

The Bergen Bonsai Society

August 2008 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 17th

Time: 9:15AM

Closter Nature Center

154 Ruckman Rd., Closter NJ 07624

MAIN PROGRAM

STYLING OPEN WORKSHOP

(G. LeBOLT)

SPECIAL TREE SALE

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	<u>GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Ann Gould</u> – Disease Mgmt. for Woody Plants	<u>X</u>			
	February 17	<u>BONSAI VIDEO & MINI-POT SALE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	March 9	<u>“SHIMPAKU” Juniper Workshop</u> (trees supplied) - G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>			
	April 6	<u>MABS Guest Artist – Min Hsuan Lo</u> - (Taiwan) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	April 11-13	<u>MidAtlantic (MABS) Convention</u> @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY				<u>X</u>
	May 18	<u>Guest Artist – Pedro Morales</u> - (Puerto Rico) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	June 22	<u>Tropical Trees Lect/Demo & Workshop</u> (trees supplied) -- G. LeBolt	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	July 20	<u>Annual Picnic & Auction</u> @ Lakeside (12noon-3pm)		<u>X</u>		
●	August 17	<u>Styling Open Workshop (BYOB)</u> --G. LeBolt <u>PLUS: TREE SALE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	September 21	<u>Bus Trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden</u>				<u>X</u>
	October 25	<u>Special Follow-Up Workshop – Larch</u> – David Easterbrook (Canada)	<u>X</u>			
	October 26	<u>Guest Artist – David Easterbrook</u> – (Canada) <u>L/D & BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 16	<u>Bonsai Wintering Review + Annual Show & Critique</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 7	<u>Annual Holiday Party</u> @ Peking Duck Restaurant (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 (except Oct. 25th - Saturday)
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 9th** **Shimpaku Juniper Workshop (trees supplied) with George LeBolt**
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time No Potting - Styling Only

2. **April 6th** **BYOB Workshop with Min Hsuan Lo**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)

3. **May 18th** **BYOB Workshop with Pedro Morales**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)

4. **June 22nd** **Tropical Tree Workshop (tree provided) with George LeBolt**
Afternoon Workshop (after AM Lect/Demo)

5. **August 17th** **Styling Open Workshop (BYOB) with George LeBolt**
Morning Analysis & Afternoon Workshop – Regular Meeting Time - Open to all members - Registration Required - 1 Tree per Member

6. **October 25th** **Special Follow-Up Workshop – (Larch) - with David Easterbrook**
Morning Workshop – Regular Meeting Time --- Note: Saturday

7. **October 26th** **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	VARIES	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: There are still openings available for #5 & #7 (D. Easterbrook).

LAST MONTH – JULY 20TH – ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION

We all gathered around the lake on a lovely Sunday afternoon. It was a hot day, but a mild breeze from the West made it perfectly comfortable. The goodies for auction were piling up on the tables, whetting our appetite for the start of our Annual Picnic & Auction. But, first it was time to indulge in our eating goodies that were warming & enticing us to start our lunch. BUTTTT, there were no plates glasses or utensils. Oh my, the caterer goofed, but George to the rescue. He quickly organized a team to go to the nearest store to equip us with our missing items, and in a short time, we were ready to indulge in hot & cold food & drink, even better than last year. The cookies were a hit as usual, there was more than enough of everything for those who wanted more.

After the eating festival, George looked over the valuable Bonsai items supplied by our generous Members and started the auction. David fulfilled his usual assignment of showing the items to everyone close up & establishing the winner number to the money takers. The items ranged from unusual Japanese & Chinese pots to dramatic plants that had the potential to join the world of Bonsai with a little work by the winner. After that, he auctioned books & some useful tools, such as a sprinkler wand, a full Dremel set and a beautiful carving set. The successful bidders walked away with items at bargain prices available nowhere else.

Though the participants were down in number this year, those who were there were generous, and the Club raised some needed funds for our future programs.

Mitch Becker



THIS MONTH - AUGUST 17TH - STYLING W/S (byob) G. LeBolt & SPECIAL TREE SALE

We usually have a big turnout for this event and all of our Members profit from the styling advice offered by George for each of the many trees. The format for this meeting will be the same as last year, namely,

1. Minimal Business Meeting
2. AM Styling Workshop-open to all (with advance Registration). There is a nominal \$10 charge (to BBS) for design review and analysis by George.
3. Afternoon Hands-on Workshop (included in \$10 fee) with assistance from advanced Members of BBS who will help all participants achieve the styling suggestions originally given by George in the morning session

We would like to see more Members doing the hands-on work with their trees, and also involve several more advanced Members in teaching and assisting others.

Let's get EVERY Member involved!



→SPECIAL MEMBER TREE SALE at AUGUST 17TH MEETING←

All Members are invited to bring in Trees (Bonsai or pre-bonsai) for sale. The rules are:

1. Bring in any reasonable amount of trees you wish to sell. Prices should be marked.
2. Purchase as many of others "treasures" as your heart & wallet desires.
3. 20% of all sales to be donated to Bergen Bonsai (Honor System)
4. Come early – sale starts @ 9:15AM—so we don't hold up our regular Meeting

This is a first time event for us--if it works out, we can make it an annual event.

NEXT MONTH – SEPTEMBER 21ST – BUS TRIP TO BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

The bus has been chartered and all details are in place. We will have our usual 55 passenger luxury touring bus (with plumbing facilities) and plan to leave from Closter at 9am and return at apx 6pm. We already have 35 Members signed up. We will have a conducted tour of the Bonsai display by the Curator, Julian Velasco. This will be followed by a visit with the Curator to the "back area" of the Garden, where we will see all the other Bonsai and work in progress. There is an adjacent food concession, but we advise most people to bring their own lunch.

After the two tours, there will be plenty of time to view the Japanese Garden and all the other many parts of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, including the Gift Shop. On the return trip home, we will stop at one of Brooklyn's most renowned landmarks, "Juniors", so all can stock up on the best cheesecake (and other goodies) in the U.S. of A..

We anticipate the cost at \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. This cost will be **REDUCED** if we have a really good turnout. Bring payment to our Meeting on August 17th.

ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

It is not too early to think about what tree you are going to display at our Fall Show. Continue pruning and grooming it **NOW**, so it will be ready in November. It does not have to be a "masterpiece" but we want every Member to show a tree that they have created themselves.

STUDY GROUPS

Only 3 more dates remaining, as listed in another section of this Newsletter. As of now, they all have openings. Please get your reservations in as quickly as possible.

BBS WEBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view our Newsletter, pictures from our last Meetings, the MidAtlantic Convention, & much more. Thank you again, Bob Pruski.

LIBRARY

As usual, our complete Library inventory is posted on our website. See what you want, contact our Librarians (Diane, John & Irena) , and they will bring it to the next Meeting. This is a tremendous facility and one of the best ways to learn more about Bonsai.

OFFICERS & STAFF

<u>OFFICERS</u>	
President	George LeBolt
Vice President	Virginia Shen
Treasurer	Mitch Becker
<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>	
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Marlene Cuniberti	Bob Pruski
Shepherd Haight	Virginia Shen
George LeBolt	Peter Sobel

<u>COMMITTEES</u>	
Library (Videos)	Irina Forsythe
Library (Hard Cover Books)	John Ricco
Library (Bonsai Today/Focus)	Diann Pinkowski
Library (Int'lBonsai, BCI, misc.)	Diann Pinkowski
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Programs	George LeBolt
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2008 STUDY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Tel: _____ Date Registration Submitted: _____

General Information:

Study Group sessions are hands-on workshops designed to improve your Bonsai knowledge, skills and artistic design abilities. Participants will not only be involved with their own trees, but with design considerations and enhancement techniques for ALL trees of ALL participants.

All day sessions are from 10AM to 4PM (sometimes later) and are limited to **6** participants. Sessions are conducted at 404 Homans Ave., Closter, NJ 07624, or at the Nature Center if inclement weather.

Bring 3 or 4 trees, lunch, tools, wire, pots, etc. (some plant material & supplies available). Cost: \$40 for single session, \$100 for series of 3. Priority is given to earliest registrants.

1 st Series			2 nd Series			3 rd Series		
Sat 4/26	F	■	Sat 7/26	F	■	Sun 9/7		□
Sun 6/1	F	■	Sat 8/2	F	■	Sat 10/4		□
Sun 7/6	F	■	Sun 8/24		□	TBD		□

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Please check appropriate boxes for reservations and mail (with payment) to George LeBolt, 404 Homans Ave., Closter, NJ 07624. (Phone Reservations accepted. Call 201-768-7455)

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SPECIAL NOTES:

Due to George LeBolt's busy Bonsai schedule (both here & away), he will be unable to conduct the usual 12 to 15 Study Group Sessions this year, he has only scheduled seven. Several new dates are listed above.

In addition to styling trees, here is some important **TIMING** info for potting & repotting.

July & August are the best months to style, pot &/or repot most Tropicals trees, which is best done under supervision. Much Tropical potting was done @ our 8/2 Session, – 8/24 still OK.

Some of our Members have never participated in a Study Group session and literally don't know what they are missing. As demonstrated in past years, these sessions tend to fill up early!

We urge anyone how has not yet had the benefits of this experience to sign up for at least one of these sessions this year. **Don't miss this opportunity!**

If you need a tree (Indoor or Outdoor) for the Study Group, give George a call ASAP at 201-768-7455. He may have some available, or based on your need, may be able to obtain what you want.