

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Jan 2010 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan 24th

Time: 9:45AM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624



An educational
non-profit organization

MAIN PROGRAM
PRESENTATION BY
SURPRISE ARTIST

The Bergen Bonsai Society
Incorporated
P.O. Box 822
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Website: BergenBonsai.com



Year 2010 Programs

Mark Your Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>AM MTG</u>	<u>AFT MTG</u>	<u>EVE MTG</u>	<u>AWAY MTG</u>
January 24	<u>PRESENTATION BY A SURPRISE ARTIST</u>	<u>X</u>			
February 21	<u>POT SALE AND TOOL SHARPENING</u>	<u>X</u>			
March 21	<u>TEMPERATE (MATERIAL SUPPLIED) WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>			
April 16, 17, 18	<u>MIDATLANTIC CONVENTION</u> @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY				<u>X</u>
April 25	<u>MIDATLANTIC GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
May 16	<u>BERGEN SHOW</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 20	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
July 18	<u>TROPICAL (MATERIAL SUPPLIED) WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>			
August 15	<u>STYLING OPEN WORKSHOP (BYOB)</u>	<u>X</u>			
September 19	<u>GUEST ARTIST — Marty</u> – AM L/D & Afternoon <u>BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 17	<u>GUEST ARTIST — David Easterbook</u> — AM L/D & Aft <u>BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 21	<u>WINTERING REVIEW & ANNUAL SHOW & CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>			
December 12	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY</u> @ Peking Duck Restr. (12 noon– 3pm)				<u>X</u>

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

NOTES

1. All meetings @ Closter Nature Center are on Sundays
2. All morning meetings @ Closter Nature Center start 9:45 AM to APROX. 1:30 PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. 2 PM to APROX. 5 PM

LAST MONTH — DEC 6th — HOLIDAY PARTY

Where did another year go??? The good news — it was time for the BBS holiday party again. The sad news — both George and Judy were in a nursing home and were unable to attend.

The gathering started at the Peking Duck House as we chatted with our fellow club members, paid our dues, collected our calendar for next year, ordered any “happy hour” drinks that we craved and found seats.



Mitch started the party by giving thanks to each of the group who contributed their time and effort to make our club a success. We called George on a speaker cell phone all together and thanked him for a very successful year and our fervent wishes for Judy and he to get well soon and return to their family, friends, BBS and their trees. Unfortunately the large gift basket that we arranged to have delivered to the nursing home at the same time as we called was fouled up and did not arrive. (It was sent the next day).

We talked about a few of the artists who will be coming to the club next year and distributed brochures for the MidAtlantic convention next April. Len told us about the advantages of going to this once-a-year event. Bob took pictures and talked about the work being done by our new “mentoring” committee. He also shared with us a new, very cool brochure to be handed out to guests attending our meetings which not only had an application for membership but described the many activities and advantages of joining. Other committee members talked briefly about their efforts during the year.

After an excellent lunch, we picked winning numbers for the many door prizes that Rose carefully wrapped in their holiday coverings. Also distributed the traditional small pre-bonsai plants to each person attending the party. After good wishes to all, we said our goodbyes and went out separate ways, hopefully with a full and satisfied tummy.

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies (MABS) Festival April 16, 17 and 18 **Hudson Valley Resort and Spar, Kerhonkson, NY**

Bergen members received a MidAtlantic brochure at the holiday party. We will distribute them to others at the next bonsai meeting. The MABS, our regional group, is composed of eleven local clubs extending from Springfield Mass. in the northeast to eastern Penn. in the southwest. This is the 26th year of the convention which now has four major components: exhibit of some of the best trees belonging to club members, a large vendor area at where everything associated with bonsai can be bought, continuous lecture demonstrations by three world renowned international bonsai artists. Sunday workshops conducted by these same artists, and a lot more. In addition, this year the American Bonsai Society new talent competition will be held on Friday April 16, the day the Convention starts.

Anyone interested in bonsai should definitely attend this special annual spring event.

THIS MONTH — JAN 24TH — PRESENTATION BY A SURPRISE ARTIST

This is our chance to see dozens of bonsai trees of every shape, size, variety and color and participate in a very enlightened discussion of the values and changes that could be made to improve these “masterpieces”. It will be a very educational meeting at a time when we are planning for our spring and summer activities.

This will also be the time to bring up your saved up bonsai questions and get answers from our club “Experts”.

Please take time to think about a tree to bring to one of our meetings as a tokanoma. We will be asking for volunteers to supply a tree of interest (not necessarily “masterpiece”) and select a month of the year to bring it in for display. We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to display a tree at MidAtlantic in April. As a club, we are supposed to lend three trees for the weekend.

As was requested at one of our meetings, we will be issuing a membership list to members **only** including name, address and telephone number. **If you do not wish to include all three items under your name, please let Rose know by January 15th, (917-517-9076 or email rchan0121@yahoo.com) so that she can distribute the current list at the January meeting**

NEXT MONTH - FEB 21ST—POT SALE AND TOOL SHARPENING

The price of pots, particularly larger ones, has gone out of site. We still has some pots that we bought at reasonable prices or were donated by follow members. These will not be around for long nor be available at our club prices, so fill in your supply and be prepared for future tree.

Do your tool cut (good for bonsai) or do they tear (bad for bonsai) when you use them. The former is what you want. The latter is what most of us have unless you are familiar with the techniques of how to sharpen them. Come to the meeting and learn to have better bonsai achieved with sharper tools.

2010 DUES

Dues remain @\$35 (single) & \$45 (family). If you haven’t yet rejoined, please bring payment to th eJanuary meeting or, if you can’t attend the meeting, fill out the dues form & mail it in.

SORRY, but if you haven’t renewed your Membership by our cutoff date, we will be unable to continue sending you this newsletter & you will not be able to participate in our many Bonsai benefits, — the Lect/Demos, the Workshops, the Library, etc....

Dues Payment and Information Form for 2010

Name(s) _____

Single \$35 Family \$45

Please mail with your check (payable to **Bergen Bonsai**) and this form to:

Mitchell Becker, Treasurer
85 Quarry Drive
Woodland Park, NJ07424

Please complete the following **ONLY** if any information has **CHANGED**. This will permit us to update our mailing records. Please print using all capital letters.

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

E-mail address _____

GOOD AND WELFARE

Sorry to report that George and Judy are both in rehabilitation. They have rooms right across the hall from each other. Not like home but at least they are in easy contact.

BBS WBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view our Newsletters, pictures from our last Meetings, the MidAtlantic Convention, our EXTENSIVE LIBRARY & much more. Continuing thanks to Bob Pruski.

LIBRARY

As usual, the **complete** Library inventory is posted on our website (BergenBonsai.com). See what you want, contact our Librarians (Diane, John & Virginia), and they will bring it to the next Meeting. This is a tremendous facility and one of the best ways to learn more about Bonsai in general. The library is a treasure 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 answer the questions that you have about your trees and get answer in time for the growing season.

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