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### Meeting Schedule

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:25 PM

**Will Baddeley**  
Wood Carving Demo

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Noon -3:30PM

**Member Auction**

**\*Please note change in Date!!!**

### Events Schedule

for updates:

[www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org)

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 12N-5PM

**LIBS Bonsai Exhibit at  
Cherry Blossom  
Festival**

with (3) Workshops at  
The Japan Center at  
Stony Brook University

**!!!NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**Free Admission,  
Parking and Lunch!**

Weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

**LIBS Arbor Day Exhibit**  
at Planting Fields Haybarn  
Set up on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>.

**!!!NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**Free Admission & Parking**

**Reminder to Pay  
your 2024 Dues and  
be eligible to buy  
SOIL for SPRING!**

If you are interested in attending a workshop, please email Chris at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

If you are a member and not receiving our emails, please email Hal at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

## March 2024 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 7:25 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. Please email Jim Genesee at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto: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 the beginning of a regular meeting.

**2024 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are NOW DUE please see Joe Lesnick or send an email to**

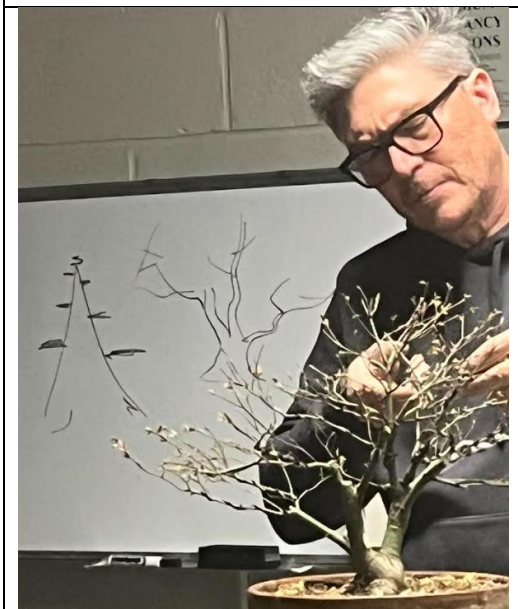
[libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

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.



The **Kiyohime Maple** that was sculptured by **Sergio Cuan** at our **March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting** was specifically grown to be a bonsai. The original tree is in the upper left came from California. The finished tree is in the middle picture in the first row with Sergio and Stephen Villandre. Stephen won it in the raffle held at the end of the meeting. Sergio answered a lot of questions. He suggests trying to get two trunks. Four or more will cause a knuckle. He left some stumps to be cut back next year. He advised that the tree should be wired in mid-February. Do the final flush cuts to the stumps in summer when the tree will be producing a lot of energy and can heal better.

Wiring tip: Use a paper towel wrapped around the wire to not damage the tree.



## March Tokonoma

Was contributed by Giacomo Mule'. A 35 year old Bermani Japanese White Pine grafted on Black Pine. It's a work in a progress. When he got it, it had too much foliage and he is working on decreasing it. Japanese scroll by Jim Genesee.



If you would like to present a Tokonoma, please email Hal to discuss. [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

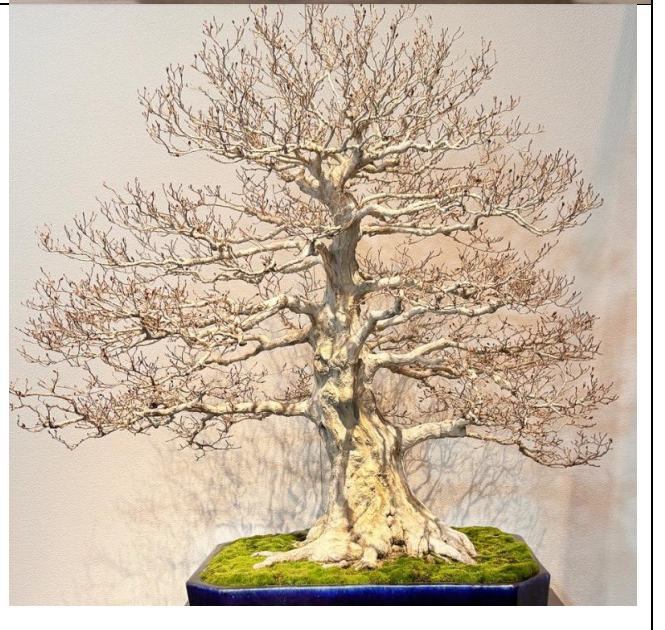
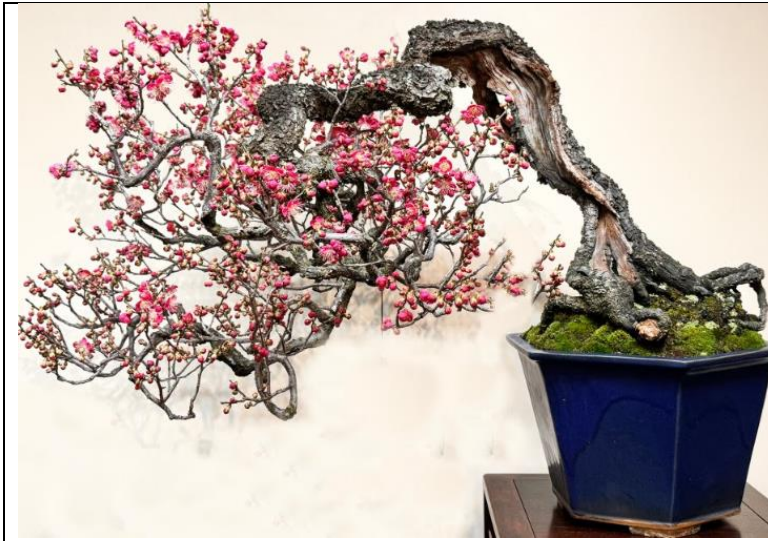
## 2024 98<sup>th</sup> Kokufu Bonsai Exhibition – Part 2

by William Valavanis

submitted by J Genesee

The 2024 98<sup>th</sup> Kokufu Bonsai Exhibition is being held in two parts this year (Part I February 9-12, 2024 and Part 2 February 14-17, 2024). Again, (like most years) the exhibition was held in the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum in Ueno Park, Tokyo, Japan.

Each bonsai in Part 2 of the exhibition was outstanding. I personally thought Part 2 was better than the earlier Part 1. I recognized many famous masterpieces and this part did have several Ezo spruce. A few unusual species were included which I enjoyed studying. Contorted Boston ivy, Fostythia, Pemphis, Amalencihier, Creeping fig and Gardenia. Although the shohin bonsai were stunning their display seemed not as good as those in Part 1. There were two shohin bonsai compositions that had two painted containers, one above the other. Realizing everyone has different tastes, many of the finer points of bonsai go on through and are not obvious. The provenience of the tree, past owners and rarity of the species is combined with your level of understanding of this art form.





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

Mid Atlantic Bonsai Society Spring Festival, Harrisburg, PA April 19-21 2024

MABA convention 2024 Columbus, Ohio USA 8.30-9.1 2024

**“Sakura Matsuri” Cherry Blossom Festival at the Japan Center at Stony Brook University**  
with **“LIBS Exhibit and Bonsai Workshops”** Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 12 N - 5:00 PM

For more information see the Wang Center’s website: [www.thewangcenter.org](http://www.thewangcenter.org)

There will be three workshops limited to 20 participants (60 total) whom paid for entrance to the festival.

**LIBS members please Volunteer- Free Admission, parking and lunch! Also consider exhibiting your best trees and volunteer to be one of the six assistant instructors under Mr. Robert Mahler’s direction.**

## **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, interviews and shows

**Crataegus.com** – Michael Hagedon, educational blog

### **Suggested Suppliers and Educational SITES**

**America Bonsai Tool & Supply Co.** – [www.americanbonsai.com](http://www.americanbonsai.com) , LIBS club members receive a 10% discount with the code LIBS10

**Stone Lantern** - [stonelantern.com](http://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

**suthinbonsaistudio.com** - Expertise in Tropicals, Maples, Junipers and Shohin Bonsai Style

## **LONG ISLAND RESOURCES**

**Long Island Bonsai Supply**, 539 Deer Park Avenue, Dix Hills, NY 11746. Ph: (516) 521-6940

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 Paconic near Southold on the North Fork. Ph: (631) 445-7683

This is the third page of **LIBS Library** listing books available for loan to members in good standing. Please see Mary Ward at one of our meetings. There are a total of three pages. First two pages were on the last two previous months' Newsletters. The list is also on our website.

7-0 Wiring	Highlights from the 5th Awards 2005	Bonsai World
8-The Magic of Goshiki	Wiring Vol 1	Bonsai World
9-Basic Bonsai Series	Branch Selection & Pruning Vol 2	Bonsai World
10-Basic Bonsai Series	Repotting Vol 3	Bonsai World
11-Basic Bonsai Series	Container Choices Vol 4	Bonsai World
12-Basic Bonsai Series	Bonsai Design & Styling Vol 5	Bonsai World
13-Basic Bonsai Series	Techniques/Rock Planting Bonsai	Mikasa Gyokko 471
14-Master Bonsai	- Techniques/Shaping	F. Chase Roasde
15-Master Bonsai	Techniques/Rock Planting	Marion Fullenswar
16-Master Bonsai	Carving Deadwood	John Naka
17-Master Bonsai	Forest in the Making	Warren Hill
18-Bonsai Design Series	Satsuki Azalea	Yasuki Esaka
19-Satsuki	Basic Techniques	William Valavanis
20-Bonsai Art & Horticulture	Intro to Bonsai & Chokkan	Khan Kamai
21-Art of Bonsai		Randy Clark
22-Scott Pine		
23- The Art of Growing Bonsai		
24-Bonsai	Art of Training Dwarfed Bonsai Potted Trees	B'klyn Botanical Gardens 1997

**\*\* SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>!!!\*\***  
**WILL BADDELEY BONSAI WOOD CARVING DEMONSTRATION**