

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Nov 2014 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 16th

Time: 9:45 AM—3PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ



OPEN WORKSHOP

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated

P.O. Box 822

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Website: BergenBonsai.com



Year 2014 Programs

Mark Your Calendar

| | <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u> | <u>AM MTG</u> | <u>AFT MTG</u> | <u>EVE MT G</u> | <u>AWAY MTG</u> |
|---|----------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | January 19 | <u>POT SALE /SWAP MEET</u> | <u>X</u> | | | |
| | February 16 | <u>GUEST ARTIST — MIKE POLLOCK — NEIGORHOOD ARTIST</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| | March 16 | <u>PREP/SELECT TREES FOR MID ATLANTIC—REPOTTING</u> | <u>X</u> | | | |
| | April 25,26,27 | <u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u> | | | | <u>X</u> |
| * | May 3 | <u>GUEST ARTIST— OWEN REICH—LECT—OPEN WORKSHOP</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| | May 18 | <u>OPEN WORKSHOP—MATERIAL SUPPLIED (SEE PETER)</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| * | June 22 | <u>OPEN WORKSHOP</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| * | July 20 | <u>PICNIC AND AUCTION</u> | | <u>X</u> | | |
| | August 17 | <u>ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| * | September 14 | <u>OPEN WORKSHOP</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| * | September 27 | <u>BROOKLYN BOTANICAL GARDEN</u> | | | | <u>X</u> |
| * | October 11 | <u>GUEST ARTIST —DAVID EASTERBROOK —OPEN Workshop</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| | October 12 | <u>David Easterbrook— L/D PRIVET—Workshop Material Supplied</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| | November 16 | <u>OPEN WORKSHOP</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| | December 7 | <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

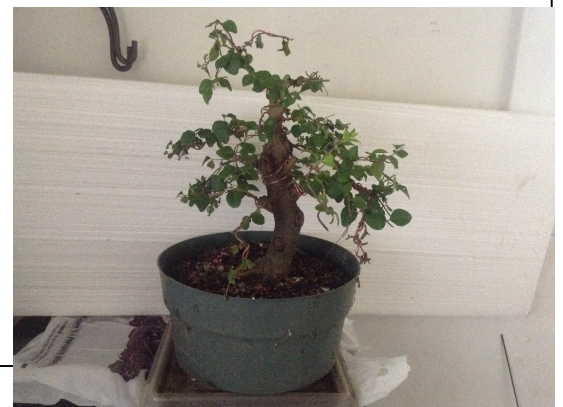
LAST MEETINGS —OCT 11TH AND 12TH — DAVID EASTERBROOD



David Easterbrook's weekend visit to our club, Oct 11 and 12, was one of the high points of Bergen Bonsai's program for the year. For those of us who participated it was a chance to experience and work with a really skilled artist and teacher. Seven of us participated in the Saturday open workshop, which was intended for all skill levels. Most of us had more than one tree to work on, with trees ranging from six or seven inches high to a large five foot pitch pine. Some of the trees were second timers having initially been worked on by David at last years' Japanese maple workshop. Others were unfinished or semi finished problem trees whose owners didn't know how to improve further. Two of the trees were very healthy long established and styled bonsai, and two were relatively recently collected and in need of initial styling.

After doing over 5000 trees (his estimate) David found ways of making all of these trees come closer to achieving their bonsai potential. He often drew a picture of what that tree could become as a guide to its further development before helping or actually doing some of the work. Surprises occurred all the time. I personally had been wedded to what I thought was the best front for my big pitch pine and when David suggested turning it around so that the back became the front, I was resistant, even though he could explain the advantages to doing so. It can be very hard to see the strongest potential bonsai in an undeveloped tree and most choices cannot be undone so it's good to have a trusted, supportive, experienced and knowledgeable teacher. David tuned his interventions to the level of experience for each participant. In addition to design, David is very knowledgeable about horticulture and the mechanics of keeping bonsai growing and healthy. We worked all day from 10 am to about 5pm; well worth the \$50 cost.

The Sunday morning lecture/demo was attended by about 25 people. The primary focus was on privets as bonsai. They make excellent trees which can be green housed for year round growth or garaged kept for winter. There was a lot of other information: how shohins are made; making your own soil; Al versus Cu wire; how to develop taper in new trees and loads of other tips that we may or may not already know but were explained again with clarity. This was all done while David was styling one of the eight specially grown privets which he brought with him. Congratulations to David Feitelson on winning the tree. The Sunday afternoon workshop was attended by 6 participants styling additional privets supplied by Easterbrook. These were about 1.5 inches at their base and all had taper with nice lines and good branching. These were excellent starting level bonsai and each of us came away with a fine tree to develop for years to come.





THIS MEETING — NOV 16TH.-- OPEN WORKSHOP

Our Nov 16 meeting will have three focuses.

- 1..Since after the meeting the Board will be establishing next year's program, it would be very good to get as much input from everyone as possible. What was successful this year and what was not.
- 2..Secondly we will be discussing over wintering our plants so that hopefully they will all wake up next spring.
- 3..Finally we will have our last self workshop which is an opportunity to work on your trees with some good advice and help. Bring tools and wire.

NEXT MEETING —DEC 7TH — 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 again enjoy the excellent 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

2014 Holiday Party Reservation Form

Yes, I will surely join the **Holiday Festivities Dec 7th. 2014 !!** 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 2015 Membership

Name (s) _____

☐ **Single \$50** ☐ **Family \$65**

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 _____

GOOD AND WELFARE

Bergen Bonsai News, anyone have anything that they like to share, please feel free to drop us an email.
We will publish it if it is appropriate.
Email address : BergenBonsai@gmail.com Tel: 201-771-0343

Annealed Copper Wire Order

The Bergen Bonsai Society will be making a club order of annealed copper wire coils. Copper wire suitable for bonsai work is annealed (heated and then cooled slowly). When this wire is wound around a branch, it work hardens, and a branch wrapped in this wire will retain a bent shape. To be effective the wire should be wound around the branch at an angle of 45 degrees and as a general guideline its thickness should be at least 1/3 the diameter of the branch which is being bent. The diameter of the wire is specified by its number, with #22 being the thinnest and suitable for the smallest branches and fine detail work. The sizes used most often are # 10 through #16.

We would like to make a single club order to **Adams Bonsai in Virginia**. Please indicate the number of coils of wire you are ordering and calculate the total cost in the order form below. Please enclose a check in the amount of your order made out to the Bergen Bonsai Society and send the order to

Len Schwartz
703 Riverview Ave.
Teaneck, NJ 07666

To be included in this order your check must be received by Dec. 28th. *** Revised ****

| wire number | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| feet/coil | 100 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 25 | |
| cost/coil | \$6.00 | \$3.60 | \$4.80 | \$7.20 | \$8.40 | \$9.60 | \$13.20 | \$12.00 | \$16.80 | |
| number of coils | | | | | | | | | | Grand Total |
| Subtotal | | | | | | | | | | |

NOTE: You must add an additional 10% to your order for shipping costs. If the club's order is \$300 or more shipping will be **FREE** and you will receive a refund.

Your Name: _____ phone : _____

Total amount enclosed _____

(add 10% for shipping)

RECYCLE YOUR SCRAP COPPER WIRE

We help you to dispose your scrap copper wire that takes up your garage space.

Collectively we can resale the scrap wire, proceed to help fund your club.

Please bring them in your **Bonsai** next meeting. ***Let's conserve.***

BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH —NOV

| | HARDY / TROPICAL |
|----------------------|--|
| ACTIVITY | |
| Fertilizing | NO, evergreen / YES. tropical |
| Locations | Prepare winter location / Indoors |
| Pests & Diseases | Dormant spray / Spray as required |
| Potting | NO, evergreen; NO deciduous / Yes ,tropical |
| Propagation | NO, evergreen / Yes, cuttings |
| Pruning, drastic | NO, Hardy / As required |
| Trimming Maintenance | NO / As required |
| Watering | YES as required / As required |
| Weeding | NO / As required |
| Wiring | Yes, NEEDLE / NO, Evergreen; NO, Deciduous / Yes, Tropical |

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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| <u>COMMITTEES</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Library (Videos) | David Feitelson |
| Library (Hard Cover Books) | Rose Chan |
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