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**Long Island
 Bonsai Society**

May 2016

Next Meeting June, 13th 2016 @ 7:30 featuring:

John Romano



My first experience with plants was not with Bonsai but working with my Italian grandfather – helping him plant seeds at 4 years old, later pruning Apple, Pear and Fig trees in the garden.

This was my first ‘crossing path’ or ‘unexpected encounter’ (kaikou) with trees. In 1975 I first started to ‘play’ with Bonsai – it was more like creating a morgue for trees! After this first foray in futility, I stumbled upon some good books and finally found New England Bonsai Gardens (then in Natick) and my passion was rooted.

I’ve had many teachers over the years – in single courses and workshops – as well as more extensive learning relationships working with Kenji Miyata, Hiromi Tsukada and Mitsuo Matsuda and Jun Imabayashi at New England Bonsai Gardens.

I was also fortunate to study for short periods at Taisho en in Shizuoka, Japan with shohin Bonsai master, Nobuichi Urushibata.

I have been teaching Bonsai classes and private students at New England Bonsai for the past 10+ years.

My inspiration was, is and will always be the beauty of nature itself

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Of Special Interest:

- **6/11/2016—Brooklyn Botanical Garden Tour—\$12.00 Private tour by Julian of BBG**
- **6/13/16– Tom Marianne and John Romano**
- **7/9/2016—LIBS annual picnic and auction—Don’t miss it !**

Shohin-bonsai are 20 cm / 8 inches and under.



(Most important is that the Shohin fits with the size of the rack. 20 cm is the maximum height, but trees measuring up to 23-25 cm is also seen depending on their style).

(Mame Bonsai or bean-size bonsai is less than 10 centimetres / 4 inches in height. Also the width must not extend 10 cm / 4 inches but there are no official measures and it is just a guideline of the smaller shohin).

Not only the size is a measure of the bonsai belonging to the Shohin category. At the same time, the balance of the tree is important.

Example 1): You may have a tree where the width of tree is more than 40cm, but less than 25cm in height. The physical volume and size of the tree makes its all over volume too heavy to be a Shohin. Maybe the size is right regarding the height of the tree, but a heavy or massive root base makes the feeling of the tree out of style suiting the aesthetics of shohin-bonsai.

Example 2): The tree is maybe 30 cm in height, but because it is the “bunjin” style (“literati”), having few branches, little mass of leaves and therefore having the appearance of being a small thing (shohin), and acceptable as a shohin.

On exhibitions, also larger trees are exhibited. This is a list of the exhibited sizes that is used by the All Japan Shohin-bonsai Association:

In Japan a registered collection of very high quality Shohin-bonsai is present at the All Japan Shohin-Bonsai Association. Excellent Shohin-Bonsai and pots are registered at *Gafu-ten Yuga Collection*, and in this case the more or less limited sizes are a little less important.

Basic guidelines of size qualification

It is to mention that the sizes described here are general and basic guidelines, because there are no official and exact classifications regarding sizes. In the case of exhibitions it is the judges and/or exhibition organizers alone who finally select the standards and judges the trees for selection.

6/11/16

Brooklyn Botanical Garden tour- \$12.00- Contact
Francine Stopfer for details.

6/13/16

Basic Bonsai: Tom Marinace - Ivy as Bonsai
7:30pm

Lecture by John Romano - Shohin - 8:00pm

7/9/16

LIBS annual picnic and auction – Please mark
your calendars so you can attend this fun event.

Picnic auction – Please note that all members are welcome to the picnic but only those members whose dues are current can attend the auction and bid for the wonderful plants, pots, stands and literature we will have available to auction. We are always looking for additional donated bonsai material to offer at auction.

Please make sure your dues are paid so that you do not miss out on this fun day!

Please remember we will also have a silent auction for those items donated to the club for this purpose. Suitable items are those pieces in your home or garden that you no longer feel a need to have and are only slightly used.

Please bring silent auction items to the June meeting or July 9th.

June Tokanoma is Jim Stopher



Photos: Courtesy of Joe Lesnick

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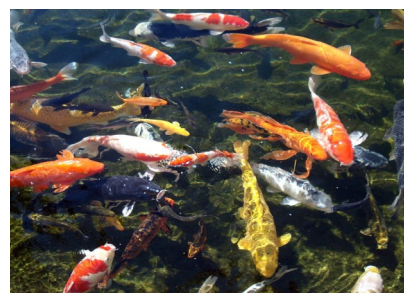
The Long Island Bonsai Society is open to all. We hold our meetings at the Planting Field Arboretum in Oyster Bay Long Island New York every second Monday of the month at 7:30PM

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

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

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A word TO the Refreshment Committee

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



= 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>

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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.