

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

April 2016 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 04/03 9:45 AM— 3 PM

Place: Closter Nature Center  
154 Ruchman Rd. Closter, NJ 07624



An educational  
non-profit organization

**GUEST ARTIST**  
**PETER KENIE**

**The Bergen Bonsai Society**  
Incorporated  
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## Year 2016 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>
February 21	<u>POT SALE /SWAP MEET— BYOB WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
March 20	<u>SELECTION OF MABS TREES —BYOB WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 3	<u>GUEST ARTIST— PETER KENIE — GRAFTING WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 15—17	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
May 22	<u>GUEST ARTIST — CHASE ROSADE — WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 12	<u>GUEST ARTIST — JOHN ROMANO — SOHIN WORKSHOP</u>	X	<u>X</u>		
July 17	<u>FREE WORKSHOP ON RE POTTING TROPICALS</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Aug 21	<u>GUEST ARTIST — DAVID PARIS —WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Sept ??	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC AUCTION</u>		<u>X</u>		
October ??	<u>GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBROOK —WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 20	<u>CLUB SHOW; PM OPEN WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December 4	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</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

## LAST MONTH MEETING— MARCH 20th. SELECT TREES FOR MAB — BYOB MEETING

The treasury report showed that our assets were secured and little changed since the last report.

To date, we have 6 people from our club signed up for MABS. Our club assignment is to secure the site from persons wanting to enter our convention without having proper badge identification. We will also need to supply monitors for specific times in the tree exhibition area. As noted previously, the club will partially subsidize those members attending the convention for at least two days.

The club is arranging for a wire and soil order for members who are in need of these supplies. The appropriate forms and costs are summarized in the last newsletter. Please submit your needs by the due date noted on the form.

We next had an extensive discussion of trees that were brought in for the club to select for our contribution to the MABS exhibit. Four trees were submitted and it was agreed that these trees were more than adequate to represent our club. Hank has been growing a larch that was collected in Canada. It is now growing in a shell shaped pot with a wind shaped design. Mike showed us his picea growing on a large rock. Peter offered a lovely yew. Serge presented a magnificent sharp pygmy maple that had been sprayed with lime sulfur to keep down the bugs and it resulted in the tree having an almost ghost like appearance. It had wonderful ramification and a very peaceful design. This tree was awarded first place at the US Nationals.

Some discussion was held regarding the program for next month. – Mitch



**THIS MONTH MEETING —APRIL 3RD. GUEST ARTIST— PETER KENIE—  
WORKSHOP**

What an opportunity for us all! Grafting is a key technique in bonsai because it allows us to "construct" a tree with branches and roots in ideal locations rather than passively waiting and hoping that the tree will spontaneously sprout in the right place. But being successful is knowledge and skill based so, we anticipate Peter's visit and hope to learn and try what he knows and does. We think the morning will be a lecture/video presentation followed by hands on mini workshop. This will involve us breaking into two groups each having a practice tree. The club is supplying enough wips or grafted (my term) so each of us will do at least one graft on a practice tree, which will be loaded with many new potential branches. We will keep these trees, and hopefully keep track of which of us were successful in our grafts, and perhaps use these trees for future lecture demos.

For the afternoon workshop you will bring in any and all of your trees which might benefit from grafting a branch to a more desirable position. We are not limiting the number of participants and the workshop price will be determined by the number of grafts that Peter helps you with, with a \$50 maximum fee.

**April 15, 16, 17 MID-ATLANTIC BONSAI FESTIVAL**

**in Cromwell Conn** (near Hartford, less than 2 hrs) With **WALTER PALL , BJORN BJORHOLM and KUNIO KOBAYASHI** as the featured and world famous artists, along with vendors, a great Bonsai show and all kinds of other fabulous activities. A MUST GO TO. Reminder : As an incentive, to encourage Bergen attendance at this year's MABS festival in Hartford, the club is subsidizing up to 1/2 of the your registration fee, with a limit of \$800 total expense to the club. KEEP your Registration Confirmation or other official receipt from MABS. **\*\*This offer is for members whose dues are up to date only.** \*\* There may be room in the Hotel room shared by Ralf and me, inquire if interested.

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**NEXT MONTH MEETING—MAY 22st. GUEST ARTIST — CHASE ROSADE—  
WORKSHOP**

**CHASE ROSADE** - Regional Master

Chase has been a visiting artist at Bergen Bonsai numerous times in the past. He is a local bonsai artist, who for many years has run a successful Bonsai center just north of New Hope, Penn. Chase has a deserved reputation as a teacher, an artist, a facilitator and a promoter of Bonsai. Artists and clubs near his center often run on going master classes there and we are really looking forward to a rewarding day with him. We are still in the process of deciding on our actual format, but a very nice club tree will be raffled (perhaps at the start of the program so come on time) and the rest of the day you will be working on your own trees with the help of a master. The workshop fee is not yet decided.

## MABS REGISTRATION FORM (Forms also on line at [www.midatlanticbonsai.org](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org))

Please complete (CHECKS TO "MABS" please) and mail to  
 David Payton MABS Treasurer 3041 Williamsburg Drive Schenectady, NY 12303-5326

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MABS club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact David at 518 356 3299 or at [Davidpayton412@gmail.com](mailto:Davidpayton412@gmail.com)

Lunch is included on Saturday. The banquet is a separate item not included in the registration.

amount wanted	Item	Early Bird	After March 1	At door	Cost total
	Full Registration	\$160	\$175	\$190	
	First Time Registration	\$100	\$115	\$130	
	Non Bonsai Spouse	\$100	\$100	\$100	
	Friday/Saturday Registration	\$120	\$135	\$150	
	Saturday/Sunday Registration	\$120	\$135	\$150	
	Friday OR Sunday only (circle day)	\$60	\$70	\$75	
	Extra Saturday Lunch (one lunch is included with registration)	\$35	\$35		
	Saturday Banquet ( <b>NOT included in registration</b> ) ___ Apple and Brie Stuffed Chicken Breast with Calvados Creme Sauce ___ NY Strip Steak ___ Vegetarian	\$47	\$47	\$57	
	Kunio Kobayashi Workshop	\$305	\$335	\$350	
	Walter Pall Workshop	\$205	\$235	\$250	
	Bjorn Bjorholm Workshop <b>Sold out</b>	<del>\$265</del>	<del>\$285</del>	<del>\$250</del>	
	Frank Mihalic Bonsai Jewelry Workshop	\$125	\$130	\$135	
	Silent Observer for All 4 Workshops <b>Sold out</b>	<del>\$20</del>	<del>\$20</del>	<del>\$20</del>	
	Give 1st and 2nd choice of critiques in amount column please				
	Kunio Kobayashi Critique <b>Critique Filled</b>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	
	Walter Pall Critique <b>Critique filled</b>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	
	Bjorn Bjorholm Critique <b>Critique Filled</b>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	
	Jim Doyle Critique <b>Critique Filled</b>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$30</del>	
	<b>TOTAL TO BE PAID</b>				

### MAKE YOUR HOTEL REGISTRATION FOR THE WEEKEND AT THE

Radisson Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

Reservations can be made by calling 860 635-2000 and Indicating Group Code: MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies. Closing date for group rate room reservations is March 15, 2016 Rooms are \$94 plus taxes



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## GOOD AND WELFARE

Our secretary Marlene Cuniberti had her hip replacement last month at Englewood Hospital and she is home recovering also getting therapies. Wish her speedy recovery.

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.

Email address : BergenBonsai@gmail.com Tel: 201-771-0343

## 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.

## 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 — Ralf; 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.

## OFFICERS & STAFF

<u>OFFICES</u>	
President	Len Schwartz
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**Prices for annealed wire are reduced by 17%, now is a good time to buy.  
Annealed Copper Wire Order**

The **Bergen Bonsai Society** will be making a club order of annealed copper wire coils. Copper wire suitable for bonsai work is annealed (heated and then cooled slowly). When this wire is wound around a branch, it work hardens, and a branch wrapped in this wire will retain a bent shape. To be effective the wire should be wound around the branch at an angle of 45 degrees and as a general guideline its thickness should be at least 1/3 the diameter of the branch which is being bent. The diameter of the wire is specified by its number, with #22 being the thinnest and suitable for the smallest branches and fine detail work. The sizes used most often are # 10 through #16.

We would like to make a single club order to **Adams Bonsai in Virginia**. Please indicate the number of coils of wire you are ordering and calculate the total cost in the order form below. **Please enclose a check in the amount of your order payable to the Bergen Bonsai Society, payment must be received by April 13th.**

**TO:** Len Schwartz  
703 Riverview Ave.  
Teaneck, NJ 07666

<b>wire number</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>feet/coil</b>	100	50	50	50	50	50	50	25	25	
<b>cost/coil</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>		
<b>number of coils</b>										<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>										

NOTE: You must add an additional 10% to your order for shipping costs. If the club's order is \$300 or more shipping will be **FREE** and you will receive a refund.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
(add 10% for shipping)

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***RECYCLE YOUR SCRAP COPPER WIRE***

We help you to dispose your scrap copper wire that takes up your garage space. Collectively we can resale the scrap wire, proceed to help fund your club. Please bring them in your **Bonsai** next meeting. *Let's conserve.*

## BONSAI SOIL ORDER

The club would like to make an order with Mecob Bonsai from Lancaster PA for the following types of soil. At this point we are not sure now the soil would be delivered, but a possibility is a pick up at the MABS festival.

Members would receive a 10% discount. Bags are sized at 16 to 18 Liters , 23 to 30 lbs depending on the contents. **Please indicate you interest by April 13 at the latest to Len Schwartz @ 201 836 8231 [lenschwartz3@gmail.com](mailto:lenschwartz3@gmail.com)**

- #1 - Basic mixture medium particle size           \$27
- #2 - Basic mixture small particle size           \$27
- #3 - Akadama - for conifers and decid.(18 L) \$ 27
  - a) small 5 mm
  - b) medium 7 mm
  - c) large 25 mm
- #4 - Kanuma - azaleas ( 16 and 18 L )           \$27
  - a) small 5 mm
  - b) medium 7 mm
  - c) large 25 mm
- #5 - White Pumice                                   \$27
  - Hyuga from Japan small size
  - USA sourced medium size
- #6 Black lava hard

Call Roger Lehman at 717- 871- 7900 or 866- 256-1492  
or [www.mecobonsai.com](http://www.mecobonsai.com) for any questions

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