



Next Meeting May,9th 2016 @ 7:30 featuring:

Owen Reich



Most of my life I've lived in the Southeastern part of America. I'm drawn to the mountains and have spent a great deal of time in the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains. Deciduous trees and broad leaf evergreens have always held the most interest for me and my mind goes straight to maples, fruit trees, and winter flowering species when it comes to bonsai. The plant nerd in me likes the less commonly used species without a doubt. This area of bonsai is where I hope to have the greatest impact by sharing techniques for their

creation and maintenance.

My background is in the Green Industry and I have a degree in Horticulture from The University of Georgia. All my internships and summer jobs since I was old enough to work have involved getting my hands dirty. After graduation, I spent 5 years building, managing, and expanding Samara Farms LLC as the Nursery Manager. An interest in Asian species (especially Japanese) and unusual plants kept me busy propagating while also producing crops of species suitable for the nursery trade.

I've always enjoyed the moment when something clicks and new insight is gained by the student. Now, after completing my first two years of a formal apprenticeship at Kouka-en, I'm ready to share what I've learned so far in Japan as well as all the horticultural insight gained from past experience.

The best way to describe my teaching style is laid back and practical. There are many "gray" areas when learning about bonsai, but navigating these murky waters is possible. The most important thing when working with bonsai is that this activity should be fun. While styling and caring for exhibition quality collections is something I'm capable of, some people just want to improve their skill sets without all the pomp and circumstance. An ideal end to any workshop I lead involves a room-full of students worn out from information overload; not guessing what the next step is for their bonsai.

Interests and certifications

Kusamono Pest / Disease I.D. and Treatment /Antique Pots/Plant Propagation
Japanese Gardens (presentations available)/ Rare and Unusual Plants
Photography/Non-Traditional Display/Irrigation Systems
Niwaki (Japanese Garden Trees)

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Of Special Interest:

- **6/11/2016—Brooklyn Botanical Garden Tour—\$12.00 Private tour by Julian of BBG**
- **5/15/16—Vin Russo Workshop. Bring your own tree Cost \$45.00 Preregistration a must!**
- **7/9/2016—LIBS annual picnic and auction—**

LIBS Display at Arbor Day

Special thanks to everyone that helped out !

We had 622 visits recorded and everything looked beautiful

Photos by Mary Ward and Joe Gomez



April 2016



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See Mauro video : <https://youtu.be/uxhIZbHVYj0>

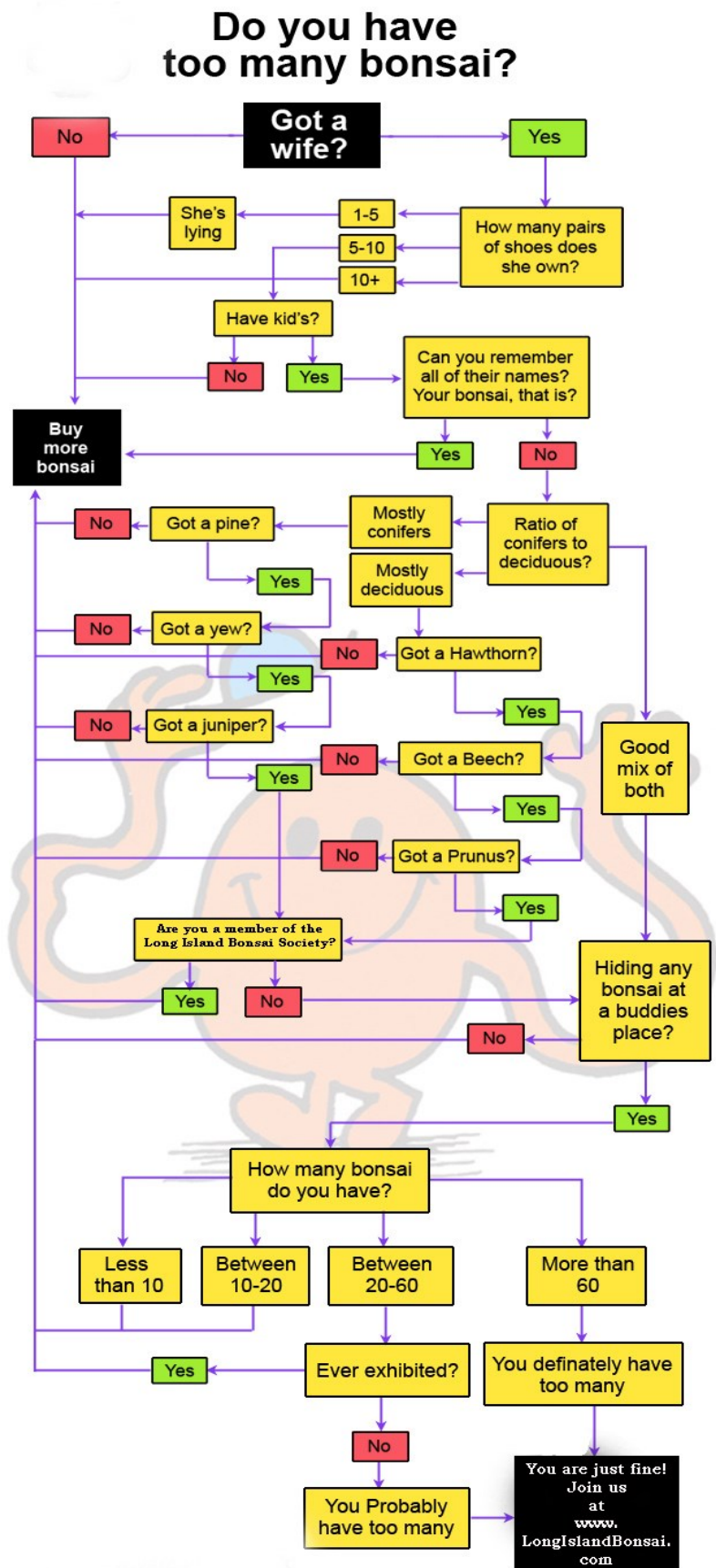
Photos by Joe Lesnick

**Take the bonsai
Test !!**

**Ever wonder if
you own too
many bonsai?**

**Do you stay up at
night saying “are
there just too
many?... What
will the neighbors
think?”**

**Take this simple
test and find out !**



The Long Island Bonsai Society

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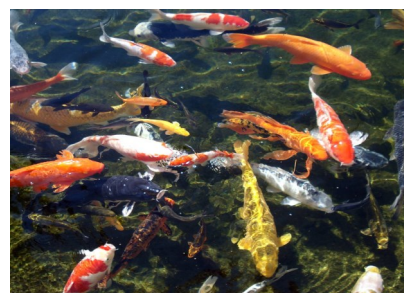
The Long Island Bonsai Society is open to all. We hold our meetings at the Planting Field Arboretum in Oyster Bay Long Island New York every second Monday of the month at 7:30PM

Discover the beauty joy and peace only a Bonsai can bring into your life.

For more information please call Fran at 516 593-1855.

A word from our Sponsor

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Sun & Holidays 10:30-2:30



We have indoor greenhouse facilities for winter storage for both tropical and hardy plants. We also carry hard to find specimen plants for your garden. All Club Members are entitled to a **10% Discount** of All Bonsai Related Purchases.

We are always interested in purchasing Interesting and finished bonsai plants. We are located on several acres and carry a complete line of **Bonsai Containers, Tools – Wire, Soil Mixes**, etc. including finished and pre-finished tropical and hardy bonsai plants.

A word TO the Refreshment Committee

This month is: Chris (I won't let Joe down!) Forino



= We need these !

A word from our treasurer—Joe Lesnick

Please take a moment to bring your dues up to date!

All 2016 dues were payable by March 31, 2016. If you have not paid please do so.

We now take paypal on our website.

Just click here: <http://www.longislandbonsai.org/#!/membership/w2a60>

Your membership is what makes all these great speakers possible!

Please keep your membership current and keep getting these great newsletters!

Annual dues start at \$40 for a single member, \$45 for a couple and \$50 or above for a Patron Member. If you wish to pay by check:

Please make payment at any meeting to our Treasurer, Joe Lesnick, or send a check, made out to Long Island Bonsai Society, to Joe at 129 S Plaisted Avenue, Hauppauge, NY 11788.