

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

Jan. 2018 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 01/21 9:45 AM— 3 PM

Place: TEANECK GREENHOUSE  
296 Lindbergh Blvd. Teaneck, NJ



An educational  
non-profit organization

## WORKSHOP MAKING FERTILIZER IN TEA BAGS

### **The Bergen Bonsai Society**

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### Year 2018 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 21	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— FERTILIZER WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
February 18	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— GROWING MEDIUM WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
March 18	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE –MABS TREE SELECTION</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
April 13,14,15	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL IN CONN</u>				<u>X</u>
April 22	<u>ARTIST WILL BADDELEY —LECTURE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
May 20	<u>POSSIBLE VISITING ARTIST</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 10	<u>ARTIST TYLER and SHERWOOD— LECTURE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
July 15	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE—TROPICAL REPOTTING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
Aug 19	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— TO BE ANNOUNCE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 7,8	<u>TRIP TO ROCHESTER NATIONALS BONSAI EXHIBITION</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 16	<u>PICNIC, AUCTION LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
October 21	<u>ARTIST TO BE DETERMINED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 18	<u>CLUB SHOW, POT SALE, WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December 9	<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—DEC . HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

This was our yearly holiday luncheon and continuing on the success from last year, we again set a new record for low attendance. Only nine of us participated but despite this we had a really good lively time discussing the inner mysteries of bonsai and planning for next year. We also ate a lot. Much of 2018 will be a typical year for us, but the following are the high lights.



We are hoping to have at least three and perhaps four visiting artists doing lecture demos in the morning and BYO workshops in the afternoon. Will Baddeley will be the featured artist April 22 with a dead wood carving program and on June 22 a pair of artists from this year's MABS program, Tyler and Sherwood, that's their last names, will do a double billing. We are working on having an additional artist visitation for October and perhaps May as well, but these are not firmed up yet.

In an effort to save some money and to have a more central meeting space, we are planning to use the Teaneck Greenhouse about five times this year, especially for the programs which tend to have lower attendance.

I am really looking forward to the following two programs. On Feb 18 Peter will lead a workshop on making our own growing medium. The Club will be purchasing the three components of the stuff now used by serious bonsai people, that's us, and we will be sifting and mixing bags for purchase by club members. On Sept 7&8 we are planning a club trip to the National Bonsai exhibition in Rochester NY. This is an exhibit of some of the best trees in private collections in the US. So, we are hoping to see most of you participating in these activities and if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do.

**The dues for 2018 will remain at \$50 for an individual.**

**Please make check payable to Bergen Bonsai Society, you can mail it to our treasurer:**

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**THIS MONTH MEETING — JAN 21— AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE— (WORKSHOP) MAKE MORE FERTILIZER IN TEA BAGS**

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For those of you who participated in last year's fertilizer work shop this will be an opportunity to make more tea bags full of Peter's special recipe containing a complete spectrum of nutrients. Members who missed out last year are of cause wanted. The idea is that feeding with a water soluble fertilizer is wasteful because much of it is lost through the drainage holes with the excess water. But, if only a small portion of the fertilizer, held on surface in tea bags, actually dissolves, a month's worth of continuous feeding is easy and less expensive to accomplish . Three bags per medium sized tree, which last about a month, means that that you might be using 36 bags a year per tree. You will be filling and sealing our own bags and paying a dollar for ten of them. This is an opportunity to get stocked for the year. The copper wire which some of you ordered will be distributed at this meeting and some will be available for purchase, even if you did not put in an order.

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**NEXT MEETING— FEB 18— AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE— MAKE BONSAI GROWING MEDIUM**

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**SEE attached MABS 2018 registration form.**

## 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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