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LONG ISLAND BONSAI SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

This Japanese Tokanoma was displayed at our July 14th meeting.

It features an aged Crab Apple tree sitting atop a Sean Smith stand. The accompanying tree is a Dwarf Star Jasmine, all from Jason's collection. Additionally, the antique Japanese scroll was contributed by Jim.



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MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL FINAL RENEWAL

\$45.00 – Single, \$65.00 – Household, \$20.00 – Student, \$60.00 – Supporting. Your membership will have you entertained and educated by world class bonsai Masters or Artists. You can participate in hands on workshops led by a bonsai Master or Artist and our expert members. You have access to Planting Fields on the nights of our meetings. Member pricing on imported soils. Free monthly loan of Bonsai reference materials!!! Please see Mary (Librarian) for more details and access to our library at our next meeting.

FUTURE SOCIETY ACTIVITIES:

**August 23rd Saturday:
BBQ & Auction**

**September 8th Monday
TBA Demo**

Our Mission Statement

**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.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Generally, we meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:25 PM 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.

**CHECK FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES AT
LONGISLANDBONSAI.ORG/SCHEDULE**

For more information email
Jim Genesee at LIBONSAI@YAHOO.COM

**MESSAGE FROM THE
L.I.B.S. PRESIDENT**

I am very grateful to see the progress this society has achieved over my ten years as LIBS President with increased Membership and member satisfaction.

The LIBS Board of Directors recognize the need to offer more beginner workshop opportunities. Generally, we have two "Member" Workshops a year. To address the beginner workshop need, we have collaborated with Stony Brook University and Robert Mahler for several years to provide a high volume of opportunities (up to 40 participants) at the Japan Center staffed by our senior volunteer Members.

We have given member's advanced notice on all since these workshops fill up very quickly.

Our member's may certainly sign up for these low-cost workshops on Stony Brook's website in the future. We will keep you updated.

All of our events including regular meetings require someone to perform regular tasks like setting up and breaking down.

My hope is that members volunteer to accomplish these tasks so all the work is shared.

As members, this is your society to support in it's endeavors to be the best we can be.

Thank you to all that have contributed considerable time and effort.

Always appreciate any help members may contribute.

Hope to see you all at the BBQ/Auction. The address will be provided only to LIBS members before the date.

Sincerely,
Hal Johnson, President LIBS

At Our Last Meeting:

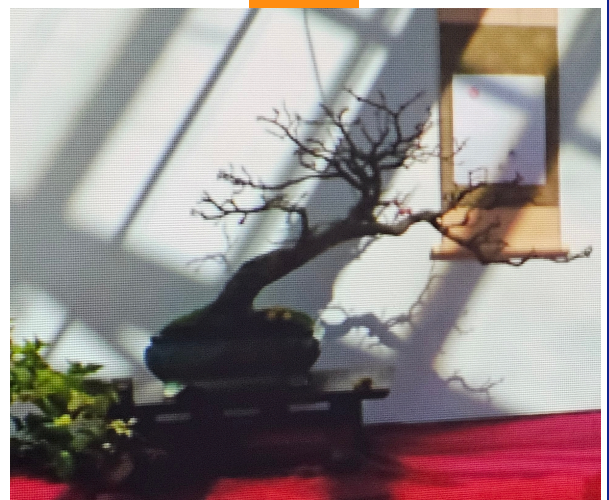
CRAB APPLE DEMONSTRATION

Our last LIBS monthly meeting on July 14th featured New England Bonsai Artist Doug Taylor. Doug is from Agawan, Massachusetts and a longtime member of the Pioneer Valley Bonsai Society. One of his many bonsai specialties is growing and developing Crab Apple trees. His presentation focused on that and included a PowerPoint as well as a live tree demonstration. An image of one of his award-winning Crab Apple trees is at the bottom. Doug's lively presentation was filled with tons of information about growing these difficult species of bonsai trees.

Doug was not shy about expressing how difficult it is to successfully grow deciduous Crab Apple Trees. He mentioned that one of his mentors Nick Lenz said that "Crab Apple Trees were simply vessels of pestilence and disease. And all manner of insects and animals find apple trees delicious." Jason, our in-house apple tree expert, reiterated that they require a special touch.



**DOUG TAYLOR
BONSAI ARTIST**



At Our Last Meeting:

CRAB APPLE DEMONSTRATION



Doug gave us his secret for the perfect soil mix for deciduous trees. He credited his mentor Boone with the formula of 50% Akadama, 25% Lava rock and 25% Pumice. The meeting was well attended, filled with questions and friendly conversation. Victor was the lucky raffle winner taking home Doug Taylor's Crab Apple demonstration tree.



LONG ISLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

would like to invite you to the
Second Annual Bonsai Garden Event

UNDER THE TINY TREE

Join us for an afternoon of Bonsai, Food -Drinks
Beer & Wine

August 23rd. @ 1pm
in Eastport, NY - 50 Union Ave.



BONSAI GARDEN TOUR
HOSTED BY
JASON & DIANA PAYNE

Special Guest and Tree Demo by:
Chase Rosade

Auction & Raffles
All proceeds from this event
go directly to the

Long Island Bonsai Society

\$20.00 Pre-pay \$25.00 at the door
All entry fees include 5 raffle tickets per person
for a chance to win a
Shohin Trident Maple



**DON'T MISS THE EVENT
OF THE SUMMER!**

Saturday August 23rd
12:00 Auction

Contact L.I.B.S. Officers or
Email: LIBONSAI@Yahoo.com



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Valavanis Bonsai Blog

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CHINESE PENJING & STONE EXHIBITION

The Penjing and Stone Appreciation Exhibition was held on April 24-25, 2025 in Fengyan, China. Having been credited with the concept of training dwarfed potted trees, China introduced the art to the world. The Japanese quickly adapted this art form and developed the art of bonsai using Japanese aesthetics and taste. For the past several decades, China has once again, introduced their art of penjing to the world and are serious to expand its artistry and understanding. There have been quite a few penjing exhibitions and conventions. There are a lot of people in China and their exhibitions and conventions tend to draw huge crowds.



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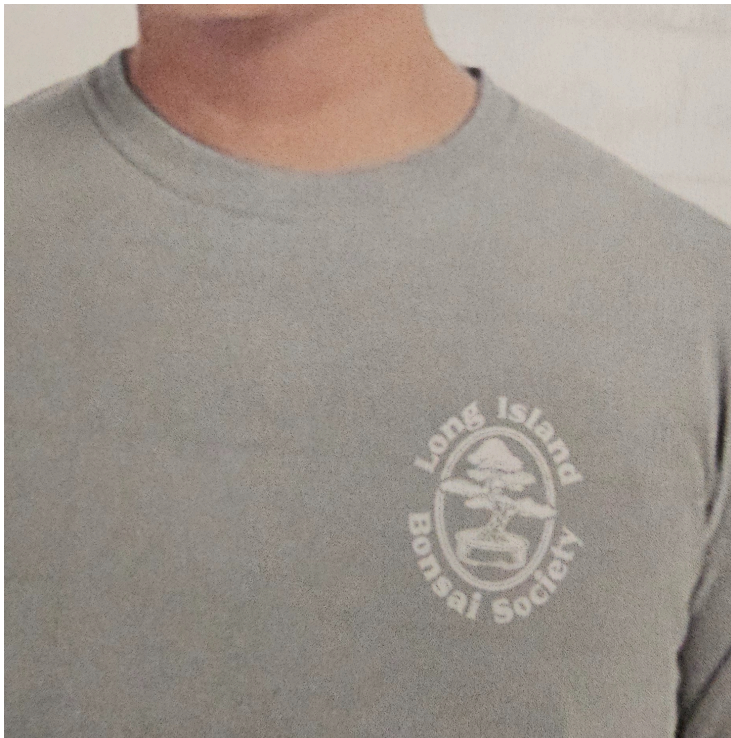
CHINESE PENJING & STONE EXHIBITION



'Stylin & Profile-in'

SPECIAL L.I.B.S. MEMBERS ONLY T-SHIRT OFFER

The official LIBS T-Shirts will soon be **available** in a full range of sizes. Color Options: Light Green or Dark Green, with the classic LIBS logo on the front and back as shown. The pre-order price will be **\$25.00.**



The club is currently gathering unpaid pre-order information from interested members.

Email: LIBONSAI@Yahoo.com

With your Size, Color and Quantity preferences.

More Information to come.



BONSAI ONLINE RESOURCES

Eastern Leaf – short and easy to understand how to teachings

Herons 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>

Bonsai Empire – instructional videos, demos, and interviews.

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.

Bonsaitonight.com – Educational site with bonsai products.

Suthinbonsaistudio.com – Expertise in Tropicals, Maples, Junipers and Shohin Bonsai Style

UnderTheTinyTree.com – Holistic Bonsai, Long Island based nursery

Read More on our website



LONG ISLAND RESOURCES

Long Island Bonsai Supply

539 Deer Park Avenue, Dix Hills, NY 11746.

Ph: (516) 521-6940

Chris Hayes, Proprietor. Chris@EasternEffects.com
Besides Bonsai the business is paired with the Koi Market Aquatic Nursery. Entrance for both is on the north service road of the LIE (I495) just West of exit 51.

Dan Skabeikis has Bonsai plants and pots for sale by appointment only. He is located in Peconic near Southold on the North Fork. Ph: (631) 445-7683

Under the Tiny Tree Nursery - See website

Member Benefit:

PURCHASING BONSAI SOIL



Being a member of the LIBS gives you the opportunity to purchase genuine high-quality bonsai growing media at below market prices. The bags of soil can be paid for and picked up prior to the start of regular meetings.



SPECIAL LIBS EVENT!

Monday October 27th

MAURO STEMBERGER

Renowned Italian Bonsai Artist
will present an exclusive
demonstration for LIBS
members only.

Don't Miss This One!



NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday, Starts 7:25

September 8th
Demonstration
TBA

No Meeting
Monday, August 11

In Lieu of the BBQ August 23

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday August 23rd

BBQ/Auction- "Under the Tiny Tree"
See Announcement on Page 4

Monday, September 8th

TBA Demo

Monday, October 27th

Mauro Stemberger Demo

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