

The Bergen Bonsai Society

OCT 2011 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Sun Oct. 16th

Time: 9:45 AM -4 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center
154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ



CHANGE OF PLAN
GROUP WORKSHOP

The Bergen Bonsai Society
Incorporated
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Year 2011 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 16	<u>GUEST ARTIST— Dick Rauh — Drawing Bonsai</u> (presentation/demo)	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	February 20	<u>ELECTION OF BBS BOARD — POT SALE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	March 20	<u>PRESENTATION BONSAI SOIL POTTING/ RE-POTTING WORKSHOP — TEMPERATE TREE WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	April	<u>NO MEETING</u>				
	April 15,16,17	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u>				<u>X</u>
	May 15	<u>BERGEN SHOW — Environmental Center Wyckoff, NJ (1pm-5pm)</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
*	June 12	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION @ Lakeside (12 noon – 3pm)</u>		<u>X</u>		
	July 17	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP — BYOB / MATERIAL SUPPLIED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	August 21	<u>GUEST ARTIST — John Romano—AM L/D & PM workshop</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	September 17	<u>EVENING POT-LUCK DINNER WITH A DEMO BY Eric Auger</u>			<u>X</u>	
	September 18	<u>GUEST ARTIST — Eric Auger — CONSTRUCTIVE CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	October 16	<u>GUEST ARTIST —David Easterbrook —AM L/D & PM workshop</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 20	<u>WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>			
	December 11	<u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u>		<u>X</u>		<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'S MEETING — SEPT 17TH AND 18TH — GUEST ARTIST — ERIC AUGER

What a great idea. Have dinner with friends and taste dozens of best recipes supplied by those very same friends. Each dish was delicious and the variety was astounding. From appetizer to entree to dessert, it was a meal to be remembered.



In addition to all of these goodies, the final treat of the evening was to watch as Eric Auger, along with Len and Peter as assistants, took a great bonsai (almost 4 ft. tall) brought in by Dean, and slowly converted it into a show quality tree. It could not be finished but with the demo by Eric, Dean could easily finish it himself.



The next morning we again had a unique meeting. There were about 20 trees brought in by members and each tree received about 10 minutes of commentary from Eric. There were suggestions about shape, size, branching, soil, pruning, etc. that would give each tree the finesse and finish that we are always looking for. The hurdle is for each of us to follow through. There was also an afternoon workshop using member supplied trees.



THIS MEETING —OCT 16TH — CHANGE OF PLAN — GROUP WORKSHOP

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, David Easterbrook will not be able to come to our meeting on Oct 16th. With such short notice it is impossible to find another artist to take his place or to change our meeting to another date to accommodate David.

The executive board feels we can still have our meeting on the original date and location, but with a different agenda. What we will have is a workshop that everyone can participate in (free of charge) as a group. We have obtained 5 trees and we will divide the membership up into five different groups. Each group will design, style, and wire their tree as a group and then present their results to the rest of the club and explain how they came to their end result with their tree.

This is a great opportunity to help teach some of our newer members the basics of tree design and to let them get some hands on experience with the aid of some of our more experienced members. We have many talented bonsai artists who can pass on some of their years of experience and knowledge to many of our less experienced members.

It should be a **win win** for everyone. We will all be involved in a free workshop, and we will have five finished trees to raffle off at the end of the day.

We also invite any member who would like to bring in any bonsai or bonsai related items they wish to sell or trade. We can make this a fun swap meet to boot.

So everyone should bring their tools and wire for the workshop and any items for the swap meet. Lets make this a fun and fulfilling day.

NEXT MEETING —NOV 20TH — WINTERING REVIEW AND ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE

Our annual show is fast approaching, and we would like to see everyone participate. After all we are a bonsai club and this is the time for us to shine. Whether you're just a beginner or one of our more experienced bonsai artists this is the time to show everyone what you've got. So start now on selecting a tree and begin getting it ready to display.

Support your club and bring in a tree to display. There will be no harsh critique, only a few observations made from some of our members on what they like about your tree and what you might do to improve it. This helps everyone learn, by seeing other member's trees and getting some ideas on how to improve their own efforts.

BBS also needs to start thinking now about participating in Mid-Atlantic's spring festival and this is a perfect way for us to get started. So bring your tree(s) for consideration to be shown at MABS

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY — DEC 11TH — NOON TILL 3 PM

Another year is drawing down and we (& most of our trees) have survived and prospered. Time to celebrate it all, as we gather together for our traditional Holiday Luncheon Party. This year we will try a different cuisine **Green Grill Restaurant 450 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601**

We are holding the cost to only \$22 per member (\$25 for guest) — a Zagat "best Buy". Our actual cost is much higher, but BBS underwrites the difference.

Seating is limited to 40 and we are always fully subscribed. Everyone will receive a gift.

Please join us, fill out the attached Reservation Form and bring it (with payment) to our next meeting.

If you can't be at the meeting, mail it **ASAP**, to **Mitchell Becker, Treasurer**

85 Quarry Drive

Woodland Park, NJ 07424

2011 Holiday Party Reservation Form

Yes, I will surely join the **Holiday Festivities Dec 11th. 2011 !!** Check payable to **Bergen Bonsai Society**

Date form Submitted _____ Name: _____

Number of Members _____ @ \$ 22 each Number of guest _____ @ \$25 each

GOOD AND WELFARE

David Feitelson is finally home after a long absence following his surgery. We wish him the best and hope to see him soon.

BBS WBSITE

Go to www.bergenbonsai.com & you can view our newsletters, pictures from our latest meetings, the Mid-Atlantic Convention, our extensive library & much more. Continued thanks to Bob Pruski.

LIBRARY

As usual, the complete library inventory is posted on our website (**BergenBonsai.com**). Find what you want, contact our librarians (for videos — David; hard cover books — Rose; Bonsai Today/ Focus — Diane, and Int'l Bonsai, BCL Misc — John), 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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