

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

January 2008 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, January 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Time: 9:45AM**  
**Closter Nature Center**  
**154 Ruckman Rd., Closter NJ 07624**

## MAIN PROGRAM

**DR. ANN GOULD (Speaker)**  
**Disease Mgmt. for Woody Plants**

## The Bergen Bonsai Society

Incorporated  
 P.O. Box 822  
 Teaneck, New Jersey 07666



## Year 2008 Programs

### Mark Your Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>AM MTG</u>	<u>AFT MTG</u>	<u>EVE MTG</u>	<u>AWAY MTG</u>
January 27	<b><u>GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Ann Gould</u></b> – Disease Mgmt. for Woody Plants	<u>X</u>			
February 17	<b><u>Power Point Slide Show &amp; Discussion</u></b> - Peter Sobel	<u>X</u>			
March 9	<b><u>“SHIMPAKU” Juniper Workshop</u></b> (trees supplied) - G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
April 6	<b><u>MABS Guest Artist – Min Hsuan Lo</u></b> - (Taiwan) <b><u>L/D &amp; BYOB W/S</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 11-13	<b><u>MidAtlantic (MABS) Convention @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY</u></b>				<u>X</u>
May 18	<b><u>Guest Artist – Pedro Morales</u></b> - (Puerto Rico) <b><u>L/D &amp; BYOB W/S</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 22	<b><u>Tropical Trees Lect/Demo &amp; Workshop</u></b> (trees supplied) -- G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
July 20	<b><u>Annual Picnic &amp; Auction @ Lakeside</u></b> (12noon-3pm)		<u>X</u>		
August 17	<b><u>Styling Open Workshop (BYOB)</u></b> --G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
September 21	<b><u>POSSIBLE BUS TRIP</u></b>				<u>X</u>
October 25	<b><u>Special Follow-Up Workshop – Larch</u></b> – David Easterbrook (Canada)	<u>X</u>			
October 26	<b><u>Guest Artist – David Easterbrook</u></b> – (Canada) <b><u>L/D &amp; BYOB W/S</u></b>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 16	<b><u>Bonsai Wintering Review + Annual Show &amp; Critique</u></b>	<u>X</u>			
December 7	<b><u>Annual Holiday Party @ Peking Duck Restaurant</u></b> (12noon–3pm)				<u>X</u>

● Indicates a change since last newsletter in date or event

### NOTES

1. All meetings @ Closter Nature Center are on Sundays (unless otherwise noted)
2. All morning meetings @ Closter Nature Center start 9:45 AM to APX. 1:30PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. 2PM to APX. 5:00PM

# BBS 2008 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

1. **March 9<sup>th</sup>**            **Shimpaku Juniper Workshop (trees supplied) with George LeBolt**  
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time    No Potting - Styling Only
  
2. **April 6<sup>th</sup>**            **BYOB Workshop with Min Hsuan Lo**  
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
  
3. **May 18<sup>th</sup>**            **BYOB Workshop with Pedro Morales**  
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
  
4. **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**            **Tropical Tree Workshop (tree provided) with George LeBolt**  
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)
  
5. **August 17<sup>th</sup>**        **Styling Open Workshop (BYOB) with George LeBolt**  
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time - Open to all members - Registration Required - Limitation: 1 Tree per Member
  
6. **October 25<sup>th</sup>**        **Special Follow-Up Workshop – (Larch) - with David Easterbrook**  
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time
  
7. **October 26<sup>th</sup>**        **BYOB Workshop with David Easterbrook**  
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)

## Workshop Registration Form

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reg. Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To participate, check boxes below

<u>W/S#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Conducted By</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Silent* Observer @ \$10 (BBS)</u>
1.	3/9	Shimpaku Juniper (supplied)	George LeBolt	\$40	<u>George</u>		
2.	4/6	BYOB	Min Hsuan Lo	\$40	BBS		
3.	5/18	BYOB	Pedro Morales	\$40	BBS		
4.	6/22	Tropical Trees (supplied)	George LeBolt	VARIABLES	George		
5.	8/17	BYOB	George LeBolt	\$10	BBS		
6.	10/25	LARCH - BYOB	David Easterbrook	\$40	BBS		
7.	10/26	BYOB	David Easterbrook	\$40	BBS		

\* This is an excellent opportunity to learn styling by watching many trees being styled. Registration open to all Members on a first come, first serve basis.

**For all Workshops:** Participants to bring trees (if applicable), turntables, wire, tools, etc...(and potting materials, if applicable)

Detach & **mail** (or bring to next meeting) this Registration Form (with check for Workshop or Observer) to George LeBolt, 404 Homans Av., Closter, NJ 07624 **MAKE SURE CHECK IS MADE OUT TO PROPER PARTY!**

**DON'T FORGET:** If you register and then find out later that you can't come, please have the courtesy to call George.

**NOTE:** If you need a tree for any of the BYOB workshops, call George at (201)768-7455 ASAP. He may have some available, or based on your need, may be able to obtain what you want.

**WORKSHOP STATUS:** All Presently Open – Sign-Ups will begin at January Meeting

## **NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING - ANNUAL SHOW & CRITIQUE**

At the start of this month's Meeting we covered a lot of important business, including the exciting new location for next years MidAtlantic Convention to be held at a Catskill resort. Further, we reviewed next years' Schedule of Events, settled on a number of open questions, and made plans for next months' Holiday Party. We also welcomed our new Members, Charlotte & Walter Burger, as well as Constance & Carmelo Bellia.

A detailed review of the Winter care of trees was presented by George. He defined the care of Tropicals, as well as our temperate evergreen & deciduous trees. Many options were presented depending upon the availability of an individuals available space & location. Questions were answered and now "everyone knows how to winter-store and care for all types of Bonsai trees!!"

For our "Show" portion of the Meeting, 33 people brought 17 Bonsai trees that they enjoyed and wanted to share with the rest of us. It was a very fine showing of some excellent trees. Thank you, Participants, for letting us see so many attractive trees.

The bonus of the afternoon was a critique by George (for those who wanted one). In very short order, each tree was discussed & interesting suggestions were made for further improvement. It was worthwhile for me to stay for the review of *every* tree brought in. A lot can be learned by listening to the discussion of each others' trees.

The Meeting ended, and all the trees went home with happy, smiling faces, knowing that their future was assured.



**These photos clearly show the improving quality of our Members trees. Almost all of them were worked on at our Study Group &/or Workshops.**

**YES – IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## **DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

By George, our last Meeting was a fun Holiday Party. We learned a lot, ate a lot, and all walked out with baby trees, which were repotted on the spot and will look spectacular 20 years from now.

The first order of business was to fill our stomachs with a buffet of Chinese food that included many of my favorites, such as the shrimp, the sweet & sour pork, and the duck.

We reviewed the progress of our Website & Library, including, how to review, search & obtain Library materials.

George personally thanked each Member who had made outstanding contributions, of both time & effort, to the running & functioning of BBS in '07. Their results paid off.

Next, we learned about the programs planned for next year. I have seen programs from other Clubs, and can truly say that ours is unique & exciting, so thanks to George for all of his hard work, connections, and patience to arrange it.

Attendees at the April MidAtlantic Convention will be going to an exciting RESORT in the middle of the Catskill Mountains, well suited for the Bonsai enthusiast, as well as a guest in the same room (at no extra hotel charge) at the amazing cost of only \$75.

The Holiday party ended with the distribution of the baby trees and seven door prizes that were all the more fun when the winners heard their description by Club humorist, BonsaibyGeorge (his stage name). They included a pressure sprayer, razor knives, a pruning shear, a TV sound dimmer, a puzzle kit won by Andi, and several others.

I hope you have all enjoyed the pictures that have been in our Newsletters & on our Website and the Holiday Party pictures in this issue. These are unique and we are all grateful to Bob Pruski for enriching these issues, as well as our Website.



## **THIS MONTH- JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> – Guest Speaker – Dr. Ann Gould**

Dr. Gould, a plant pathologist @ Rutgers University, will present a program entitled “Disease Management for Woody Plants”. Listen up & learn = more live Bonsai!!

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## **NEXT MONTH – FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> – PowerPoint Slideshow & Discussion**

We look forward to an interesting program being presented by Peter Sobel. Some of its contents may surprise us!

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

We are glad to report that Jane Boutis is recovering from her recent eye surgery & is doing well.

We are also happy to report that Peter Sobel's father is back home (from the V.A. Hospital) & even goes to his shop in Closter – Welcome Home!

We sadly report the passing of one of our former Members, Virginia Carvalero.

**STUDY GROUPS** – No dates have been established yet, but we expect to publish them in our next Newsletter. They will probably start in mid-April, so watch out for & reserve the dates.

## **BBS WEBSITE**

Our Website is continually growing & improving, thanks to the excellent work of Bob Pruski, our Webmaster.

You can go online at [www.bergenbonsai.com](http://www.bergenbonsai.com) & view our latest Newsletter, view the contents of our entire Library & browse our photo gallery for pictures of trips, Workshops & other activities.

## **LIBRARY**

We now have our complete Library inventory (of over 300 magazines, books & video tapes) posted on our website. Look it over & contact our Librarians, who will bring the items of your choice to the next Meeting. Good reading (& learning), especially during our Winter “off” season..

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## **MIDATLANTIC**

The Registration brochures were distributed at our Holiday Party & also mailed to those who couldn't attend. We will also have some extra brochures at our next 2 Meetings.

I'm sure we all know about our great, new location at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, in the Catskill Mountains. This is a complete Resort Hotel, so bring your non-Bonsai spouse (even your dog is OK). Make sure you're there Friday evening, so you can see our very own George LeBolt in action, as he presents his Lecture/Demonstration entitled “Everything you'd ever wanted to know about Brazilian Raintrees”.

MidAtlantic has an outstanding array of Bonsai Artists for this '08 Convention. They will have 18 vendors & apx. 35 beautiful Bonsai displayed. It is very important that we maximize BBS registration at our new venue, so please set aside & reserve the dates of April 11, 12 & 13.

George will be doing a Workshop Sunday afternoon with Brazilian Raintrees that he has been training for up to 12 years. The have taper & movement & all the branches in the optimal locations, with almost no wiring required – a golden opportunity.

The Workshops & Critiques tend to fill up quickly. So it is very important to send in your Registration as EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

# DUES, DUES, DUES

Year 2008 Dues were due as of January 1, 2008. We previously maintained our dues without increase for many years, but we all know our costs have risen considerably for Guest Artists & other expenses. As agreed at previous Meetings, our dues for '08 must be moderately increased. Considering our extensive '08 Program [3 International Guest Artists (plus George), 7 Workshops, 4 Lect/Demos, etc...] @ \$35 per individual, and \$45 per family, we think it's still the best bargain in the good old U.S. of A.!!

**Remember**, you must be a paid up member to participate in the Trips, the Workshops, the Library, and all other Club Activities. We thank most of our Members for renewing at our Holiday Party.

If you haven't yet renewed, and are coming to the January meeting, please complete the Dues Form below and we will collect your dues at the meeting. It would help our Treasurer, our bookkeeping & time consumed at our meetings, if you would mail your Dues Form (and check) to Mitch right away.

## Dues Payment and Information Form for 2008

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Single \$25       Family \$30

Please mail with your check (payable to Bergen Bonsai) and this form to:

Mitchell Becker, Treasurer  
778 Downing Street  
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Please complete the following **ONLY** if any information has **CHANGED**. This will permit us to update our mailing records. Please print using all capital letters.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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