

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

Oct. 2016 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 10/16 9:45AM— 3 PM

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



An educational  
non-profit organization

**GUEST ARTIST**  
**DAVID EASTERBROOK**

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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 18	<u>ANNUAL PICNIC AUCTION</u>		<u>X</u>		
October 16	<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— SEPTEMBER 18TH.— ANNUAL PICNIC AUCTION**

The weather outlook for our picnic on Sept 18 was a bit bleak, so we set up just outside the meeting room and partly on the porch, which reduced the distance we would have to retreat to if it did rain. And the rain did not happen, so it was good. The twenty seven of us who attended, ate the food and mostly bought the donated bonsai material, so the club made some money and that was good also. More so than in previous years, club members were looking for value and there were no bids on a few items, such as exclusive use of the pond for skinny dipping at mid night on the last day of the year.

Thank you Bryce, for bringing most of the food; Cristhian for bringing the drinks and John and Diann for the utensils.

**October 8 - The Bergen Fall festival.**

The first day of the Fall Festival in Van Saun Park was again rain threatened, but the weather finally turned out being ideal. Our club set up a 12 by 12 shade tent above four long tables and our three banners, and we displayed about 10 very nice trees. We looked good promoting bonsai to the young and old alike. We may have succeeded with our modest goal of beating last year's new member recruitment, of one person. We could be doing more if we start producing small bonsai for sale at events like this. Thanks go to Peter, for bringing some fabulous trees and recruiting and to Diann and John Pinkowski for setting up and also talking up bonsai all day.

On the second day, Sunday, the festival finally did get rained out, all four legs of the tent buckled and I said never again. But I actually hope we come back next year, perhaps with some more help from you folks.

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**THIS MONTH MEETING— OCTOBER 16TH. — GUEST ARTIST == DAVID EASTERBROOK**

October 16 - David Easterbrook David will be here for the whole day, with a lecture demo of a tree which will be raffled and a BYO workshop in the afternoon for a \$50 charge. This is a program not to be missed, David is the last visiting artist for 2016 and because it features this internationally acclaimed presenter it will be reliably fabulous. There is still room in the workshop, contact Ralf, ASAP.

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**NEXT MONTH MEETING— NOVEMBER 20TH — CLUB SHOW AND PM OPEN WORKSHOP**

The Nov 20 meeting will feature our club show. WE ALL MUST BRING IN A TREE in a pot or forever hang our head in shame. There will be competition with the winner for best tree getting exclusive rights to skinny dipping in the Lake on Jan first. A BYO workshop follows the show.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

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.

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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.

## 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.

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