

The Bergen Bonsai Society

JUNE 2014 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun Jun 22nd.

Time: 9:45 AM –3 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ



OPEN WORKSHOP

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated

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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 WITH BRUNCH CATERED!!</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	September 14	<u>BROOKLYN BOTANICAL GARDEN</u>				<u>X</u>
	October 11	<u>GUEST ARTIST —David Easterbrook —OPEN workshop -- DINNER</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 MEETING —MAY 18th — OPEN WORKSHOP AM/PM.

The May 18 open workshop meeting was sparsely attended as this was our second meeting in one month - and May is also a very busy month for all kinds of celebrations and activities. The saying is "less is more" and this is what was genuinely experienced amongst those who were able to participate. The atmosphere was relaxed and open camaraderie and helpfulness. Many thanks to all the more experienced hands. Learning about Bonsai is an intuitive and never ending learning process and particularly in situations like this, one absorbs so much in a relaxed, non judgmental environment.

A new member joined and brought his new Bonsai gift for evaluation and help. He received a wide range of input and support. Some meetings sparkle more than others - this one had an unexplainable sparkle all of its own.

Marlene



THIS MEETING —JUN 22nd. OPEN WORKSHOP AM/PM

Our June 22 meeting had originally been planned as a visit and behind the scenes tour of the bonsai collection at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, with its curator Julian Valacso. Due to a number of problems this trip is being postponed, hopefully not past September. When a date does get finalized you will hear a great deal more about the collection and the rest of the gardens as well. You should want to go.

Plans B for June 22 will be primarily an open workshop. Bring your problem trees, bring any tree and get lots of advice and even actual help. Peter will be bringing some trees if you don't have material to work on. Bring whatever tools you have. As a special added attraction, Ralf is planning to show some of the high quality video he took during the MABS festival. Suthin's work on his trees was really wonderful and deserve a second look even if you already had seen it at the show.



Our goal is to get better at bonsai. We do that by doing bonsai. I hope to see everyone on June 22.

Len Schwartz (our new president)

NEXT MEETING —JULY 20th PICNIC AND AUCTION

Annual picnic and Auction will take place by the Closter Nature Center's pond. This year we will have Bonsai, pots and Bonsai materials. And they are at a very reasonable pricing. As last year, we will have the same Caterer with plenty of delicious food & cold drinks. This is a wonderful time for us to relax & socialize together and be part of our main fundraising event. Remember to bring your bonsai related items for our auction.

****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 134 th Annual Picnic & Auction on July 20th.

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

Mail to Len Schwartz 703 Riverview Ave Teaneck, NJ 07666

OR call us 201-771-0343 OR email to BergenBonsai@gmail.com for head count

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.

BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH —JUNE

	HARDY / TROPICAL
ACTIVITY	
Fertilizing	Yes
Locations	Full Sun
Pests & Diseases	Yes, Spray as required
Potting	No on needle type; Yes, after flowers finished; Yes to all others
Propagation	Yes—Air layering, mound layering, cuttings
Pruning, drastic	Yes
Trimming Maintenance	Yes! Important—Do not miss
Watering	Yes, as required
Weeding	Yes
Wiring	Yes

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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