

The Bergen Bonsai Society

MAR 2020 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun. 03/15 9:45AM

Place: TEANECK GREENHOUSE
296 LINDBERGH BLVD. TEANECK, NJ



ARTIST
BOB MAHLER
WORKSHOP

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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 MAHLER 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 & 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

**LAST MEETING —FEB 16th. TEANECK GREENHOUSE — POT SALE
SOIL, FERTILIZER SALE**

It has been a number of years now since February meetings have become bonsai supplies oriented, but in the past, we had regular programs with visiting artists who were sometimes snowed out by winter storms. Thus, even though climate change is now bringing spring like weather in the worst month, our last meeting was devoted to purchasing soil, fertilizer, pots and perhaps swapping bonsai stuff. Eight of us bought 47 pounds of fertilizer; 34 gallons of soil mix and a goodly number of pots. Peter says that it's not worth it, but we thank him mightily for his effort.

**THIS MEETING —MAR. 15th. TEANECK GREENHOUSE — ARTIST
BOB MAHLER WORKSHOP**

Bob Mahler will be our quest artist again for his second spring visit. He will again be working with us on our trees. This is the same format as last year when he was here in the spring and then again later in the fall. It would make a lot of sense for us to be bringing in some of those same trees that were worked on then and to focus on their continuing development, but any tree in any stage of development is welcome. It may still be possible to do re potting so bring soil, pots, tools and wire. The cost is \$20 per member as many trees as you want. Bob will work on as many trees as will fit in a reasonable day. Bob is a gem. He is a knowledgeable; a good bonsai teacher, with lots of tips and a good eye for design so March's workshop is a great opportunity to improve our trees.

At this meeting also, we will be selecting the four trees representing our club at the MABS club exhibition next month. Bring in your best bonsai(s) or at least very good pictures of your best bonsai to be considered for selection

There is no club meeting in April but

On Saturday, April 4th from 9 am to 5 pm, THE BONSAI SHACK

will hold an open house in Pomona, NY. There will also be an all-day workshop with Sergio Cuan.

Bergen Bonsai Society is fortunate to have a nursery in our area catering to the specific needs of Bonsai enthusiasts. The Bonsai Shack is hold a great event on Saturday April 4th from 9am to 5pm. This Grand Re-Opening Event will feature a Bonsai Exhibition, BBQ, over 300 trees and pre-Bonsai material for sale, pots and supplies and a full day of Bonsai camaraderie. Anyone is invited to show a tree or two. Those that display a tree will get a 10% discount off any purchase made the day of the event.

In addition to this event, the Bonsai Shack School will be holding its first class. This is a full day session with accomplished and Nationally recognized Bonsai artist Segio Cuan. This class is geared for beginner and intermediate level Bonsai enthusiasts. Sessions are limited to 8 people to maximize the experience. This is the first of 3 sessions that will be held throughout the year. Other sessions are scheduled for June 27th and October 3rd. Classes are only \$75. A great opportunity to up your knowledge, understanding and skills. Sign up now as spaces are limited.

To sign up for the class or if you want to show a tree please contact John Dillon directly at 1-845-304-2183. Or William Farro 917-653-6580 whfarro@gmail.com

For more information see their website at www.thebonsaishack.com

The Bonsai Shack is located inside the Down to Earth Nursery. 1040 Route 45, Pomona, NY 10970.

April the 17th to 19th

MABS will be holding its festival outside of Harrisburg PA (about 165 miles from here. Registration forms are attached to this mailing. This year's lecture demonstration headliners are particularly strong, there are 20 + vendors, the club exhibit, a chance to win a fine bonsai in a raffle, and lots more. Contact Len if want more information.

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 & 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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