

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Nov. 2017 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 11/19 9:45 AM— 3 PM

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



An educational
non-profit organization

CLUB SHOW
SWAP MEET; POT SALE

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>MEETING—WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 11	<u>OUR 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 10	<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—OCT. 22ND. GUEST ARTIST — DAVID EASTERBROOK — WORKSHOP

We had a substantial turn out for David Easterbrook's visit with a morning lecture demo using a Hinoki Cyprus followed by an afternoon workshop open to everyone for free. It was good to see so much of the club attending when we have an outstanding attraction or program. Despite wanting our programs to be at the highest level every meeting, we have not been able to achieve that goal although we do try. When participation drops and members get into the habit of doing other things on second or third Sundays we evolve into a club which is even less able to generate good program. We need sustained interest and involvement. Easterbrook talked about the level of bonsai interest and participation in the Montreal area, a city only a fraction of the size of the New York region. There is only one large club there with hundreds of members and a group of professional artists who essentially constitute a school for bonsai. Classes are conducted at three levels, elementary, intermediate and advanced. It took years of time and inspired leadership to develop that system. We in our many smaller local clubs work with what we have with MABS being the only true collaboration which brings us together. One of our most important missing elements is a program to help our beginners get started and to learn some fundamentals. My phrase for that is getting hooked on bonsai. George Lebolt gave beginners workshops from his back yard in years past and most of our core people started by working with him. Without that early intervention new people tend to get discouraged. We in Bergen Bonsai no longer offer enough of that initial support. Several new members attended this meeting for the first time and two of them won the raffle tree. We welcome these new members and encourage them to seek help and advice from the rest of us.

Back to David Easterbrook's lecture in the morning. The Hinoki had a good base with some workable lower branches and then a long straight ugly middle section. Easterbrook removed the top, formed the ugly straight part into a natural looking jin for the crown, wired down the lower branches and formed a lovely looking bonsai all in under two hours. It was great fun watching a talented artist at work and listening to his insightful thoughts and comments. We want him back again next year.

The afternoon workshop was equally successful. I don't remember how many trees were brought in by members, but all came away with improvements. My own experience was to find out that my tree had mites.



THIS MONTH MEETING — NOV. 19TH. CLUB SHOW AND SWAP MEET AT THE NATURE CENTER

The Nov meeting has four elements: a members show, a pot sale, a swap meet and a workshop for member's trees.

The members show used to be a main feature of the Nov meeting but more recently only a few trees have been brought in. Please, change this and everyone bring in one of your best trees to show off. It should be a tree in a bonsai like pot.

The club has a large assortment of cheap trees, most small to middle in size. Ralf is bringing them in and really would like other people to take them home. They will be good buys.

Bring in items which you no longer want and either sell or swap them for something else. Pots, trees, books, magazines, anything related to bonsai is OK.

Finally lets turn the rest of the meeting into a workshop. Bring tools and wire and some trees that need work.

NEXT MEETING— DEC 10TH—ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The holiday luncheon will again be at Domanis Italian restraint in Hillsdale.
387 Washington Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, 07642
The cub is paying \$25 per person, but members and quests will pay \$20.
It starts at 12 pm. This is always a good time so I'm looking forward to it.

RESERVATION FOR THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Dec. 10th.

Your Name _____ ,
Total number attending _____

Please send this form and total payment to

Ralf Schumann
495 Van Emburgh ,
Washington Township, NJ 07676

Prices for annealed wire have been significantly increased by 20% due to increases in the price of copper. In addition you must add 10% for shipping costs, however this amount will be returned to you if the club order is large enough.

Annealed Copper Wire Order

The Bergen Bonsai Society will be making a club order of annealed copper wire coils. Copper wire suitable for bonsai work is annealed (heated and then cooled slowly). When this wire is wound around a branch, it work hardens, and a branch wrapped in this wire will retain a bent shape. To be effective the wire should be wound around the branch at an angle of 45 degrees and as a general guideline its thickness should be at least 1/3 the diameter of the branch which is being bent. The diameter of the wire is specified by its number, with #20 being the thinnest and suitable for the smallest branches and fine detail work. The sizes used most often are # 10 through #16.

We would like to make a single club order to **Adams Bonsai in Virginia**. Please indicate the number of coils of wire you are ordering and calculate the total cost in the order form below. Please enclose a check in the amount of your order made out to the Bergen Bonsai Society and send the order to

Len Schwartz
703 Riverview Ave.
Teaneck, NJ 07666

To be included in this order your check must be received by Dec. 20th. 2017

wire number	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	
feet/coil	50	50	50	50	50	50	25	25	
cost/coil	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$10.00		
number of coils									Grand Total
Subtotal									

NOTE: You must add 30% to the prices listed in the table. If the club's order is large enough, shipping will be free and 10% will be returned to you.

Your Name: _____ phone : _____

Total amount enclosed _____
(add 30%) for copper and shipping)

RECYCLE YOUR SCRAP COPPER WIRE

We help you to dispose your scrap copper wire that takes up your garage space.
Collectively we can resale the scrap wire, proceed to help fund your club.
Please bring them in your **Bonsai** next meeting. *Let's conserve.*

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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