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Long Island  
Bonsai Society

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Next Meeting February 8th, 2017 at 7:30pm

### *Suiseki*



The February meeting is traditionally a “members meeting.”

We ask members to bring in stones and/or rocks that are representative of the definition of Suiseki.

If you have neither of these and would like to contribute, then bring in anything related to Bonsai and you can discuss that. The more people who bring in things to display, the more interesting and enjoyable the meeting will be.

I have included the definition of Suiseki for new members and as all things Bonsai, it is used to make a Bonsai more representative of nature.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Suiseki

Quote from Bonsai Empire – “Japanese viewing stones.- Suiseki is the Japanese art of stone appreciation, which values aspects like stability, longevity and immortality. Formed through time by wind and water, stones can take several sizes and shapes, reminding us of natural objects.

Quote from Wikipedia – “Chinese scholar's rocks influenced the development of *suiseki* in Japan. The history of *suiseki* in Japan begins during the reign of Empress Suiko. The small objects were brought to Japan as gifts from the Chinese Imperial court.”

*Suiseki* are usually presented in two different ways:

The stone is provided with a wooden base (Daiza).

The stone is placed in a waterproof tray or bowl of ceramic (suiban) or bronze (Doban).

These stones are not just any stones which can be found in nature; they must be expressive stones and have a special shape, color and texture to be categorized as *suiseki*. There is a distinction between landscape and object stones. The former reflect landscapes such as mountains, lakes or rivers, while other stones have object shapes that resemble animals or sculptures.

The stones are of natural origin and are found in rivers, oceans and karst areas. They are not allowed to be reshaped. An exception is the cutting of stones to have a flat base so they can be placed in harmony on Daiza, suiban and Doban, to be represented in a proper way.”

## Dates to remember !

February meeting – Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Suiseki – Members bringing in to display

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Bobby Mahler – Guest speaker-

March 25<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm- Hicks- LIBS demonstration

## **Bonsai Demo at Hicks Nursery!**

We have been given a date of March 25th and a time of 2:00pm to present a Bonsai demonstration at Hicks during their Spring Flower Show.

We will have more details at the next meeting in February.

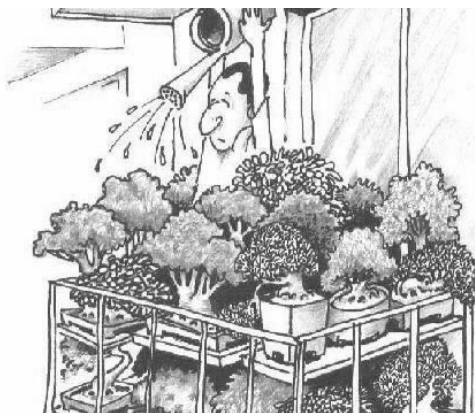
Please bring any ideas you may have on how we can use this opportunity to promote the club and get more people interested in Bonsai in general and our club more specifically.

Please save this date and time on your calendar.

## The Long Island Bonsai Society

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## A word from our treasurer—Joe Lesnick

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