

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

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Place: CLOSTER NATURE CENTER  
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MEETING  
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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 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>MEETING —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>MEETING—WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 11	<u>OUR SERGIO— LECTURE DEMO ON JAPANESE MAPLES —</u> <u>WORKSHOP</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—APRIL 7, 8, 9 MIDATLANTIC BONSAI SHOW

This year guest artist not only did wonderful lectures but also taught a great deal. Everything from how to mix super glue and cement to attach anchor points to rocks for rock planting. A discussion of Franks/Boons mix for soil basically 1/3 pumus 1/3 lave and 1/3 akadoma. Also the need to clean the top 1 inch or so of old soil off you trees every year. **Thanks Boon!**

This member of the club sold all his carving bur's on eBay last week thanks To Will B. WOW what I learned and saw **OUTSTANDING!** Hopefully he will come back to the god old USA next year! I said **WE WANT YOU!** Will also styled a 4 foot straight larch that all the other guest artist for the last couple of years passed on. I really enjoyed all he had to offer!

The vendor area was well packed with a lot of trees **this year our own Hank Gross was one of the main stops for people.** Hank let go of some fine stuff from raw material to mostly finished trees. I don't know if he has anything left but if he does it would be worth your time to ... I leave it up to your imagination.

Our display trees shined **CONGRADUALTIONS Mike Humphrey for winning an award.** Even thought the front is the back and the back is the front! If you need to know more you have to come to the meetings and ask him. Hank and I also displayed Larch both trees were very well received by the members.



To top it off **SOMEONE** showed up at MidAtlantic Dean G., good to see you! PS I love your art and we need to talk about you possible doing a lecture for the club! I hope that is subtle enough?

This is only a small idea of what went on there is always so much! Well it was a great show for those who missed it I hope to see you next year!

Meeting workshop, fertilizing, opening trees for light and air, candle pruning pines, watering, getting tropical ready for work in July and fungicides and insecticides.



**THIS MONTH MEETING— MAY 21st. —MEETING — WORKSHOP**

Our plan for this meeting is nothing less than a unique multi topical assortment of things you may think you know about Bonsai, but maybe do not. It's going to be informative for our newbies and oldbies alike. Here's the topics:

- 1) Tool sharpening instruction and workshop.  
Ralf Schmann will give a talk about how to keep our tools in good condition, but this is a workshop, so bring in your dull tools and your sharpeners and actually do the sharpening in the session.
- 2) Candle Pruning Pines  
What do we do with pines to train them at the start of the season when those "candles" are growing out of bound?
- 3) Fungicides and insecticides - What, when and where?
- 4) Fertilizing - everything works, what works well?
- 5) Developing designs which let light in
- 6) Getting your tropical ready for the July 16 tropical workshop

This is an ambitious program, we may not get to everything, but it's a not to be missed meeting

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**NEXT MONTH MEETING — JUN 11TH. OUR SERGIO— LECTURE DEMO ON JAPANESE MAPLES — WORKSHOP**

JUNE 11 MEETING- Japanese Maples Tentative

Our June meeting will feature Sergio Cuan, an award winning Japanese maple bonsai artist and also a member of our club. He will be teaching about the cultivation and development of this species as bonsai. This is a not to be missed meeting.

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## 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; 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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