

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

JAN 2020 Newsletter

Meeting: **Sun. 01/19 9:45AM**

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



**HOLIDAY  
LUNCHEON**

**The Bergen Bonsai Society**  
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**Year 2020 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 19	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE-WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
February 16	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE — POT SALE; SOIL SALE</u>	<u>X</u>			
March 15	<u>TEANECK — ARTIST BOB MAHLAR WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 17,18,19	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL IN GRANTVILLE PA</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
May 17	<u>TEANECK — POSSIBLE ARTIST—SERGIO CUAN</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 21	<u>TEANECK —ARTIST ANDREW ROBINSON</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
July 19	<u>TEANECK — TROPICAL REPOTTING WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
August 16	<u>PICNIC LOCATION — LOCATION UNDECIDED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 11, 12	<u>ROCHESTER NY — NATIONAL BONSAI FESTIVAL</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 20	<u>TEANECK— NO PROGRAM PLANNED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Sept/Oct	<u>FALL FESTIVAL — VAN SAUN PARK</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 9,10,11	<u>WASHINGTON DC — ABS WORKSHOPS</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
October 18	<u>TEANECK — POSSIBLE ARTIST— EASTERBROOK</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
November 15	<u>TEANECK — BERGEN BONSAI SHOW &amp; BYO WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December	<u>HOLIDAY LUNCHEON — LOCATION UNDECIDED</u>		<u>X</u>		

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

**NOTES**

1. All meetings are on Sundays

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**LAST MEETING —DEC. 9TH. —HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT DOMANI ITALIAN RESTURANT**

Our Holiday Luncheon/ discussion of 2020 program:

Nineteen of us attended the holiday luncheon at Domani Resturant in Hillsdale. We did not sing bonsai songs nor discuss the effects of uncontrolled bush fires on our trees although both were very high on the agenda for this event. Instead, Mitch Becker's question from years ago was asked, ie how did each of us get started or drawn to doing bonsai? Some of us had interesting thoughts, others really didn't know or had forgotten, it was so long ago. The person with the most and best trees in our club thought it was the dumbest question imaginable and so we just skipped over him. But what motivates us to do this crazy activity and get pleasure from it is interesting and deserves some consideration.

We also had a pretty good meal and went over Peter's proposed program for the coming year. The 2020 program looks good. We will be exclusively at the Teaneck greenhouse, entirely on the third Sundays of each month, so plan ahead. There will be three, or possibly four visiting artists (March 15, May 17, June 21 and possibly Oct 18, although some dates may need to be changed. The Feb meeting will again be a soil / fertilizer/pot sale distribution. MABS is on April 17, 18, 19, in PA for the last time. Sept 11 &12 will be a trip to the National Exhibition in Rochester NY. Sept/Oct is the Fall Festival in van Saun park. Most other meetings are BYO trees for in- house workshops. The picnic is on Aug 16, someplace.



**THIS MEETING —JAN 19th. TEANECK GREENHOUSE — WORK-SHOP**

Members will bring their own trees to work on. There will also be some small club owned porchacarria and arboricola to be wired. Hopefully these will develop into small bonsai to be sold at the Sept festival.

## **NEXT MEETING — Feb 16th. TEANECK GREENHOUSE**

Pot sale of club owned pots. We will also be distributing Peter's fertilizer mix which will be sold by the pound along with tea bags. Additionally, we will be distributing Peter's three-part bonsai growing medium to be mixed on site and sold by the gallon. Both the fertilizer mix, and soil must be pre- ordered and then picked up at the meeting. Payment may be made at pick up.

**No one indicated that they were interested in joining the Bergen Bonsai Board of Directors, our governing body. Thus, the former Board members will remain for another two-year term.**

**Please pay your 2020 dues of \$50 to Ralf. We need the money.**

This year, besides our regular local program there are three regional and national events.

- (1) MABS next year in April will be memorable and will feature artists Bjorn BJORHOLM (with a name like that he's got to be good), SUTHIN and KATHY SHANER. Registration forms are in our Bergen newsletter.
- (2) On September 11-12 The National exhibition in Rochester is a possible club trip either by car, rented van or chartered bus depending on our numbers.
- (3) Oct 8-11, the ABS/BCI convention will sponsor the Global Bonsai Seminars at the US National Arboretum in D.C. we may also be organizing trips to local bonsai nurseries if members are interested.

See attached  
MABS 2020 registration form and  
Global Bonsai Seminars 2020 registration form

## GOOD AND WELFARE

No News is Good News

## 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.

## 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](http://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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