

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

Dec. 2018 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 12/09 12NOON

Place: DOMANI RESTAURANT  
HILLSDALE, NJ



## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

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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 — NOV. 18TH. CLUB SHOW

November's meeting was our own exhibit of member's trees. Thirteen of us attended with 10 trees. This is a non-competitive show giving us a chance to see and appreciate the work of other members at whatever bonsai level they are working. Our membership covers a full range of skill and experience from just starting out novices, up to members with considerable knowledge and large collections, but we try to support each other and mutually advance our knowledge and skill whenever we can. This yearly club event does just that. We all had a good time and came away with better insights about our specific trees and bonsai in general. I hope that next year more of us participate.



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**THIS MEETING —DEC. 9TH. HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 12 NOON AT  
Domani Restaurant at 387 Washington Ave, Hillsdale**

Since the beginning of Bergen Bonsai, 73 years ago ( give or take a few decades ), we have gotten together sometime in early Dec to eat, enjoy each others company and perhaps talk about the club and even our trees. Next meeting is that time again and we should all attend. The food and the place are very good and at \$15 a person the luncheon is also a good deal. Bring spouses or friends for this Bergen Bonsai tradition. Please notify either Ralf or me that you are coming and pay your dues for next year at this luncheon.

**Bergen Bonsai Changes**

Our Board had a meeting in October to plan next year's program and to discuss the status and health of our club. The proposed 2019 program is included in this newsletter. There are many strengths that Bergen Bonsai has, but most notably we have an active core group with years of experience both on the club level and with Bonsai itself. We all have a strong desire to continue meeting the needs of members and to keep the club strong, but the main focus of the club remains to learn how to make and maintain good bonsai.

Over the past three to four years both membership and participation has declined. Many old time members have died or moved away from this area and they cannot be replaced, although I am optimistic about some of new people who have recently joined. In addition participation in club programing , particularly for paid visiting artists, has not been sufficient to prevent a significant shortfall in our operating budget last year.

In order to both improve on our primary focus and also reduce costs, we are proposing the following changes starting next year.

a) We will continue using the Closter Center, which costs \$160/meeting, for prime events when attendance should be high, but we will be using the Teaneck Greenhouse location (\$400 / year unlimited number of meetings) at other times.

b) In an effort to involve members in substantially improving a select group of two to four trees we will shift to a study group format for meetings with a quest artist. A single visiting artist will be coming four times in the next two years, in the spring and in the fall. There will be no lecture demo, but instead only all day workshops. The program will be open to all members at a cost of \$100 total for all four workshops paid up front , with no refunds for missed sessions. The same two to four trees should be worked on at each of the four sessions.

c) The trees that you use, at whatever stage of development, have to have the potential to become substantially better. Acquiring them for the first meeting in March is a prime objective.

d) We may have additional visiting artists during the year, but we are selecting Tyler Sherwood as the main artist for our club. More will be said about this plan.

**The Board of Directors election.**

Bergen Bonsai elects a Board of Directors from its membership for two year terms and those terms up at the end of this year. If you would like to serve on the Board, please notify Marlene of your interest.

## Proposed Program for 2019

January - no meeting

February 9- Saturday @Teaneck Greenhouse (date may change)  
Make soil and make fertilizer

March 10 - Sunday @ Closter Nature Center  
Tyler Sherwood visiting artist first study group session (bring 2 -4 trees)  
and tools /pots

April 7- Sunday @Teaneck  
MABS tree selection and group workshop  
April 12-14 MABS 2019 at Grantville PA

May 19- Sunday @ Teaneck  
Possible workshop with Sergio on deciduous trees

June 8- Saturday @ Teaneck (date may change)  
small tree juniper challenge-

July 13 - Saturday @ Teaneck (date may change)  
Tropical repot workshop

August 18 - Sunday  
Club Picnic - location undecided

September 15 - Sunday @ Teaneck  
Our show, pot sale and workshop

October 20- Sunday @ Teaneck  
possible Easterbrook visit or club workshop

November 10 - Sunday @ Closter  
Tyler Sherwood -second study group session

December 8 - Sunday- Holiday Luncheon

**\*\*See attached MABS 2019 registration form \*\***

## 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](http://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.

## OFFICERS & STAFF

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