

The Bergen Bonsai Society

June 2019 Newsletter

Meeting: Sat 06/08 9:45AM-3PM

**Place: TEANECK GREENHOUSE
296 LINDBERGH BLVD. TEANECK, NJ**



An educational
non-profit organization

SMALL TREE JUNIPER CHALLENGE

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Year 2019 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	<u>NO MEETING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* February 17	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— MAKE SOIL AND FERTILIZER</u>	<u>X</u>			
March 10	<u>CLOSTER NATURE CENTER— ARTIST-TYLER SHERROD</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 7	<u>TEANECK — MABS TREE SELECTION & GROUP WORK-SHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 12,13,14	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL IN GRANTVILLE PA</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
May 19	<u>TEANECK —ARTIST SERGIO CUAN</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* June 8 SAT	<u>TEANECK — SMALL TREE JUNIPER CHALLENGE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* July 13 SAT	<u>TEANECK —TROPICAL REPOTTING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Aug 18	<u>PICNIC LOCATION — LOCATION UNDECIDED</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 15	<u>TEANECK— OUR SHOW, POT SALE AND WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 20	<u>TEANECK — ARTIST DAVID EASTERBROOK</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 10	<u>CLOSTER-- ARTIST—TYLER SHERROD 2ND SESSION</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December 8	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>

* Indicates a change in date, event or time, since previous Newsletter

LAST MEETING —MAY 19 at the Teaneck Greenhouse with Sergio Cuan



There was a good turnout including several new members. We were pleased to host Sergio Cuan as our guest. While Sergio is an active member of our club he is also a renowned Bonsai artist. Sergio is a visual artist who works professionally as a creative director for a major entertainment company in New York City. He has studied Bonsai with prominent masters Bill Valavanis, Mauro Stemberger and Bjorn Bjorholm. Sergio has developed a particular interest and passion for a wide range of deciduous species which include maples, elm and beech.

Sergio’s work has appeared in International Bonsai magazine, Bonsai Focus magazine and Bonsai Bark blog. His work has been shown at numerous exhibitions and have received several awards including “Finest Deciduous Award” at the 2014 US National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, NY and “Best in Show” at the 2016 Winter Silhouette Expo in Kannapolis, NC. He travels often across the US for workshops, critiques and demonstrations.

At our May meeting Sergio spent time studying and critiquing members' trees. He asked each member what their personal plans and/or issues were with the tree they had brought in. Sergio provided suggestions and direction specific to the tree for both short and long term. This included caring for the health and growth of their trees as well as styling considerations. For some younger trees, it was best to continue to establish growth to thicken the trunk and start to build taper. For other, more established trees Sergio suggested changing the front or the potting angle to enhance the appearance of the Bonsai. Sergio shared his knowledge and provided members with details on approach and thread grafting, root grafting, air-layering and the practice of partial and full defoliation.



After the critique session a handful of members took full advantage of having such a knowledge source available and worked on their trees with Sergio's guidance and direction. Members defoliated Japanese Maples to allow for air and sunlight to interior branches. Other members pruned and did additional styling and branch selection. Sergio also demonstrated air-layering on a Japanese Maple.

BBS is very fortunate to have such a talented Bonsai artist available to us and we are already looking forward to the next time Sergio will be presenting to us.

Check out his website at www.m5bonsaiworks.com to see some of his incredible Bonsai as well as detailed progressions on the techniques he has used to develop them over the years.



THIS MEETING —JUNE 8th Saturday at the Teaneck Greenhouse — Small Tree Juniper Challenge.

We usually try to hold our Bonsai meetings on the third Sunday of each month, however, in June this year that would be Father's Day. For other additional reasons which I cannot remember now, we had to move things up a week and switch to a Saturday. Hopefully this change will not affect our attendance because we have a fun program in mind. Bring your tools and wire. Peter has some relatively small but nice junipers which we will all work on in groups (group size depends on how many of us there are) to produce bonsai. Everyone will participate. We will try to disprove that old adage that too many cooks spoil the brew. When all of the trees have been styled, we will attempt to unbiasedly select the best one. Following that we will raffle our newly created trees. It sounds like it might work and it will be fun. We hope to see our new members as well as a strong showing of our older members.

**NEXT MEETING — JULY 13TH. Saturday at the Teaneck Greenhouse—
Tropical Repotting**

July 13 meeting will also meet at the Teaneck Greenhouse on Saturday,

So, mark your calendar now. Because its mid-summer hot and our tropicals are in full growth mode, this is prime tropical re potting time. That is the main object of this meeting. Bring tools, pots, soil and wire as well as your

TROPICAL TREES in need of re potting. Any questions? , call Len

GOOD AND WELFARE

No News is Good News

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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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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 and Int'l Bonsai, BCL Misc — Peter), 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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