

The Bergen Bonsai Society

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Place: TEANECK GREENHOUSE
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MABS TREE SELECTION

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Year 2018 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 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>ARTIST SERGIO CUAN — LECTURE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
June 10	<u>ARTIST TYLER SHERROD— 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>PICNIC LOCATION UNDERTERMINED</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 23	<u>ARTIST KOJIM....— LECTUE/DEMO</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
October 21	<u>PROGRAM 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—FEB 18th— AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE— MAKE BONSAI GROWING MEDIUM

About twelve of us purchased a total of about 60 gallons of bonsai growing medium that "serious" enthusiasts are now using. The composition is about equal parts black lava, akadama and pumice. Thank you Peter, for suggesting this winter activity and for buying and bringing the separate bags of the component materials. We used wheel barrels at the greenhouse to get a fairly homogeneous mix and then scooped out each member's order into their carry home bag.

It was a different and good workshop and I intend to use the eight gallons that I purchased for the plants that I care more about. Did I mention the price? Ten dollars/gallon. Four, times the value of gasoline, not dirt cheap, but because our growing medium is central to the health of our trees, worth trying.

THIS MEETING—MAR 18th — AT THE TEANECK GREENHOUSE — MABS TREE SELECTION

It's just about spring and our non tropical trees are about to come back to life (or else they didn't make it). Just before the new leaves pop is the ideal time to re pot for those trees that need it. It is then, while still essentially dormant, that the plant is most likely to survive the stress of working on its roots , either just cutting them back and/or replacing growing medium and , perhaps putting them in a new pot. At this meeting we will also be selecting the four trees that Bergen Bonsai will exhibit in this year's MABS festival. There is an open field this year as some of our main exhibitors from the past years will not be entering a tree (I hear).

NEXT MEETING — Bergen Bonsai has two events scheduled for April.

The MABS festival is April 13 to 15, in Cromwell Conn, about one and half hours from here. So far only four of us are registered, but our low attendance will not stop the festival from happening anyway. There is still time to register, but the best deal is to drive up Saturday morning, pay a minimal entrance fee and still have access to the exhibit and the vendors.

The second event on April 22 will be the visit of Bill Baddeley, our first Artist of 2018. Bill does dead wood carving so well that he makes the dead stuff really look as it once was alive. Sign up for this workshop with Ralf starting now.

SEE attached MABS 2018 registration form.

The following is a description of this year's guest artist's visitations and trips for 2018.

Please contact Ralf to reserve your place at workshops.

- #1 **April 22 Bill Baddeley @ the Closter Nature Center** Bill Baddeley's wonderful skills are in carving dead wood to make it look like natural processes at work. We will have at least one tree with lots of dead wood and everyone in the morning demonstration will get to work on it. Learn which tools and techniques to use. The demo tree will be **raffled**. There will be a workshop in the afternoon for those who have trees needing dead wood work, **\$30 Contact Ralf to reserve your spot.**

- #2 **May 20 Sergio Cuan@ the Closter Nature Center** Sergio will follow up on his Maples Part 1 lecture from last year with Maples Part 2. Detailed work on grafting and other techniques. Open BYO workshop in the afternoon , **\$20 Contact Ralf to reserve your spot.**

- #3 **June 10 , Tyler Sherrod (a headliner from this year's MABS)@ the Closter Nature Center** This will be an open workshop of BYO trees open to 8 participants with a **\$20 fee**. There may be a lecture demo in the morning. Reserve your spot with Ralf

- #4 **September 23, Koji M..... @ the Closter Nature Center** Koji is a world class artist who specializes in pines. Learn about pines as bonsai. Koji will work on a lovely Scots Pine in the morning demonstration. This pine will be raffled. The club is purchasing 6 specially grown black pines specifically for this workshop costing in the range of **\$175 to \$200 each**. The workshop is free for anyone purchasing one of these trees, otherwise the workshop cost is **\$30 for a BYO tree**. Notify Ralf to reserve your spot.

- #5 **Trip to the National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester NY September 7&8.** Leave Friday Sept 7 around 3 pm using either members cars or rented van and sleep in hotel in Rochester. Next morning after breakfast attend exhibit show with outstanding trees, vendors and demonstrations. Leave for home about 4-5 pm. **Cost about \$200 or less. Possible change to two night stay.**

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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 & 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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