

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Jan. 2017 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 01/15 9:45 AM— 3 PM

Place: TEANECK GREENHOUSE
296 Lindbergh Boulevard



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THE TEANECK
GREENHOUSE
BYO WORKSHOP

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Year 2017 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 15	<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—DECEMBER 18TH —HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

“I am stuffed”. “I can’t eat another thing”. “That was absolutely delicious”, and so the comments of those who attended the holiday luncheon continued. There was salad, calamari, stuffed mushrooms, chicken, salmon, rolatini, and canoli for desert. Anyone still hungry?? We were all delighted with the lunch and the conversations so if you were not there, your punishment is that you missed a delightful lunch, meeting, and friendship. Len and Peter reviewed our program for next year and discussions were held. Start thinking about being an active participant in your club by planning to run for a seat on the Board. There will be elections in March and we look forward to filling our nine positions. We need active members to keep our programs interesting and exciting. Bring your friends to meetings and lets keep growing and learning. - Mitch



**THIS MONTH MEETING— JAN. 15TH and NEXT MONTH MEETING FEB. 19TH—
BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE**

Our Next Two Meetings, Jan 15 and February 19

We are now entering the depths of winter when decent bonsai are in deep slumber, dreaming (as bonsai do) of spring repotting , being pruned, defoliated, shaped, wired and shown in their spring grandeur at bonsai shows. In past years we, their non hibernating human owners and caretakers have been reduced to holding pot sales and looking at photos of master quality bonsai at our largely unattended winter meetings. Some February meetings for which we actually had scheduled artists were snowed out. And so the temptation is to just cancel meetings for the first two months of the year, especially since the Closter center charges full price even if very few of us attend.

We have another option. There is an available, free location at the Teaneck Garden Club Greenhouse, located very close to 296 Lindbergh Boulevard, in Teaneck, not very far from Holy Name Hospital. This year , we will try using this location, so both the January 15 and the February 19 meetings are in Teaneck. The January 15 meeting is a bring your own workshop ((yes those sleeping trees love to be pruned, wired and shaped). It starts at the usual time at 9:45 am with coffee and refreshments. If you don't bring a tree of your own to work on, you may be pressed into working on our club project of making small bonsai to sell as fund raisers. At the February 19 meeting we will be making our own fertilizer filled tea bags for use throughout the year. I'm looking forward to making 200. Hope to see many of you Jan. 15.

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



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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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