

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Dec. 2016 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 12/18 12 Noon— 3 PM

Place: DAMANI RESTAURANT
387 WASHINGTON AVE. HILLSDALE



An educational
non-profit organization

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Bergen Bonsai Society

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Year 2017 Programs Mark Your Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT AND/OR GUEST ARTIST</u>	<u>AM</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>AFT</u> <u>MTG</u>	<u>EVE</u> <u>MT</u> <u>G</u>	<u>AWAY</u> <u>MTG</u>
January 14	<u>BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
February 19	<u>BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
March 19	<u>OUR OWN SERGIO— LECTURE DEMO ON JAPANESE MAPLES — WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 7, 8, 9	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL IN CONN</u>				<u>X</u>
May 21	<u>PROGRAM TO BE DETERMINED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 11	<u>PROGRAM TO BE DETERMINED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
July 16	<u>FREE WORKSHOP ON TROPICALS, BYO MATERIAL</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Aug 20	<u>PROGRAM TO BE DETERMINED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Sept 17	<u>PICNIC AT PETER'S PLACE IN MAHWAH</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
October 22	<u>GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBROOK —WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 19	<u>CLUB SHOW; SWAP MEET ; POT SALE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December 3	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>

* Indicates a change in date, event or time, since previous Newsletter

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

The following report is from a very important individual who did not attend the meeting, but who may join the club with the right incentives.

This Bonsai club is really great and if I ever did any bonsai myself I'm sure that I'd make great bonsai too, not as great as the four plants which you had here , but very great also. And there was a free lunch with food which was not so bad, but there was a lot left over since only twelve people came, not like my meetings which have thousands of people who come because they love me. The problem with your club is that your leaders are very elitist and not very smart, Just look , in the last few years the membership dropped from over sixty to under thirty and most of you have only a few trees which you are ashamed to bring to the club show. These bad elitist leaders have most of the best trees. How did they get them? How? Very suspicious, very.

If I were the leader, first thing, I'd re brand the club and give it a catchy new name. We'd have catered meetings with really good food in great hotels, and members would all get really great trees to work on. And we'd stop outsiders from taking the best trees by just keeping them out. I'm very intelligent and I can be the leader of lots of things at the same time and there would be no conflicts of interest, trust me. I'm the only one who can save this club, if you make me the president I will make Bergen Bonsai great again. Believe me.

THIS MONTH MEETING— DECEMBER 18TH —HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

This is the very last reminder about our very last meeting for the year, our Holiday Luncheon starting at 12 noon in Damani Restaurant at 387 Washington Ave in Hillsdale on Sunday December 18. The cost to the club is \$25 plus tip, but for you and your quest it's a mere \$20 pp. The food is still very good with a choice of chicken, fish and at least one other entree with appetizer, salad and desert. New for this year is the requirement that attendees sign a pledge of good behavior. Sorry, but the food fights of previous years will not be tolerated and any uneaten food must be taken all the way back home and not directed at any of our snobby elitist leadership. As an added incentive I am pleased to announce that it is likely that Donald will be there and would be ready to sign autographs. There is still time to notify Ralf that you are coming and send him a check but payment at the door is accepted. **Remember also to pay your 2017 dues.**

The holiday luncheon will again be at Domani Italian restraint in Hillsdale. 387 Washington Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, 07642

Dec 4, the original planned date had to be changed to Dec 18, so we are now closer to Christmas, hopefully this will not dampen attendance. The club is paying \$25 per person, but members and quests will pay \$20. It starts at 12 pm. This is always a good time so I'm looking forward to it.

RESERVATION FOR THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Your Name _____ , Total number attending _____

Please send this form and total payment to

Ralf Schumann at 495 Van Emburgh , Washington Township, NJ 07676

NEXT MONTH MEETING— JAN. 14TH — BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE

Bergen Bonsai Business items :

1) elections

According to our Constitution the basic controlling group for the Bergen Bonsai Society is its Board Of Directors, currently nine members who are elected by everyone for a two year term. These directors are active, with each playing vital roles in the club. Once elected, the Board itself decides which of them will serve as officers, such as president or treasurer or program director and which will serve in other functions as well. The Board sets policy and makes all important decisions. The current Board's term is up at the end of this year and it is time now for elections. Any member in good standing (2017 dues are now due) can be nominated, even by themselves to run for the Board. If you are interested, notify Marlene Cuniberti . The election itself will be run at the March 19 meeting.

2) Dues

As just stated, dues for the coming year are due in January and can be most easily paid at the Holiday luncheon Dec18. The dues for 2017 will remain at \$50 for an individual.

3) Hospitality

Mark Penchinar has been doing the important job of setting up the hospitality table and preparing the coffee at each meeting. We thank him for doing a good job, but we now need a new person to do it. The hospitality person must be someone who comes to the meetings. Please contact Len at 201 836 8231 if you can do this job for the club.

4) Meetings for next year

We are still planning program for next year, so far only two artists are booked, our own Sergio for March19 and David Easterbrook for Oct 22. Since the Closter facility is expensive and attendance for the January and February meetings tend to be low, we have decided to hold these two BYO club workshop sessions at the Teaneck Greenhouse. The accommodations are not as good as in Closter, but they are free.

Teaneck Greenhouse

296 Lindbergh Blvd.

Teaneck, NJ

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 & 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; 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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