

The Bergen Bonsai Society

June. 2017 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 06/11 9:45 AM— 3 PM

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



An educational
non-profit organization

SERGIO CUAN
LECTURE DEMO ON
JAPANESE MAPLE
WORKSHOP

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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> |
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| 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> |
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* Indicates a change in date, event or time, since previous Newsletter

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

We are fortunate to be having our very own Sergio Cuan as a visiting artist who will be giving a special talk about growing Japanese Maples as bonsai. This is a great opportunity to learn a lot from an award winning artist (one of his trees was selected as best tree by the American Bonsai Society a few years ago) about these wonderful beautiful trees. What varieties are best and how to get them. How do you develop trees from cuttings. What is J maples year round care requirements and what are the specific techniques that eventually develop a mind blowing tree. Much of what is said may well be applicable to other deciduous trees as well, so this is a very useful meeting, NOT TO BE MISSED!

The afternoon session will be an open workshop for BYO trees, preferably any maple, please bring in any that you have. Other species are also welcome but Peter Sobel recently brought back about twenty tropicals , which he purchased for the club from Florida. These are mostly small ficus, but there are other species as well. Peter says they have real potential. They will be available at cost (\$20 -\$30) to members who can start initial styling in the afternoon session. Trees which are not sold will stay as club trees and will be developed by our members for later sale to the public as part of our plan to increase membership in Bergen Bonsai.

The June meeting will be interesting so make sure you attend.

NEXT MONTH MEETING — JULY 16TH. — FREE WORKSHOP ON TROPICALS— BYO MATERIAL

Tropical bonsai like tropical weather and around mid July is the earliest time of the year for hot and muggy days and nights. And since tropical bonsai are then growing at their greatest rates, July is also the best time to repot these trees. How fortunate (or planned) then that our July meeting is all about a workshop on tropical trees, but especially about repotting. Please bring in your healthy warm weather trees along with pots, soil, some wire and tools, the club will supply the expertise and the workshop is free.

Now remember those twenty or so trees that Peter brought back from Florida? Those that are bought can be worked on in this workshop and those that are not sold will be developed by members for sale to the larger population. So work on your own trees or the club's, but to work.

GOOD AND WELFARE



On Sunday, June 4, 2017, our Mitch Becker, 89, passed away. He was a member of the club in excess of 20 years. For much of that time he assisted George LeBolt in developing Bergen Bonsai and served as club treasurer. We will miss his wisdom, insight and many articles he contributed to the newsletter. He was a retired chemical engineer and had many hobbies besides bonsai, largely focused on helping others develop their talents and had a great love for nature and animals. Our heartfelt condolences to Andrea, his widow.

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. Email address : Bergen-Bonsai@gmail.com Tel: 201-771-0343

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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