

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

Jan 2015 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun. 11th

Time: 9:45 AM—NOON

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ



## POT SALE AND POWER POINT PRESENTATION

### **The Bergen Bonsai Society**

Incorporated

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## Year 2015 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 11	<u>POT SALE /SWAP MEET— POWER POINT PRESENTATION</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	February 22	<u>GUEST ARTIST —DAVID KIDDEL-TREATMENT DEAD WOOD</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	March <b>Sat</b> 21	<u>GUEST ARTIST— DAVID EASTERBROOK— <b>LOCATION ???</b></u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	March 22	<u>GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBROOK —REPOTTING selection of MABS trees</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 17 –19	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
	May 3	<u>GUEST ARTIST —MAURO STEINBERGER —AM-LECTURE 3 TREES; PM-CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	May <b>Mon</b> 4	<u>GUEST ARTIST—MAURO STEINBERGER— <b>LOCATION ???</b></u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	May 31	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP—</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June 14	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP; DCTrip OR PICNIC-<b>TO BE DETERMINED</b></u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	July 19	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP; DCTrip OR PICNIC-<b>TO BE DETERMINED</b></u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 16	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP; DCTrip OR PICNIC-<b>TO BE DETERMINED</b></u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	September 13	<u>GUEST ARTIST— OWEN REICH— BYOB WORKSHOP— <b>LOCATION ???</b></u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	October 18	<u>GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBROOK — WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 15	<u>CLUB SHOW; PM- OPEN WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	December 6	<u>HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</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

## **LAST MEETINGS —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

## **DEC 7TH — HOLIDAY PARTY**

What is a holiday party without good food, good conversation, and good folks to participate. With all three present, our party this year was outstanding.

The food was excellent with lots of choices, lots of courses, and lots of variety. There was something for everyone. Good job of selecting the restaurant Ralph.

The conversation was free flowing during the meal. One of the purposes of this kind of get together is to learn more about each other and this was accomplished by many who were present, each telling the group of an interesting thing that happened to them while on vacation. Some of the stories were funny and some sad but they all helped us to have a better sense of who we are, other than just bonsai.

We were sorry to hear that Al and Barbara will be leaving the NJ area some time next year. It takes a lot of work and effort to arrive at this retirement stage of life and though we will miss them at our meetings, we wish them the best of luck in their "golden years".

Next year is going to be an exciting one for our club with some new ideas for our meetings and outstanding artists coming to enrich our experiences and quality of work. Please sign up early with your dues and bring your enthusiasm for what is coming, to each meeting.

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## **THIS MEETING — JAN 11TH. — POT SALE AND POWER POINT PRESENTED BY PETER**

The first meeting of 2015 will center on our traditional pot sale, followed by a two dimensional presentation of great bonsai by Peter. We will also go over next year's extensive program.

Bergen Bonsai has accumulated a considerable number of good bonsai pots which are sold to members at very reasonable costs at the January meeting. Mostly falling in the mid sized range, these pots are for the most part Chinese manufactured and are in good condition despite sometimes being used. I know that some of us simply collect pots, without the problems associated with keeping a live tree in them, but for the rest of us who actually have bonsai collections there is a real benefit in building a sizable pot collection. When the time comes to select a pot to match and enhance a particular tree, the variables of pot size, shape, color and even texture are complex enough that finding a good match is difficult without a large pot selection in reserve. So come prepared to buy and be ready this year for David Easterbrook's March re potting workshop. Proceeds benefit the club.

Looking at great bonsai is an important way to improve our own trees. Peter is developing a wonderful collection of world, class bonsai on the cheap, and he will show them right here at the nature center in vivid two dimensions on Jan 11. So prepare yourselves for a real treat as some of the outstanding bonsai in the world are shown and critiqued by our own in house experts who include you.

Additionally on Jan 11 we will be going over this year's program featuring more guest artists than ever. So come prepared to block out your calendars and sign up early.

**NEXT MEETING —FEB 22ND — GUEST ARTIST — DAVID KIDDEL —  
TREATMENT OF DEAD WOOD**

David Kiddel will present a program about dead wood on bonsai. This is very important topic because carved dead areas on a bonsai add age and character to our trees and providing that that they don't cover 100% of the tree, they are very desirable. We do not know yet whether a workshop will follow the presentation, but we will certainly be trying to make this happen.

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**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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***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.*

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**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Sad to announce, Judith LeBolt has passed away on December 10, 2014. She was predeceased by her husband our late president George LeBolt. Mrs. LeBolt was a lovely person.

Marlene had spoken with Teresa. Victor is currently at BERGEN REGIONAL, formerly Bergen Pines, in Paramus. You must call before visiting and conform to visiting hours etc. Victor seems to be much the same, but all of his physical and medical needs are being cared for. The lawyer is assisting Teresa in negotiating Victor's needs.. He might not recognize or remember people. She is "taking things one day at a time".

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 —JAN**

	<b>HARDY</b> / <b>TROPICAL</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	
<b>Fertilizing</b>	<b>NO, evergreen</b> / <b>YES. tropical</b>
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Cold Frame or in ground</b> / <b>Indoors</b>
<b>Pests &amp; Diseases</b>	<b>NO</b> / <b>Spray as required</b>
<b>Potting</b>	<b>NO</b> / <b>Yes ,tropical</b>
<b>Propagation</b>	<b>YES –Needle No Deciduous</b> / <b>Yes</b>
<b>Pruning, drastic</b>	<b>NO</b> / <b>As required</b>
<b>Trimming Maintenance</b>	<b>NO</b> / <b>As required</b>
<b>Watering</b>	<b>YES as required</b> / <b>As required</b>
<b>Weeding</b>	<b>NO</b> / <b>As required</b>
<b>Wiring</b>	<b>NO</b> / <b>Yes, Tropical</b>

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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.

### **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 — Ralf; 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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