

# The Bergen Bonsai Society

NOV 2019 Newsletter

Meeting: **Sun. 11/10 9:45AM-3PM**

Place: **CLOSTER NATURE CENTER  
154 RUCKMAN RD. CLOSTER, NJ**



**GUEST ARTIST**  
**BOB MALHER**

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**Year 2019 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	<u>NO MEETING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* February 17	<u>TEANECK GREENHOUSE— MAKE SOIL AND FERTILIZER</u>	<u>X</u>			
March 10	<u>CLOSTER NATURE CENTER— ARTIST-TYLER SHERROD</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 7	<u>TEANECK — MABS TREE SELECTION &amp; GROUP WORK-SHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
April 12,13,14	<u>MID-ATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL IN GRANTVILLE PA</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
May 19	<u>TEANECK —ARTIST SERGIO CUAN</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* June 8 SAT	<u>TEANECK — SMALL TREE JUNIPER CHALLENGE</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
* July 13 SAT	<u>TEANECK —TROPICAL REPOTTING</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
Aug 18	<u>PICNIC LOCATION — LOCATION UNDECIDED</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>
September 15	<u>TEANECK— OUR SHOW, POT SALE AND WORKSHOP</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
October 26,27	<u>FIELD TRIP— WASHINGTON DC</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
November 10	<u>CLOSTER-- ARTIST—BOB MALHER</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
December 8	<u>ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>

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

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**LAST MEETING —OCT 26 & 27 FIELD TRIP to NATIONAL BONSAI MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON DC AND BONSAI SHOPPING**

There was no Oct club meeting, instead on Oct 26, 27 the club went on a two days bonsai field trip to the **National Bonsai Museum in Washington DC**. This world class exhibit is split into three sections: Japanese, North American and Chinese and most of the hundred or so trees are superb. We timed the trip to coincide with a special tribute exhibit to Nick Leinz, a notorious violator of bonsai conventions.

Our time spent at the exhibit was complemented by David Easterbrook's running commentary about these trees and their makers.

In the evening, we ate at a Japanese place in Harrisburg where our hotel was also located. Next day, on the way home, we visited Nature's Way, a long-standing bonsai nursery also in Harrisburg, where many of us made some fine purchases. Closer to home we stopped again at

Allshapes bonsai nursery near Flemington which had a good assortment of beginner pre-bonsai, where some of us bought more material.

There were only seven of us on this trip, a pity because this trip was very informative, a chance to get good material, fairly inexpensive and a lot of fun. We should plan to do more of these excursions, hopefully with more attendees.





**THIS MEETING — NOV. 10TH. SUNDAY— AT CLOSTER NATURE CENTER —GUEST ARTIST — BOB MALHER**

Next meeting: Sunday, Nov 10 at the old address in CLOSTER NATURE CENTER, 154 Ruckman Rd.

Bob Malher will be a visiting artist for the second time this year, again running an all-day workshop with the trees that we bring in. This workshop is open to all members for a \$20 fee. Participants should continue developing the trees that you worked on with Bob last March, but also bring in new material from any source for Bob's advice and help.

Bob will also be bringing in some of his trees for sale to the club. The prices will be in the \$75 to \$100 or higher range, so consider working on something you have just purchased. In addition to your tools and wire bring some money to purchase these trees and wind up going home with a well started bonsai.

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**NEXT MEETING —DEC 8TH.. SUNDAY — HOLIDAY PARTY**

December meeting: This is will be our traditional holiday luncheon, tentatively scheduled for Dec. 8. We are still considering locations and the date may change. Stay tuned.



## GOOD AND WELFARE

No News is Good News

## BBS WEBSITE

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

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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## LIBRARY

As usual, the complete library inventory is posted on our website ([BergenBonsai.com](http://BergenBonsai.com)). Find what you want, contact our librarians (for videos; hard cover books — Ralf; Bonsai Today/ Focus and Int'l Bonsai, BCL Misc — Peter), 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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