

The Bergen Bonsai Society



SEP 2014 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun Sept. 14th.

Time: 9:45 AM - 3 PM

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

ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

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Year 2014 Programs Mark Your Calendar

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>AM</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AFT</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>EVE</u> <u>MT</u> <u>G</u>	<u>AWAY</u> <u>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 -- 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 —AUG 17TH — ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE.

Our August meeting started with agreeing that the group did want to go to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens in September. Len has arranged for a personal tour by the curator of the exhibit and a back- of-the-scene tour of trees in waiting for exhibition as well as ones that were currently being worked on.

The group will drive in cars. There was a sign up sheet for those who were willing to drive and for those who preferred to be passengers. We will stay in touch during the drive by cell phone and we will all meet at the same entrance gate. More information will be forthcoming.

Most attendees brought with them at least one tree and a few two trees, for show, discussion, and critique by the members. Len brought up one tree at a time until all of the 20 trees that were brought in by the members were discussed. There were lots of praise and many suggestions for each tree from the members. This took up most of the session.

Some time was also spent with a few members trying to choose a pot for their tree. Several members brought in a few pots and the group offered advice on which pot they felt suited each tree.

We were also informed about the National Show that Valvanis runs in Rochester once/yr. One must have his approval to show a tree and some of the best in the country go on exhibit. It was exciting to learn that both Mike and Peter offered to show one of their trees and they were both accepted. -Mitch



THIS MEETING —SEPT 14TH — OPEN WORKSHOP

September will be a busy month for Bergen Bonsai with two activities planned. The first, on Sunday Sept 14, will be a typical leaderless open workshop where members (you) bring in trees, tools and wire and work on your trees getting advice and help, when wanted, from some of the more advanced members. This is an opportunity to learn skills and techniques which will help make your trees better. Originally this meeting had been scheduled for our picnic/auction, which was very successfully held on a beautiful day in July. Since it will be raining on Sept 14 it was very fortunate that we switched dates, to be inside.

SEPT 27th — BROOKLYN BOTANICAL GARDEN TRIP

The second of September's activities will be our SATURDAY the 27 visit to the bonsai collection at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. We will be treated to a "behind the scenes" tour by Julian Valasco, the bonsai curator. This bonsai exhibit is one of the best public collections in the United States and the added opportunity to see the entire enterprise makes this an especially interesting trip. The Botanical Garden itself is beautiful and the Brooklyn Museum, right next to the garden is an additional place to visit.

The trip will leave from the Closter Nature Center at 9 am and will car pool to Brooklyn. The car groups will each decide how long to stay, but about six to eight hours for the total trip may be about the right timing. Entry to the gardens will be free for us although we will have to pay for parking. The total cost should be minimal; **We will making a \$10 per person contribution to the bonsai garden.**

At our last meeting nine members indicated an interest in going, but we really need at least fifteen to make the tour worthwhile for our host. I think this will be an interesting and fun trip. Please contact me, Len Schwartz, at 201 655 0193 with any questions and to register.

NEXT MEETING —OCT 11TH AND 12TH — DAVID EASTERBROOD

On Saturday October 11 and Sunday October 12, David Easterbrook will be our very special lecturer/workshop leader for the third or fourth year running. The fact that David, a world class artist and teacher will be spending two days with us this year will allow nearly everyone to experience his informative style and vast bonsai knowledge.

On Saturday we will have an open workshop with David as leader. Bring in your trees, tools and wire and get expert advice and help on improving your bonsai, the more questions the better. You are encouraged to bring in trees from previous workshops with David, however, any trees that you want help with are fair game. The workshop is open to any member, at a cost of \$50 for the whole day. Please send your check to Mitch for the Saturday open workshop.

Saturday evening: Once the workshop is over, we have tentative plans to continue the discourse over food. We have not decided at this point whether to have pot luck BYO for a shared dinner, but we have some time between now and Oct. to plan

On Sunday October 12. we will have a traditional lecture demo in the morning with the demonstration tree raffled at the end (one of us will win a very good bonsai very cheaply). David will be bringing with him his own specially developed pre-bonsai **privets** to use in the afternoon workshop. He will be working with each participant to develop that tree's potential. The cost of the workshop will include the price of the tree.

There are only two open spots remaining for this workshop. Contact Mitch to reserve a spot in the Sunday afternoon workshop.

GOOD AND WELFARE

** John Pinkowski has fell from his home while cleaning the gutter and hurt himself. He is now recovering from the rehab center. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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.

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BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH —SEPT

	HARDY / TROPICAL
ACTIVITY	
Fertilizing	Yes, evergreen; NO deciduous
Locations	Remove to half shade soft needled evergreen, thin leafed broad leaf
Pests & Diseases	Spray as required
Potting	No, evergreen; No deciduous; Yes tropical
Propagation	No, evergreen; Yes, cuttings
Pruning, drastic	No, Hardy ; Yes, Tropical
Trimming Maintenance	Yes! Important—Do not miss
Watering	Less often
Weeding	Yes
Wiring	Yes, 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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