

The Bergen Bonsai Society

July. 2018 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 07/15 9:45 AM— 3 PM

Place: TEANECK GREENHOUSE
296 LINBERGH BLVD. TEANECK, NJ



An educational
non-profit organization

TROPICALS REPOTTING WORKSHOP

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>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 — MIKE HUMPHREY'S PLACE</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—JUN 10th. — ARTIST TYLER SHERROD LECTURE/ DEMO AT CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

Tyler Sherrod was June's guest artist, our third professional artist visit of the year. During the morning lecture demo Tyler worked on a hinoki cypress which had its share of negatives, but following that old bonsai precept of using some of those weaknesses advantageously he produced a tree which was well on its way to realizing its bonsai potential. Tyler had a lot to tell and show while he worked on this tree. His five year apprenticeship in Japan included having to learn a new language and culture as well as the art of bonsai. Young artists like him bring back a wealth of all sorts of knowledge and experience. Tyler is a very effective teacher who explains the whats and whys of bonsai well. There was a workshop following Tyler's presentation.



There were only about twelve of us at this meeting which is low considering the expense and effort that the club makes in bringing in artists of Tyler's caliber. We are losing some of our long time members who are the core of our club and we hope to draw them back. The art of bonsai requires patience and continuity and with this in mind Peter is suggesting a different approach to guest artists and workshops with them in particular. Instead of bringing in different trees for help with different artists we, could he suggests, identify and then develop a core group of trees, in each of our collections, which would be the focus of repeated reviews, by the same quest artist, coming repeated times throughout the year. Such repeated intensive, consistent work on only a few good trees would hopefully lead to more involvement by our members and to better bonsai. This is an idea worth considering

THIS MEETING—JUL 15TH. TEANECK GREENHOUSE– TROPICAL REPOTTING.

FREE workshop at The greenhouse is located just past 296 Lindbergh Blvd in Teaneck, about .5 miles east of Holy Name Hospital). Mid summer is the ideal time to repot tropicals because they are growing rapidly and therefore stand the best chance of recovering from the shock to their systems when they are cut back. Bring your tropicals, soil, pots, wire, mesh and tools to this intensive one day, free workshop. Come even if you don't have any trees and help out.

NEXT MEETING — AUG 19th. — ANNUAL PICNIC AND CLUB AUCTION

Last year, for the first time, we took the chance that our members would relocate our annual picnic/ auction from Closter and come all the way to Peter's place in Mahwah. A great many of us did so and enjoyed his wonderful house and even more wonderful bonsai. Stretching this success a little further north, this years' picnic location will be in Wallkill NY, about 60 miles or an hour and a quarter from Closter. We thank Mike for offering his place and we look forward to seeing his wonderful trees. The cost is \$15 per person for all you can eat. Please bring and donate your unwanted bonsai related material and come prepared to fund the club with your purchases on really good auction deals. Please notify Ralf of your intention to come so that we know how much food to plan.

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 sorry to let you know that John Cuniberti (Marlene's husband) passed away on July 2nd at Hackensack Hospital. He has been very supportive to Marlene and our club. He will be missed.

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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