

The Bergen Bonsai Society

Sept. 2018 Newsletter

Meeting: Sun 9/30 9:45AM— 3 PM

Place: CLOSTER NATURE CENTER
154 RUCKMAN RD. CLOSTER



An educational
non-profit organization

VISITING ARTIST
FROM JAPAN
MR. KOJI

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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 — MIKE HUMPHREY'S PLACE</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 7,8	<u>TRIP TO ROCHESTER NATIONALS BONSAI EXHIBITION</u>				<u>X</u>
* September 30	<u>ARTIST KOJI M....— 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—AUG 19TH. PICNIC/AUCTION AT MIKE HUM-PHREY'S PLACE IN WALLKILL. NY

We thank both Mike and Nancy for making us so welcome at their beautiful place. Mike has created a truly lovely garden. His bonsai trees are wonderful, but the Japanese style landscaped garden out back, designed and created by Mike is beautiful. The trees themselves are like jewels embedded into the design. What a wonderful and successful undertaking Mike has produced.

The weather, after looking like rain, turned out to be beautiful as well. Unfortunately there was too much food for the eighteen of us who attended, but so what. Finally, the auction was also successful, producing \$600 for the club, thank you to everyone who donated items. Thank you also to those of us who bought them.

THIS MEETING—SEPT. 30TH. BONSAI ARTIST MR. KOJI, VISITING FROM JAPAN,

Sunday 9:45 am at the Closter Nature Center. Koji, from Japan, our last visiting quest artist for this year will be with us for the first time. Koji is a BIG name international bonsai award winner and we are very happy to have him at our club. His specialty is pines, all kinds, especially black pine. In the morning session Koji will create a bonsai (I forgot the species) which will be raffled to an attending member, so that for a minimum purchase of five dollars one of us will take home a tree with an initial value of \$350 (before Koji) and a considerably increased value after it is worked on. I advise that you buy more than one ticket. The afternoon session will be an open workshop costing \$30 to participate. Pines are best but any and all trees are welcome. There are some small, but excellent black pines available for purchase from Peter (via Easterbrook) for \$175 which would be excellent material for the workshop. Please call Len to indicate your intent to participate, but whether you plan to do the workshop or not make sure that you come to this meeting.

NEXT MEETING —OCT 21st. BOARD MEETING AND OPEN WORKSHOP

Board Meeting at the Teaneck Greenhouse: This session will be an open and free, bring your own tree and get advice and help from other members. There will be a simultaneous Bergen Bonsai Board of Directors meeting which is open to all members as observers. We will be planning next year's program.

OTHER ACTIVIES

1) The 6th US National Bonsai Exhibition took place Sept 8&9 in Rochester NY,

A five and a half hour drive North West. The trees (about 200) were truly amazing. There were vendors, demonstrations and critiques by leading US and international artists. The daily entry fee was a staggeringly low \$20. What a deal, what an experience. It wore me out and worth attending the next one in two years.

2) Fall Festival at Van Saun Park. Saturday only Sept 29

For the past three years our club has had an exhibit and information tent at the weekend long Bergen County sponsored Fall Festival. We participate as a way to publicize bonsai and to potentially attract new people to bonsai and to our club. Unfortunately the change in Koji's schedule has created a conflict with the festival and Bergen Bonsai would only be at the festival for the single day of Saturday Sept 29.

3) The 1st Annual Bonsai Swap Meet, Saturday October 20th.

From 10 am to 4 pm. At The Bonsai Shack (located inside Down to Earth Nursery) , 1040 Route 45 , Pomona, NY This is billed as an old - fashioned swap meet where anyone can bring any bonsai related items and materials such as trees , pots, tools, soil, books , videos, etc. to trade. Free to all, no charge. This is definitely worth checking out, especially since it is the closest bonsai nursery to our club and we want to support it.

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 30, 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.**

Ralf's tel: 201-652-6294; email: rjs495@erols.com

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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