

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Mar. 2017 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 03/19 9:45 AM— 3 PM

Place: CLOSTER NATURE CENTER
154 Ruckman Rd. Closter, NJ



An educational
non-profit organization

MEETING
WORKSHOP

The Bergen Bonsai Society
Incorporated
P.O. Box 822
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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>		X
February 19	<u>BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		X
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>PROGRAM TO BE DETERMINED</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 11	<u>OWN SERGIO— LECTURE DEMO ON JAPANESE MAPLES — WORKSHOP</u>	X	<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—FEB. 19TH— BYO WORKSHOP AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE

Our February meeting at the Teaneck Greenhouse was really good. It was all about fertilizer, which along with growing medium is the essential element in growing and keeping our trees healthy. As promised in the Feb newsletter, Peter brought a bucket full of a fertilizer mix that he made using the following recipe :

- 1) 4 cups of Tree Tone (62.7 %)
Tree Tone by Espoma is an organic 6-3-2
- 2) 2 cups of Bio Tone (33.1 %)
Bio Tone also by Espoma is a "starter" added during repotting and is 4-3-3
- 3) 2 tbs humic acid (2 %)
- 4) 2 tbs Azomite - a trace mineral rich material (2%)
- 5) 2 tbs silica - very finely ground (2%)

Clearly many other formulations can be successful, however, when I drank a single cup of this mixture as a tea, within 15 minutes I turned green, had roots growing from the tips of my fingers and then sprouted leaves from my nose. The effects on plants however are more subtle.

There were 12 of us and we filled empty tea bags with the mix and sealed the bag ends with hair heating irons (at least 60 watts). The group made about 1100 bags and could have been much more productive if we had more irons. We each paid 10 cents a bag for materials costs. Each bag leaches fertilizer for about a month. There is considerable effort in making a large quantity of these slow release bags but the ease and dependability of keeping our plants well fed may be worth it. There is still a large quantity of mixture left over for members wishing to try out this system. Thank you, Peter for a great job.



THIS MONTH MEETING— MAR. 19TH. —MEETING — WORKSHOP

March 19, our next meeting is at our home base at the Closter nature center, so those of us who were reluctant to venture forth all the way to Teaneck for the January and February meetings can feel safe again. We had planned on having a lecture demo about using Japanese Maples for bonsai by an award winning artist, Sergio Cuan, who is also member of our club, however, he had to postpone his presentation, how set for June.

Therefore the following are the activities that will occur at the March 19 meeting along with their allotted amount of time. Please attend.

- 1) Election of Bergen Bonsai Board of Directors - (3.5 minutes)
- 2) Selection of four trees for our MABS exhibit in April (16 minutes)
- 3) Making of more fertilizer bags as described in last months activity (entire rest of session)
- 4) Member's work on their own and each others trees (entire rest of session)
- 5) First meeting of new Board of Directors (just enough time)

The Bergen Bonsai Business items as follows:

#1 Elections

The following members are being proposed for election to the Board of Directors of Bergen Bonsai :
Cris Barcelos(new); Mitch Becker; Rose Chan; Marlene Cuniberti; Will Farro(new)
Bryce Hugelmeyer; Diann Pinkowski ; Ralf Schumann ; Len Schwartz; Peter Sobel;
There will now be 10 members on the Board. Their first meeting will be on March 19.

#2 Dues -

There are still people who have not paid their 2017 dues. If you are one of these , please forward you payment of \$50 to Ralf.

#3 MABS exhibit trees :

The club really wants to encourage all members to develop trees to show at MABS or other venues. For the past few years three or four of our members have contributed some outstanding trees, however there is room for greater participation. Please bring a tree to the March meeting to be considered for this year and if not now, then please set a goal of developing one or more for future years.

NEXT MONTH MEETING—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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