

The Bergen Bonsai Society

May 2015 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun and Mon 05/03 to 05/04

Place: Closter Nature Center .

154 Ruckman Road, Closter, NJ 07624



An educational
non-profit organization

MABS SPRING FESTIVAL

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</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 11	<u>POT SALE /SWAP MEET— POWER POINT PRESENTATION</u>	<u>X</u>			
	February 22	<u>GUEST ARTIST —DAVID KNITTLE-TREATMENT DEAD WOOD</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>		
*	March Mon 23	<u>GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBROOK —REPOTTING</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 STEMBERGER —AM-LECTURE 3 TREES; PM-CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	May Mon 4	<u>GUEST ARTIST—MAURO STEMBERGER—Cerbo Greenhouse</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	May 31	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP—</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June 14	<u>DCTIP —NATIONAL ARBORETUM</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	July 19	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP—TROPICAL</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 16	<u>PICNIC</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	September 13	<u>GUEST ARTIST— OWEN REICH— BYOB WORKSHOP</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 MEETING —MAR 22nd. 23rd. — GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBROOK **— REPOTING WORKSHOP**



David Easterbrook is a one of a kind. What makes him so different from many of the great bonsai artists in the world? David is an artist of the first order. So are others. David has extensive skills and knowledge of all aspects of bonsai design, growth, care, etc. So do others. What makes David out stand from the others is his amazing ability to transfer his knowledge and ability to others. He is an *outstanding* teacher and communicator.

Every member of our club should be extremely proud to have David as one of our annual visiting artists. He enriched our lives again at our last meeting with a thorough explanation and demonstration of the task of repotting bonsai trees. Anyone who was at that meeting left with a comprehensive picture of the ART of repotting and when David was finished teaching us, it was obvious that repotting was as much an art as any other aspect of creating successful bonsai.

After the meeting, many of our club members were lucky enough to meet with David, one on one, to review the progress that each has achieved growing a particular tree. Some brought in trees that were designed from stock that David supplied at previous visits. There was also a second chance the next day for some members to spend the entire day with David. A very special opportunity. - Mitch



THIS MEETING —APRIL 17 –19 MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL

We all know that next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, our MABS festival will be happening. It should be an excellent event and it will be the last one for two or three years close enough for commuting distance from us. If you are already registered, GREAT, because that is the monetary source which funds the festival ; but if you cannot make that commitment, consider coming as a Saturday walk in. For \$20 you will have access to the vendor area and to the forty four bonsai exhibit of outstanding club trees. So I'm hoping to see most of us there in some shape or form.

Address: **Fairbridge Inn (former Ramada Inn) 130 Rout 10W. East Hanover, NJ 09736**

Web address: **www.midatlanticbonsai.org**

NEXT MEETING —MAY 3RD SUNDAY AND MAY 4TH MONDAY — GUEST ART-IST — MAURO STEMBERGER— AM LECTURE ; PM CRITIQUE



Less than a month from now we will have the pleasure of having Mauro Stemberger spend two full days working with our club. Mauro is a world class bonsai artist from Italy and one of the headline presenters at this years MABS festival. We want to make full use of his expertise

Our plan:

Sunday May 3, morning session: Mauro will style three (3) bonsai!!! How's that? The three will be raffled off. This a traditional lecture demo, but with three trees the chances of winning are substantially increased (providing you actually buy raffle tickets).

Sunday afternoon session will be very valuable, but to make it work we must bring in lots of trees. Mauro will be evaluating, critiquing and making suggestions about how to improve and develop each tree brought to the meeting. We will charge participants \$10 for each tree. Perhaps there will be some light work on some of them. This is a really good opportunity gain insight on improving our trees. Please notify John Pinkowski at diannp91@hotmail.com that you will be participating and how many trees (approx.) you will be bringing.

Monday, May 4 will be an all day conventional BYO workshop for up to eight participants each having a number of trees, hopefully of a challenging level. Observers are welcome. Because the Closter Nature Center will NOT be available on this date we are holding the workshop at **Cerbo's Nursey in Parsippany**, at the **intersection of routes 80 and 87**, about forty five minutes from our Closter location. The exact address is at **440 Littleton Road**. It is somewhat inconvenient to be so far away from our base, but we are actively seeking alternative locations for our meetings and this location was the only one suggested so far. If you have not already made a reservation for this workshop, please do so soon with John Pinkowski. If we do not have a sufficient number of Bergen Members by the end of next weekend, this workshop will be opened to outside participants.

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



Date _____

Name _____

Phone _____

plan to check pay
attend included later

1) _____ Sun, Feb 22 DAVID KNITTLE: morning lecture on
Treatment of Dead Wood; afternoon carving workshop
maximum of 8, \$30 each

2) _____ Sun, March 22 DAVID EASTERBROOK morning lecture
on Repotting; afternoon workshop
maximum of 8, \$50 each

3) _____ Mon, March 23 DAVID EASTERBROOK Re Potting
Workshop , full day , Closter Nature Center
maximum of 12, \$60 each

** BONSAI SOIL SALE: Bonsai soil will be available for purchase at cost from the club.
Details to be determined **

4) _____ Sun. , May 3 MAURO STEINBERGER
Morning lecture demo; afternoon critique and light styling, MABS headliner
unlimited number, \$10/ tree

5) _____ Mon., May 4 MAURO STEINBERGER All day BYO
styling workshop, location to be determined,
maximum 8 , \$50 each

6) _____ Sun, June 14 BUS TRIP TO WASH DC Trip leaves at 8
AM , returns around 8-9 PM , transportation and free entry to park, food not included,
48 people max, \$50/person, price could be less depending of number of people.

7) _____ Sun., Sept 13 OWEN REICH morning lecture demo;
afternoon BYO workshop
max of 8, \$50 /each

8) _____ Sun., October 18 DAVID EASTERBROOK morning
lecture demo; afternoon workshop trees supplied,
max of 8, \$50 for workshop, tree around \$125

BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH —APR

	HARDY / TROPICAL
ACTIVITY	
Fertilizing	YES
Locations	Move from cold frame to bench / Indoors or greenhouse
Pests & Diseases	Spray as required / Spray as required
Potting	YES
Propagation	YES , air layering and mound layering
Pruning, drastic	YES , Trunk and heavy branches /
Trimming Maintenance	YES / YES
Watering	YES as required / YES
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 — 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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