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Meeting schedule

June 12th, Monday 7PM
Robert Mahler Demo

July 10th, Monday 7PM
Suthin Sukosolvisit Demo

August 14th, Monday 7PM
???? Demo

September 11th, Monday 7PM
???? Demo

Events schedule

www.longislandbonsai.org
for updates.

August 5 -6th, SAT 10AM –
2PM & SUN 1 to 5 PM
**LIBS Bonsai Exhibit
at HUMES JAPANESE
STROLL GARDEN.**
2 Dogwood Ln. Mill Neck,
NY 11765

If you are interested
in attending a
workshop, please
email Chris at
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and not receiving
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May 2023 Newsletter

The Long Island Bonsai Society

There are no borders in Bonsai. It brings peace to a palace as it does to the most humble of homes, to the young as to the old, to the rich as to the poor.

It invites us to live within the world it is onto itself, and we are drawn, as no words can express, to live within its shade.

The Long Island Bonsai Society invites all to enjoy this living art that can last for generations.

Generally we meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:20PM at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY. Doors open at 7PM for refreshments and general membership discussions. Feel free to bring one of your trees for advice from other members. Most meetings have a tree styling demonstration by a Bonsai artist which is usually raffled off at the end of the meeting. Volunteers are needed to present Tokonoma at each meeting. Please email Jim Genesee at libonsai@yahoo.com if interested. There are two auctions annually with member donated trees, pots, and tools.

Please see meeting schedule in the side bar.

Planting Fields currently has no Covid restrictions. However masks are available.

LIBS recommends wearing a mask in the building to protect your fellow members and family back home.

Members please see our website to place an order on soils. Do not pay on website.

Please pay when you pick up the soil at a meeting or appointment.

2023 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are now past due please see Joe Lesnick or send an email to

libonsai@yahoo.com

Cash, check, Pay pal.

\$45.00 – single \$65.00 – family \$20.00 – student \$60.00 – support

Your membership will have you entertained and educated by world class bonsai artists (15 in over 21 months pre pandemic). You can participate in hand on workshops led by bonsai artists and our expert members (6 workshops in two years pre pandemic). You have access to Planting Fields on the nights of our meetings. Free monthly loan of Bonsai reference materials!!! Please see Mary for more details and access to our library at our next meeting.

For more information, pictures and updates, please visit Long Island Bonsai Society on Facebook.

Mauro Stemberger's Morning Workshop with several LIBS Members

Members got an opportunity to have Mauro critique a tree they brought in. He suggested changes and/or refinements on a variety of species. Members then followed up with the recommended actions. Bottom left Rocky Mountain Juniper is 400 year old yamadori.





For our Meeting on Sunday, May 21st Mauro Stemberger styled an Engleman Spruce. As you can see, he had a GREAT time styling and answering questions. Make sure to come to the next meeting and see the fun we have and get answers to burning Bonsai questions!!!!

CONGRATS to Roxanne Berlin who won the newly styled tree!!!! (pictured with the finished tree and Mauro in the lower left)



**LIBS Exhibits at Cherry Blossom Festival
and Asian American Pacific Islander
Festivals**

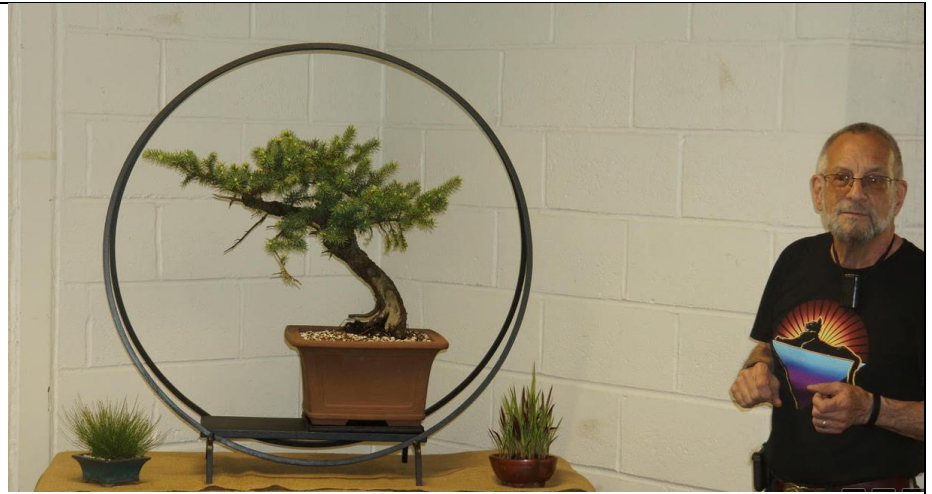
The LIBS did two exhibitions in May. Thank you to volunteers; John Klee, Tony Calabrese and Tom O'Conner. Pictures will be in the June issue.

**Please consider displaying
your tree(s) in the LIBS
Humes Exhibition!**

You have till August 5th and 6th to groom your trees for showing to the public. Please let Hal know if you are interested?

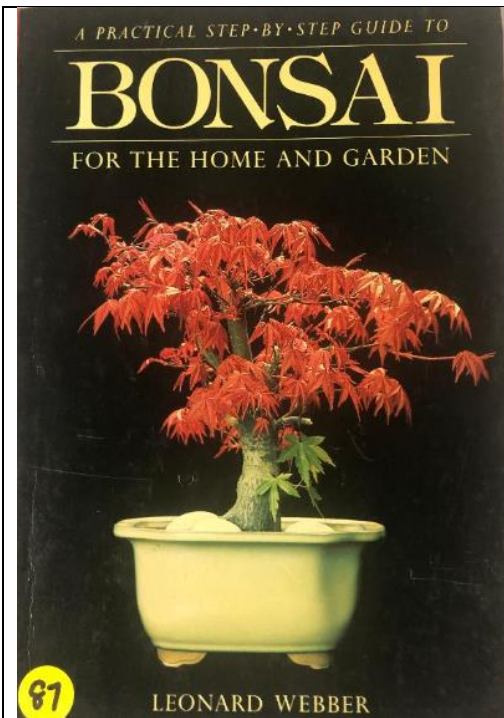
WOW!!! What a fabulous Tokonoma presented by our President, Hal Johnson!!! A Yamadori Colorado Spruce collected by Jim Doyle, crafted by Mauro Stemberger, won by Hal and recently repotted. Log frame with two accent plants, Dwarf Horsetail (*Equisetum scopoides*) and Japanese Blood Grass (*Imperata cylindrica*).

Think you can top this????? Even if you can't, but have a tree to show off. Please email Jim at libonsai@yahoo.com with your name



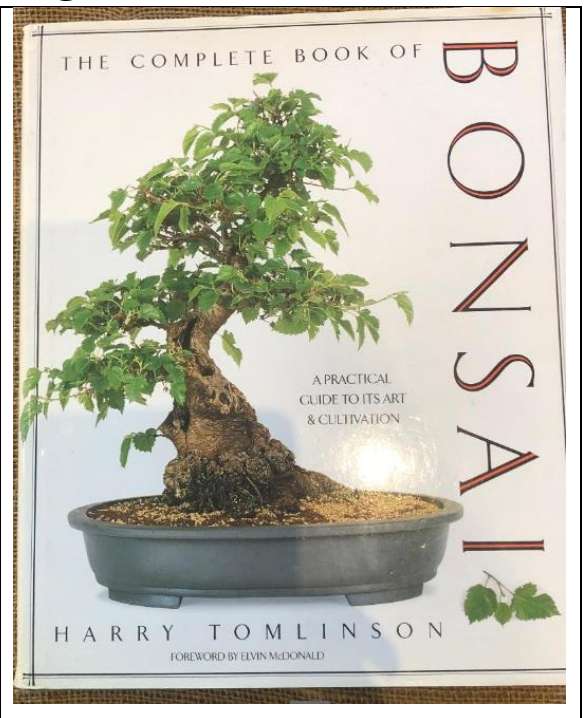
For those of who watched for a SPECIAL Arbor Day Edition for OUR newsletter!!!!

Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to weather!! But please come to the LIBS Bonsai Exhibit at Humes Japanese Stroll Garden on August 5 & 6th!!!!



LIBS LIBRARY

Please see Mary to use our Library. You must be a member in good standing.



New Post on Bonsai Tonight

Summer pruning young deciduous trees

By Jonas Dupuich

It's been a while since I last pruned some young quince and crabapples I've been growing from seed. By pruning in summer I can encourage them to produce new growth that I can wire in fall.

I treated the wounds with cut paste and returned the trees to a sunny spot in the garden where they can grow freely for the rest of the growing season.

I plan for the quince to become either shohin or kifu-sized bonsai like the crabapple. When the curves in the trunk are tight I can aim for shohin and when they are bigger I can aim for kifu or chuhin-sized trees (up to 45cm/18"). Please see pictures on the next page



Siebold's crab



After pruning



The trunk is close to desired thickness so I removed several of the sacrifice branches, but left one to maintain the tree's vigor for the rest of the growing season



Seven-year old Chinese quince



I usually leave small stubs when I prune sacrifice branches, but I thought I'd try leaving some green growth on the pruned branches to see how that effects budding. If I don't get new shoots along the trunk I'll prune the tree back further in fall to encourage new shoots in spring.

BONSAI ONLINE RESOURCES

Eastern Leaf – short and easy to understand how to teachings

Hérons Bonsai – Peter Chan, easy and concise instructions

Eisei –en Bonsai, Bjorn Bjornholm - many videos, vlogs and on-line courses. His early videos “Bonsai – The Art of Japan” is one of the 'best for instruction.'

Mirai- Ryan Neil – lengthy videos, be prepared to spend at least an hour. Also has interactive instructions with membership

<https://bonsaimirai.com/blog/mirai-wild-crater-lake> A new original series from Mirai that follows artist and bonsai professional Ryan Neil as he journeys to the native landscapes of endangered, ancient and significant trees

Bonsai Empire – instructional videos, demos, interviews and shows

Crataegus.com – Michael Hagedon, educational blog

Suggested Suppliers and Educational SITES

America Bonsai Tool & Supply Co. – www.americanbonsai.com , LIBS club members receive a 10% discount with the code LIBS10

Stone Lantern - stonelantern.com – big blog - anything and everything, always specials going on, reasonable wire prices

Easternleaf.com - wire, tools, etc

DallasBonsai.com – general supplies

Bonsaitonight.com – Educational site with bonsai products

Upcoming Events. (Please check with individual websites for updates)

August 5th & 6th, 2023- LIBS Bonsai Exhibit - Saturday/Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Humes Japanese Stroll Gardens - 2 Dogwood Ln, Mill Neck

If you have any information about Bonsai that you feel should be included in our next newsletter, please email it to Beth at libonsai@yahoo.com