

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

## September 2007 Newsletter



A non-profit organization.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:45AM  
**Closter Nature Center**  
**154 Ruckman Road, Closter NJ 07624**

### MAIN PROGRAM

**JULIAN ADAMS**

**Guest Artist**

**The Bergen Bonsai Society**

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



## Year 2007 Programs

### Mark Your Calendar

|   | <u>DATE</u>  | <u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>  | <u>AM</u><br><u>MTG</u> | <u>AFT</u><br><u>MTG</u> | <u>EVE</u><br><u>MTG</u> | <u>AWAY</u><br><u>MTG</u> |
|---|--------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | January 21   | <b><u>Bonsai Video &amp; Pot Sale</u></b>   | <u>X</u>                |                          |                          |                           |
|   | February 18  | <b><u>Power Point Slide Show &amp; Discussion</u></b> -- Peter Sobel                          | <u>X</u>                |                          |                          |                           |
|   | March 25     | <b><u>Two Juniper Workshops</u></b> (AM & AFTN) -- G. LeBolt                                  | <u>X</u>                |                          |                          |                           |
|   | April 18     | <b><u>MABS Guest Artist – Robert Stevens</u></b> --(Indonesia) <b>Note: WED W/S &amp; L/D</b> |                         | <u>X</u>                 | <u>X</u>                 |                           |
|   | April 20-22  | <b><u>MidAtlantic (MABS) Convention</u></b> @ Ramada Inn (E. Hanover, NJ)                     |                         |                          |                          | <u>X</u>                  |
|   | May 6        | <b><u>Guest Artist – Roy Nagatoshi</u></b> -- (California) <b>L/D &amp; W/S</b>               | <u>X</u>                | <u>X</u>                 |                          |                           |
|   | June 3       | <b><u>Tropical Trees Lect/Demo &amp; Workshop</u></b> (trees supplied) -- G. LeBolt           | <u>X</u>                |                          |                          |                           |
|   | July 15      | <b><u>Annual Picnic &amp; Auction</u></b> @ Lakeside (12noon-3pm)                             |                         | <u>X</u>                 |                          |                           |
|   | August 19    | <b><u>Styling Open Workshop</u></b> (BYOB)--G. LeBolt <b>AM ANALYSIS &amp; AFT HANDS-ON</b>   | <u>X</u>                | <u>X</u>                 |                          |                           |
|   | September 16 | <b><u>Guest Artist – Julian Adams</u></b> -- (Virginia) <b>L/D &amp; W/S</b>                  | <u>X</u>                | <u>X</u>                 |                          |                           |
| • | October 21   | <b><u>Bus Trip &amp; Tour – Staten Island Botanic Gdn. – Chinese Scholars Gdn.</u></b>        |                         |                          |                          | <u>X</u>                  |
| • | November 18  | <b><u>Annual Show &amp; Critique</u></b>  | <u>X</u>                |                          |                          |                           |
|   | ?            | <b><u>Possible Collecting Trip -- Deer Browsed Apples</u></b> -- (N.Y. State)                 |                         |                          |                          | <u>X</u>                  |
|   | December 9   | <b><u>Annual Holiday Party</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 (**except** APR 18th)
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

## **LAST MONTH – AUG. 19<sup>TH</sup> – STYLING WORKSHOP**

What could be better than getting suggestions for designing a plant to become a Bonsai and then having the time and receiving almost continuous advice on how to accomplish the design? This was the format of the “Styling Workshop” conducted by our esteemed leader, George. Each one of us who brought in a tree & was wise enough to take advantage of this unique approach to creating or improving a Bonsai, went home with something to be proud of that they created themselves.

It worked this way: George reviewed the possibilities for each tree brought in by the participants with the owner & one of the Clubs’ more experienced Members. Once it was agreed on the best design & what should be done, the owner spent that afternoon working toward that design. Each assistant, working with only four other participants, continuously offered detailed advice on wiring, pruning, etc., to help produce and expedite the design.

In this way, the owner had a hands-on experience doing the work and at the same time, receiving additional help when needed. The resulting trees were indeed ones that each owner was proud of. Thanks to all who participated and made this unique format a success, to George whose creativity is often tested, but never fails, and to assistants Bob Pruski & Mitch Becker.



## **THIS MONTH -- SEPT. 16<sup>TH</sup> – GUEST ARTIST – JULLIAN ADAMS (Virginia)**

Julian Adams has been involved with Bonsai for over 30 years. He is the founder of the Central Virginia Bonsai Society, which has now grown from 6 Members to 65. He has been a Bonsai Vendor @ our MidAtlantic Convention for many years. He’s a Board Member of the National Bonsai Foundation & Vice Pres. of the American Bonsai Society & has published many Bonsai articles. His trees & his teachings are well known & we are pleased to have him present a program on Pines.

In the Morning, he will conduct a teaching Lecture on the subject of Pines.

As part of this Lect/Demo, he will work on a Pine & style it in the “Literati” style.

Copper wire (previously ordered at our last Meeting) will be distributed at this Meeting.

All Members are invited to join us & Julian at the Grand Buffet Restaurant, following the afternoon Workshop (apx 6PM). See George at the Meeting for a reservation.

## **NEXT MONTH – OCT. 21<sup>ST</sup> – BUS TRIP & PRIVATE TOUR** **STATEN ISLAND BOTANIC GARDEN – CHINESE SCHOLARS GARDEN**

At our last Meeting we explored the demand for running a bus trip to the Staten Island Botanical Garden, where we would have a private tour of the Chinese Scholars Garden.

The Botanic Garden, itself, is composed of over 20 specialized garden areas, all of which will be available to us.

But the Chinese Scholars Garden is unique. The entire garden was planned in China, and all the structures were designed and built in China. Then all of it was transported to the U.S. & rebuilt here by the skilled 40 Chinese workers who accompanied it.

It is a spiritual garden with many beautiful “borrowed” views, all of which will be explained to us.

Details will be established by the next Meeting, but basically, we will probably schedule a 9AM departure with a 6PM return. The Garden has lunch facilities.

The cost of the trip will be \$35.00 (plus a \$5 entry fee which will include the guided tour).

The response was tremendous – we already have over 30 people signed up!

Payment will be taken at our Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting – don't miss out on this one!

### **2007 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. (Minimum of 4 required to hold session.) Sessions are conducted at 404 Homans Ave., Closter, NJ 07624, or at the Nature Center.

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 <sup>st</sup> Series | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Series | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Series | 4 <sup>th</sup> Series |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sun 4/29     ■         | Sat 6/16     ■         | Sun 7/22     ■         | Sun 9/9     □          |
| Sat 5/12     ■         | Sun 6/24     ■         | Sun 8/5     ■          | Sun 9/30     □         |
| Sun 5/20     ■         | Sun 7/8     ■          | Sun 8/26     ■         | Sun 10/14     □        |

F ■ = Filled

The 3<sup>rd</sup> series was completely filled. Dates for the 4<sup>th</sup> series are now established & are now only partially filled.

**This will be the last series this year!**

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

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

We urge anyone who 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.

# **IMPORTANT CHANGE! PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY!!**

**LIBRARY:** As reviewed at many Meetings, this excellent resource has been vastly underutilized by our Members for many years. We thank Peter Sobel & John Ricco for toting the entire Library (over 300 books, magazines & tapes) to our Meeting each month & for the benefit of those few Members who actually used it. Everyone who attended our August Meeting is aware that our Library format is being drastically changed.

We now have 4 Librarians, as follows:

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| 1. <u>John Ricco</u> (201-567-5591)         | <u>Hard Cover Books</u>   |
| 2. <u>Irina Iarochevskia</u> (201-307-0307) | <u>Bonsai Tapes</u>   |
| 3. <u>Dianne Pinkowski</u> (973-226-0746)   | <u>Magazines</u> Bonsai Today, Bonsai Europe, Bonsai Focus, Amer. Bonsai Soc. (ABS), Bonsai in California |
| 4. <u>Michael Storch</u> (973-472-3232)     | <u>Magazines</u> Bonsai Club Int'l (BCI), Misc., International Bonsai (Bill Valavanis)                    |

Each Librarian is preparing an inventory of their material, including Title, Date, Issue, Subject, etc. These inventory lists will be published and will be available to Members at each Meeting.

The Tape & Hard Cover Librarians will continue to bring the material to each Meeting, but the magazine Librarians will only bring recent issues (current year or 6 months, whichever is greater)..

Anyone who wants a PRIOR magazine need only look at the inventory list & ASK the appropriate Librarian, who will bring it to the next Meeting.

We will continue to subscribe to Bonsai Focus, but allow our several other subscriptions to lapse.

The wealth of information in the many Magazines is tremendous & should be utilized by ALL of our Members. We suggest that you borrow 3 to 5 issues at a time, & then exchange them for another group at the next Meeting. (Call Librarian 1<sup>st</sup>)

All existing deposit checks will be returned & we will start fresh, using the same deposit procedures as before – undated checks (or cash): \$50/ hardcover book or tape  
\$15/ magazine

If Library materials not returned in 2 months, Librarians should contact borrower.

## **WE URGE EVERY MEMBER TO UTILIZE OUR LIBRARY!**

### **OFFICERS & STAFF**

| <u><b>OFFICERS</b></u>            |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| President                         | George LeBolt           |
| Vice President                    | Virginia Shen           |
| Treasurer                         | Mitch Becker            |
| <u><b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b></u> |                         |
| Mitch Becker                      | Teresa & Victor Plummer |
| Marlene Cuniberti                 | Bob Pruski              |
| Shepherd Haight                   | Virginia Shen           |
| George LeBolt                     | Peter Sobel             |

| <u><b>COMMITTEES</b></u>                                       |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Library (Videos)   | Irina Iarochevskia                  |
| Library (Hard Cover Books)                                     | John Ricco                          |
| Library (Bonsai Today/Focus)                                   | John Pinkowski                      |
| Library (Int'l Bonsai, BCLmisc.)                               | Michael Storch                      |
| Hospitality  | Judy LeBolt<br>Teresa Plummer       |
| Refreshments   | Elsbeth Christern<br>Mildred Rooney |
| Tokonoma   | Mehru Cama                          |
| Good & Welfare   | Jane Boutis                         |
| Executive Board Meetings                                       | Jim Killian                         |
| Demo. Tree Follow-up   | Marlene Cuniberti                   |
| MidAtlantic  | George LeBolt<br>Len Schwartz       |
| Programs   | George LeBolt                       |
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