

The Bergen Bonsai Society

June 2010 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sunday, Jun. 27th

Time: 12 PM - 3 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center

154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624



An educational
non-profit organization

Annual Picnic & Auction at the Lakeside

The Bergen Bonsai Society
Incorporated
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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 WORKSHOP — (MATERIAL SUPPLIED)</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 16, 17, 18	<u>MIDATLANTIC CONVENTION</u> @ Hudson Valley Resort, NY				<u>X</u>
April 25	<u>GUEST ARTIST — Charles Ceronio — AM L/D & Aft BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
May 16	<u>BERGEN SHOW — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ (1pm-5pm)</u>				<u>X</u>
June 27	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION</u> @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)		<u>X</u>		
July 18	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
August 15	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
September 19	<u>GUEST ARTIST — Marty Schmalenberg AM L/D & Aft BYOB W/S</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 17	<u>GUEST ARTIST — David Easterbook (MATERIAL SUPPLIED)— AM L/D & Aft 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> (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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT — BOB PRUSKI — I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past few months. With the passing of George LeBolt, **Bergen Bonsai Society** has had to make some major changes on how we do things, and I just wanted to say a “**thank you**” to all of our members who have carried us through this time.

First, I would like to thank everyone for putting some trust in me as president of our club, no matter how misguided that might prove out to be. Second, we were able to do our first in house workshop without George, and with some serious effort on all the members, and it was a great success. What a fulfilling afternoon watching all of us pull together to help each other. It was greatly satisfying to see brand new members have fun and go home with a tree with the potential of becoming a serious bonsai. Third, the first public exhibit/show that Bergen Bonsai ever had was a huge success. We had 38 trees on display because you (all of our membership) pulled together and made it happen. I can think of nothing I would rather do (other than work on my trees of course) than to spend the afternoon with all of you discussing and admiring each others trees. What a great afternoon it was. **The Bergen Recreation and Parks Department** want to make this an annual event, and I hope everyone agrees that this could be a great activity for us to continue in the years to come.



Bob and World Bonsai Master Mr. Kimura

On a personal note many of you have asked about my trip to Japan last month to see the **Omiya Bonsai Festival**. I plan on giving a small slide presentation this winter after I can put my photos and thoughts together. But I must say it was a trip that I will never forget. A gorgeous country, were I was able to see many bonsai masterpieces. I was also lucky enough to meet some of the world’s master artists (Kimura, Kato, Kobiashi....). If you ever have a chance to go, don’t hesitate, GO. I had a great guide who knew bonsai and all of the best gardens to visit. If you ever do go I recommend using Mr. Yoshihiro Nakamizu as a guide, he can be reached at info@j-bonsai.com.

Well, keep up the good work. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone next month at out picnic and auction.

**LAST MONTH — MAY 16th — BERGEN SHOW — ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
WYCKOFF, NJ**



The headlines read “**BBS bonsai show a smashing success**”.

“The crowds were loud and enthusiastic at the McFaul Environmental Center. Some 38 bonsai trees stood on exhibit tables with tablecloths and beautiful stands underneath them, showing off their beauty and age. **Congratulations to BBS.** We certainly look forward to their repeating the show again next year.”

That would have been the article in the Bergen Record, had they attended. That they were not there mattered not to the members of the club who came and arranged the exhibit. It was fun. It was exciting. It was gratifying to see the results of the accumulated years of learning and skills developed by all of us to accomplish such a wonderful showing of our artistry. The trees were truly beautiful and accomplished.

Certainly special thanks go out to the members who brought trees and worked so hard to shape and trim them to get them in such wonderful condition for the showing. Special thanks go out to Bob and Ralph, as well as others who brought tablecloths and beautiful stands that the trees sat on. Many members also brought small decorative trees to enhance the beauty of the main tree, which certainly added to the professionalism of the show.

When it was all over, despite less than the number of people we hoped would view the exhibit, there were sufficient numbers who did admire them to make it more than worth the effort and we all agreed to suggest to the members that we do it again next year. Hoorah for us!!!



THIS MEETING—JUNE 27th —130th ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION

Our annual picnic is not only the opportunity to relax & socialize together but equally important, this is our **MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT.** Towards this goal, we need **ALL** of our Members to attend & support our Club. If you haven't attended in past years, put the date on your calendar **NOW**, and **make sure** you join us. **Please sign up ASAP**, send your check to Bob with the set up form below.

Yes, we will be happily attend the 130th Annual Picnic & Auction on June 27th.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Bergen Bonsai for \$15. each for _____ member

Name:_____ \$18. each for _____ guest

Mail Reservation form & check payable to Bergen Bonsai Society, send to our Treasurer:

Mitch Becker 85 Quarry Dr., Woodland Park, NJ 07424 Tel:973-767-2977

NEXT MEETING —JULY 18TH —OPEN WORKSHOP— BYOB

Our next meeting after our picnic and auction on June 27th will be **an open “bring your own bonsai” workshop.** Please email Peter Sobel if you will participate. sobelmach@hotmail.com

This work shop will be handle the same way we did the workshop on March 21.. The only difference is in March the material was supplied and this workshop everyone has to bring there own material. We will use some of our more experienced members to help design and style the trees with their owners, and then help carry that design to fruition.

This should be a fun workshop with a lot of activity with everyone helping each other. The key word here is “fun”. Everyone should enjoy themselves and leave with a solid start on a future bonsai and the satisfaction of doing what they love.

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). Please contact our Librarians (for magazines — Diane; video — David; books — Rose), 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.

BBS 2010 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

1. March 21st **Temperate Tree W/S (trees supplied)**
Morning Workshop— Regular Meeting Time. No Potting—Styling Only
2. April 25th **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist—Charles Ceronio (MidAtlantic Guest Artist)**
Afternoon Workshop— (after morning Lecture/Demo)
3. July 18th **Open Workshop (BYOB)**
Regular Meeting Time — Open to all members—Registration Required
4. Aug 15th **Open Workshop (BYOB)**
Regular Meeting Time — Open to all members — Registration Required — Limit 1 Tree per Member
5. Sept 19th **BYOB W/S with Guest Artist—Marty Schmalenberg**
Afternoon Workshop— (after morning Lecture/Demo)
6. Oct 17th **Scotts Pine W/S with Guest Artist— David Easterbrook (trees supplied)**
Afternoon Workshop—(after morning Lecture/Demo)

Workshop Registration Form

Member's Name _____ Date Reg. Sent _____ Total Fee Enclosed \$ _____

To participate, check boxes below

<u>W/S#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Conducted By</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Silent*</u> <u>Observer @ \$10</u> <u>(BBS)</u>
1.	Mar 21	Temperate Tree (supplied)	Sobel / Pruski	TBD	BBS		
2.	Apr 25	BYOB	Charles Ceronio	\$40	BBS		
3.	Jul 18	Open Workshop BYOB	Sobel /Pruski	\$0			
4.	Aug 15	Open Workshop BYOB	Sobel / Pruski	\$0			
5.	Sept 19	BYOB	Marty Schmalenberg	\$40	BBS		
6.	Oct 17	Scotts Pine (supplied)	David Easterbrook	\$40 +	BBS		

* This is an excellent opportunity to learn styling by watching many trees being styled. Registration open to all Members on a **first come, first serve basis. For all Workshops:** Participants to bring trees (if applicable), turntables, wire, tools, etc (and potting materials, if applicable).

Detach & **mail** (or bring to next meeting) this Registration Form (with check for Workshop or Observer) to Peter Sobel
129 Deerhaven Road Mahwah, NJ 07430 — Make checks payable to: the Bergen Bonsai Society

DON'T FORGET: If you register and then find out later that you can't come, please have the courtesy to call Peter Sobel or Bob Pruski.

These events and their specific details are subject to change.