

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Nov. 2018 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 11/18 9:45AM— 3 PM
Place: CLOSTER NATURE CENTER
 154 RUCKMAN RD. CLOSTER



An educational
non-profit organization

CLUB SHOW
POT SALE
WORKSHOP

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Year 2018 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 21	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— FERTILIZER WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
February 18	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— GROWING MEDIUM WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
March 18	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE –MABS TREE SELECTION</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
April 13,14,15	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL IN CONN</u>				<u>X</u>
April 22	<u>ARTIST WILL BADDELEY —LECTURE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
May 20	<u>ARTIST SERGIO CUAN — LECTURE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 10	<u>ARTIST TYLER SHERROD— LECTURE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
July 15	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE—TROPICAL REPOTTING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
Aug 19	<u>PICNIC LOCATION — MIKE HUMPHREY'S PLACE</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 7,8	<u>TRIP TO ROCHESTER NATIONALS BONSAI EXHIBITION</u>				<u>X</u>
* September 30	<u>ARTIST KOJI M....— LECTUE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
October 21	<u>PROGRAM DETERMINED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 18	<u>CLUB SHOW, POT SALE, WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December 9	<u>ANNUAL 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 — SEPT 30TH. GUEST ARTIST KOJI

Last meeting, Sept 30, @ Closter, guest artist Koji from Japan did a really great job. For the morning lecture/demo, Peter supplied a medium sized pine planted in a root over a rock style which looked like a fairly simple bonsai, but in reality, it needed considerable work to bring out its full potential. It took two hours for Koji to cut back and reposition the branch structure, but in the end this tree was much improved and had a newly acquired strong dynamic. In order for the club to financially break even on this tree, we decided that participants in the lottery had to buy twelve dollars' worth of tickets. The winner was a new member and the club came out financially ahead. The afternoon workshop was equally successful with about eight participants each paying the \$30 fee. I brought in a large (5 foot) pitch pine that I had collected about five years ago and that had been worked on by Easterbrook two years ago. Koji reversed the front (which I agreed with) and suggested that I jin a major branch which was too strong. In general, he gave me confidence that this tree could become really good. Confirmation of this assessment came from Suthin, who attended our workshop out of respect for Koji's reputation and work, and who wanted to purchase my tree. Coming from Suthin, this was an honor, which I happily refused. Why sell a good tree, I have so few of them?



Trip to Rochester New York, Sept 21- The National Bonsai Exhibition. The drive to Rochester from Bergen County takes about five hours, but the show is easily worth the trip. There were about 200 trees, most were truly spectacular and easily worth a twenty ride in a car to see. If that is true, this show is really worth traveling about 6 hours of driving time to see! On top of that, the entry fee was only \$20 /day which included full access to the lectures, vendors and critiques. There were about five of us from Bergen Bonsai who came to the show and its only offered every other year. More of us should consider taking the trip in 2020.

THIS MEETING — NOV. 18TH. CLUB SHOW/ POT SALE /WORKSHOP

Sunday Nov -18 @ Closter nature Center. We are scheduled to do three things:

First, it's our own show in which members are expected to bring in a "best tree". Don't worry if you think it's not good enough, we want to encourage all our members to start showing their trees no matter what the level they are at. The tree should, however be in a bonsai pot.

Secondly, we have a pot sale, mostly of medium sized pots. Come and get very good deals, we want to get rid of these pots.

Thirdly, we will hold a club workshop, so bring trees that you can work on while getting all the help you need. Bring your tools and wire as well as the trees.

Finally, our Holiday Luncheon will be on December 9. It will either be at our usual Italian location or at a Chinese buffet, but in either location it will be a special occasion, not to be missed.

GOOD AND WELFARE

We are sorry to let you know that John Cuniberti (Marlene's husband) passed away on July 2nd at Hackensack Hospital. He has been very supportive to Marlene and our club. He will be missed.

We are on social media Facebook and Twitter, you can see what is going on with Bergen Bonsai and the Bonsai world. Thanks to Will Farro for setting it up. Bergen Bonsai News, if anyone would like to share some bonsai news, please feel free to drop us an email. We will publish it if it is appropriate.

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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.

LIBRARY

As usual, the complete library inventory is posted on our website (**BergenBonsai.com**). Find what you want, contact our librarians (for videos; 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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