

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Feb. 2017 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 02/19 9:45 AM— 3 PM

Place: TEANECK GREENHOUSE
296 Lindbergh Boulevard



An educational
non-profit organization

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—JAN. 15TH— BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE

What a surprise there was at the last meeting. I expected to write a lead sentence stating that the club had established a new attendance record for a January session, a new low one that is. After all we were meeting in Teaneck rather than Closter and finding the place is a bit of a challenge. But despite the change, six people found their way there and we actually had a pretty good workshop based on two types of succulents which can be used as very good beginning level material.

The two succulents' species are Portulacaria (elephant bush) and Crassula Portulacea (shrek ears or finger jade). They are not new as bonsai material and they have a number of good traits to recommend them. They are easy to grow from cuttings, fast growing, tolerant to drying out, grow well as tropicals indoors in the winter have relatively small leaves and they also can make pretty good looking bonsai as well. So I think these two succulents deserve our attention and effort.

At the January 15 workshop some of these jade like cuttings I had started last summer were distributed. They were rooted and had grown into proto- bonsai about six inches tall with 3/4 inch thick trunks. They needed pruning (cuttings were immediately replanted) and some wiring, but in a fairly short time I hope to see them back at a meeting for further refinement. All of us agreed that these bonsai should continue to be thought of as club trees that are being developed for future club use, but I suspect that those that turn out well will be hard to get back.

We all should start using these two succulents for our own collections and for our club goal of making trees to sell as a way to attract new members. Started cuttings will be available as they are produced.

THIS MONTH MEETING— FEB. 19TH— BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE

Our Next Meeting , February 19 , is at the TEANECK GREENHOUSE, just past 296 Lindbergh Blvd, near Holy Name Hospital

FERTILIZER MEETING

There are many aspects to creating good bonsai, and fertilizing them properly and sufficiently is one of most neglected and yet important of these aspects. . If you ask successful growers what they do or use, you will get back lots of responses, so there are many things that may work, but some of these systems work better than others. At our next meeting Peter Sobel will be a leading a workshop in which you will try out his method and take home as much fertilizer as you care to make. According to Peter we waste much of the fertilizer that we apply because it rapidly runs out of the drainage holes. The method that he will introduce us to is better for our trees and our finances.

Peter has taken a 50 pound bag of a basic fertilizer mix and added Tree Tone, Azomite, neem seed meal, humic acid and bio-tone starter to produce a super charged mixture. His delivery system for this brew is to fill high quality tea bags with it and seal each bag. That's our part. During each watering of our trees, only a small amount of this rich mixture dissolves and is released into the soil, ensuring a steady low level of feeding, with little waste. Make as many bags as you want, he has 5000 of them. We have decided that each one will cost 10 cents.I think this is a really good idea, worth trying.

This meeting will also be the dead line for submitting nominations for Bergen Bonsai's Board of Directors. Any paid member may run in the election be held at the March meeting.

**NEXT MONTH MEETING—MAR. 19TH. —OUR OWN SERGIO— LECTURE
DEMO ON JAPANESE MAPLES — WORKSHOP**

a) Sergio will be our guest artist with a presentation about Japanese Maples for Bonsai. Details will be in the next month's newsletter.

b) We will be selecting four trees to represent Bergen Bonsai in the at the April 7 - 9 MABS festival in Cromwell Conn. All are welcome to enter a tree.

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

April 7th. to 9th.—There is no Bergen Bonsai meeting for April but attend MABS Instead

**April 7 - 9, 2017
MIDATLANTIC BONSAI SOCIETIES SPRING FESTIVAL**

Radisson Cromwell,
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

**AKIO KONDO, WILL BADDELEY, BOON MANAKITIVIPART
& special added events by YOUNG CHOE**

**Six Demonstrations with six trees raffled Four Workshops
Extensive Vendor Area**

Bonsai Exhibit Four Critiques Silent Auctions Live Auction

Registration forms detailed information at:

<http://midatlanticbonsai.org>

Far and Away the best bonsai experience of the year is at MABS in Cromwell CT. Yes it is far and away, about one and half hours, and it costs a bit ,but the MABS festival is an exceptional opportunity. See about 50 outstanding trees in the exhibit and gain access to 20 or so vendors, all for as little as \$20 for same day walk in's. \$120 (lunch included) buys entry to either Friday evening or Sunday morning AND all day Saturday, which is the best day to observe four bonsai demonstration trees being made with the opportunity to win them and/or attend a critique of the exhibit by one of the three internationally known artists, who are the center of the festival. Did I mention the bonsai artists yet? Bill Baddeley, Boon Manakitivipart and Akio Kondo are big names in the bonsai world and just breathing the same air and using the same public toilet can make you too a better bonsai artist. Of cause , if you have real bonsai in your soul, you can go full bore and for a mere \$160 attend the whole works all weekend. When you do register at any level you help increase our club's share of any surplus funds which hopefully will be left over after the festival.

So, are you going this year? Please consider it.

MABS REGISTRATION FORM (Forms are also on line at 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

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

amount wanted	Item	Early Bird	After Feb 28	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 (NOT included in registration) ___ Apple and Brie Stuffed Chicken Breast with Calvados Creme Sauce ___ NY Strip Steak ___ Vegetarian	\$47	\$47	\$57	
	Akio Kondo Workshop	\$630	\$660	\$690	
	Will Baddeley Workshop	\$205	\$235	\$265	
	Boon Manakitivipart Workshop	\$210	\$240	\$270	
	Young Choe Kusamono Workshop	\$100	\$115	\$130	
	Silent Observer for All 4 Workshops	\$20	\$20	\$20	
	Give 1st and 2nd choice of critiques in cost total column please				
	Akio Kondo Critique	\$30	\$30	\$30	
	Will Baddeley Critique	\$30	\$30	\$30	
	Boon Manakitivipart Critique	\$30	\$30	\$30	
	Young Choe Critique	\$30	\$30	\$30	
	TOTAL TO BE PAID				

**MAKE YOUR HOTEL REGISTRATION FOR THE WEEKEND AT THE
 Radisson Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416**

Reservations can be made by calling 1-860-635-2000 and Indicating Group Code: MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies.
 Closing date for group rate room reservations is March 1, 2017 Rooms are \$99 plus taxes

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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