUR TREE READY FOR  
WINTER**

This is a very important meeting. After the year of hard work trimming, styling, caring for your bonsai, you may want to make sure they are protected from the Winter. More important so for the hardy bonsai.

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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY — DEC 8 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 **DOMANI HILLSDALE Rectorate, ( former BENSIS ) 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 **Mitchell Becker**

**85 Quarry Dr.,  
Woodland Park, NJ 07424**

**2013 Holiday Party Reservation Form**

Yes, I will surely join the **Holiday Festivities Dec 8th. 2013 !!** Check payable to **Bergen Bonsai Society**  
Date form Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25 each Number of child \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each



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

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

- 1.) Fertilizing — No to Hardy ; Yes to Tropical
- 2.) Location— Prepare winter location ; Bring Tropical indoors .
- 3.) Pests & Diseases — Dormant spray for Hardy; Spray as required for Tropical.
- 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.

**\*\***We would like to thank Mildred R. for donating to our club library some needed Bonsai Today magazines. We appreciate her generosity and thoughtfulness. A big **Thank You** to Mildred.**\*\***

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