

The Bergen Bonsai Society

NOV 2013 Newsletter

Meeting: **Sun Nov. 17th.**

Time: 9:45 AM— 12 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ



LECTURE GET YOUR TREE READY FOR WINTER

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated

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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 & 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 MEETING —OCT 20TH- GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBOOK— AM L/D & PM WORKSHOP

David Easterbrook always attracts our members and a large group was present for this meeting. The theme of the meeting was Maple bonsai trees. Maple branches will always tend to grow upward from the trunk and then bow downward from the weight of its leaves. Taper of the trunk is less important than delicate curvature and gentle flowing. These are the characteristics that create the loveliness of these trees.

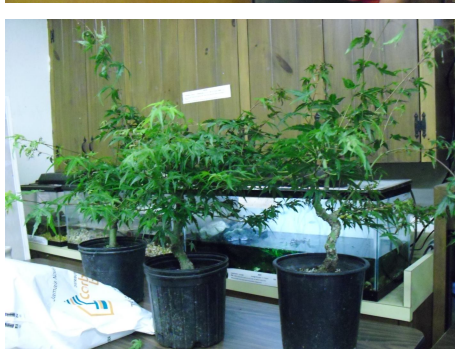
To maintain close internodes and allow light to penetrate the inside branches, healthy trees can be defoliated several times per year, generally around May and again in July but no later than early September.

When pruning, leave no more than two buds at the end of each branch to encourage ramification.

David worked on a maple for the demonstration portion of the meeting with Peter helping with the wiring. The tree was won by Hank.

David supplied the workshop group with wonderful pre-bonsai maples that he collected and trained for several years. There are very few places where one could buy such valuable pre-bonsai specimens.

The afternoon was spent designing these lovely trees for those members who participated in the workshop - Mitch



THIS 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.

NEXT MEETING —DEC 8TH — HOLIDAY PARTY — 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

Dues Payment and Information for 2014 Membership

Name (s) _____

☐ **Single \$50** ☐ **Family \$65**

Please make check payable to **Bergen Bonsai Society, and this form to**

Mitchell Becker, Treas.

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Please complete the following **ONLY** if contact information need to be **update**.

Address _____

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Telephone (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

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A special thanks to Marlene from Backyard Garden Club

Dear Marlene –

Thank you so much for presenting an Introduction to Bonsai to the meeting of the Backyard Garden Club on Tuesday evening. The 19 attendees found it to be informative and interesting, and we appreciate your responding to so many questions. Your PowerPoint presentation – especially the diagrams of the different forms of bonsai -- was very informative, and the samples of soil, wire, the tools and the plant wired into a bonsai pot were interesting and really engaged the attendees. As I am sure you could tell, seeing the two real specimens – your ginkgo and your colleague's more mature plant – as well as the coffee table book were of great interest to our group.

Again, thank you (and John) for presenting such an interesting and informative lecture and please extend our thanks to the members of the board of the Bergen County Bonsai Society for agreeing to share your expertise with our group.

Patty McDonald

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.

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.

******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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