

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

**JULY 2014 Newsletter**

**Meeting: Sun Jul. 20th.**

**Time: 12 noon –3 PM**

**Place: Closter Nature Center  
154 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ**



An educational  
non-profit organization

**OPEN WORKSHOP**

**The Bergen Bonsai Society**  
Incorporated  
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**Year 2014 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>POT SALE /SWAP MEET</u>	<u>X</u>			
	February 16	<u>GUEST ARTIST — MIKE POLLOCK — NEIGORHOOD ARTIST</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	March 16	<u>PREP/SELECT TREES FOR MID ATLANTIC—REPOTTING</u>	<u>X</u>			
	April 25,26,27	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u>				<u>X</u>
*	May 3	<u>GUEST ARTIST— OWEN REICH—LECT—OPEN WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	May 18	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP—MATERIAL SUPPLIED (SEE PETER)</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	June 22	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	July 20	<u>PICNIC AND AUCTION</u>		<u>X</u>		
	August 17	<u>ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
*	September 14	<u>BROOKLYN BOTANICAL GARDEN</u>				<u>X</u>
	October 11	<u>GUEST ARTIST —David Easterbrook —OPEN workshop -- DINNER</u>		<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	
	October 12	<u>David Easterbrook— L/D PRIVET—Workshop Material Supplied</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	November 16	<u>OPEN WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
	December 7	<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. 12:30 PM
3. All afternoon meetings @ Closter Nature Center start APX. Noon to APROX. 4 PM

**LAST MEETING —Jun 22nd — OPEN WORKSHOP AM/PM.**

The meeting was small in attendance, but mighty productive. The open workshops we are having are low key but extremely productive for all those who are able to attend. The level of help and exchange and growth is very evident and encouraging and not intimidating to beginners. We welcomed a new member, Mark Penchinar from Teaneck who brought two of his recent purchases for evaluation.

Our new president, Len Schwartz, discussed the program and changes for the rest of the year. The Brooklyn Botanical Garden visit is rescheduled for September. The annual picnic and auction will be in July. For the August meeting, Peter Sobel suggested that in addition to the members display of their plants, an additional procedure for appropriate pot selection of the bonsai would be very informative and positive. More on this to come. Peter also demonstrated an innovative method of anchoring a plant in a pot, using flat sticks or chop sticks and wire.

Len suggested that we develop a program specifically tailored to beginners. Many thanks to all the "bonsai elders" who assisted so generously in this open workshop.

Marlene



**THIS MEETING —JUL 20th—PICNIC AND AUCTION 12 noon**

Annual picnic and Auction will take place by the Closter Nature Center’s pond. This year we will have Bonsai, pots and Bonsai materials. And they are at a very reasonable pricing. There will be plenty of delicious food & cold drinks. Family and friends are welcome. This is a wonderful time for us to relax & socialize together and be part of our main fundraising event. Remember to bring your bonsai related items for our auction.

**\*\*A new item for the picnic:** If anyone would like to auction a tree or bonsai related item, which is of value, we will offer the tree or item at a minimum bid of \$50.00 and split the bid on an 80(donator)/20 (club) ratio.\*\*

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Yes, we will happily attend the 134 th Annual Picnic & Auction on July 20th.  
Enclosed is my check (payable to Bergen Bonsai \$15.each X \_\_\_\_\_member / guest )  
Mail to Len Schwartz 703 Riverview Ave Teaneck, NJ 07666

OR call us 201-771-0343 OR email to BergenBonsai@gmail.com for head count

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**NEXT MEETING —AUG 17TH — ANNUAL SHOW AND CRITIQUE**

The August 17 meeting of the club will be our annual show/critique. This is a time for EVERYONE to bring in a relatively finished bonsai tree ( best if its in a bonsai pot ) for the rest of us to enjoy and perhaps very mildly suggest improvements. Since we, as a group, are at very different bonsai skill levels we expect to see bonsais with varying levels of refinement, so don't worry about your tree not being good enough, please bring it in.

In addition to the show, this year we will be discussing the selection of the right pot for a tree. Many of us have trees which are good enough to be ready to be put into a bonsai container, but we have problems selecting the right one. This might be because we don't know how to match a pot to a tree or because we don't have very many pots to choose from.

In the second part of the August 17 meeting we will work with advanced pre-bonsai trees WHICH YOU SHOULD BRING IN and which are ready for a pot. We will try to have a selection of pots available and we will discuss which would be appropriate to individual trees. Hopefully, some of these pots will be for sale. There will not be any actual re potting.

I hope to see you all there.

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**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Bergen Bonsai News, anyone have anything that they like to share, please feel free to drop us an email. We will publish it if it is appropriate.

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# BONSAI CARE FROM YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY — MONTH —JULY

	HARDY / TROPICAL
ACTIVITY	
Fertilizing	Yes
Locations	Full Sun
Pests & Diseases	Yes, Spray as required
Potting	Yes, EXCEPT for pine, spruce, larch and hemlock
Propagation	Yes—Air layering, mound layering, cuttings
Pruning, drastic	Yes
Trimming Maintenance	Yes! Important—Do not miss
Watering	Yes, extra water
Weeding	Yes
Wiring	Yes

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## 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. Continued thanks to Bob Pruski.

## 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 — David; hard cover books — Rose; Bonsai Today/ Focus —Diann, 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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