



Hal Johnson President
Jim Genesee Vice President
Joe Lesnick Treasurer
Tony Calabrese Secretary
Chris Hayes Chairperson of Programs

Meeting schedule

December 16th Saturday
Holiday Luncheon 12N to 1PM
AUCTION!!! 1PM to 3:30 PM

Please see website to pay
\$23 ahead of time for the
luncheon

SAVE THESE DATES in 2024

January 13th, Saturday Afternoon
February 17th, Saturday Afternoon
March 11th, Monday Night
April 8th, Monday Night
May 13th, Monday Night
June 10th, Monday Night
July 8th, Monday Night
August 12th, Monday Night
September 9th, Monday Night
October 14th, Monday Night
November 11th, Monday Night
December 7th or 14th, Saturday
afternoon

Details to be posted in 2024

Events schedule

www.longislandbonsai.org
for updates.

If you are interested
in attending a
workshop, please
email Chris at
libonsai@yahoo.com

If you are a member
and not receiving
our emails, please
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November 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 7:25 PM at Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

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 that night. 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 by check or cash, not Paypal when you pick up the soil at a meeting.

2024 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are NOW 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.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND AUCTION

Saturday, December 16, 2023

12 Noon \$23 per member

Please see Mary Ward or send an email to
libonsai@yahoo.com Cash, check, Pay pal.

November Tokonoma

The November Tokonoma was brought in by Chris Hayes. Notice the absolutely amazing fall color on the Katsura Maple. He got it from a garden center and planted it in the ground for a number of years before he started styling it. It has a great trunk and nebari. Only viewing in person can one see the textures and colors not captured on film.

If you would like to create a Tokonoma for one of our meetings please email Jim at libonsai@yahoo.com to discuss.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Our current **Board of Directors** ran unopposed and voted back in.

A **BIG Thank You** to Hal Johnson, President;
Jim Genesee, VP; Joe Lesnick, Treasurer; Tony Calabrese, Secretary;
Chris Hayes, Program Coordinator; Tom O'Conner, Workshops;
Mary Ward, Librarian for all their hard work for our Society.

We would also like to thank Members of the Society.

Beth Ringhauser for doing our Newsletter each month.

Ellen Calabrese for maintaining the Facebook page.

John Grasso for volunteering to set up the camera/projection operation.

Colin Hayes for volunteering to help and advise with the technical equipment.

Dan Skabeikis for trees and pots for purchase at monthly meetings.

And all the other members that help with the set up and breakdown.



Major kudos to Chris Hayes who had a tree to display in the Tokonoma AND created the “Dwarf Jade Forest” (Portulacaria sp.) at our November 13th meeting. The original trees are in the first row far right. The finished forest is shown at various angles in the middle row. The middle picture has the forest facing ‘front’ with Chris Hayes and Tony Calabrese, whom won it in the raffle. The bottom row is Chris trimming roots, placing trees and trimming the trees before they went into the forest.

A forest ‘should’ have an odd number of trees and more than three trees. But Chris feels you should do what makes you happy. One point he had four trees and was going to leave it, but added another for an odd number of trees. In a forest, the trees should be different sizes and the biggest tree should be in the front or the middle. Chris mentioned the Bonsai Techniques book by John Yoshio Naka where it mentions to leave space for birds to fly through the trees of your forest. Please notice the chopsticks in the first photo that Chris wired to the bottom of the pot. Chopsticks are flexible, will decay and can be easily pulled out when the roots grow around them. They also gave him a huge number of places to wire the trees into the pot.

Chris brought his son, Colin, who asked some very insightful questions. Colin was asked a few times how old he was. He is 9.

New Post on Bonsai Tonight

Highlights from the 8th US National Bonsai Exhibition – part 2

submitted by Jim Genesee

By Jonas Dupuich

One trend stood out clearly at this year's US National Bonsai Exhibition: the prevalence of North American natives.

Despite their growing popularity over the past ten to fifteen years, natives have made up a relatively small portion of the trees at the National Exhibition. This is likely because it takes time to train bonsai to an adequate level before they can be presented at high-level exhibitions.

This year there was a good variety of natives on display, so I wanted to focus on some of the highlights. One native species I'd enjoying seeing more of is Douglas fir. The soft foliage and craggy bark always reminds me of trips to the mountains. I also look forward to seeing more Eastern white cedars. The foliage supports diverse approaches to pad construction which suggests we'll see specimens that convey very different interpretations of the species.

I hope you enjoyed this brief tour of the US National Exhibition! If you're interested in seeing all of the trees on display at the exhibition, you can [order the exhibit catalog from International Bonsai](#).



Rocky Mountain juniper



Rocky Mountain Juniper
by Dan Turner



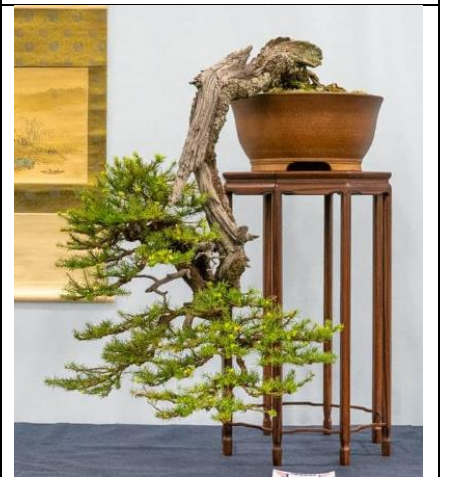
Douglas Fir
by Dan Turner



Eastern white cedar by Suthin Sukosolvisit



Eastern White Cedar by Mike Roussel
Winner, Kennet Bonsai Award for finest bonsai
from Canada



American Larch by Brian Kelley



Colorado blue spruce by Thomas Ungrey



Colorado Blue Spruce – container
by Erik Kyizovensky



Ponderosa Pine by John Ruth

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>

Bonsai Empire – instructional videos, demos, interviews and shows

Crataegus.com – Michael Hagedon, educational blog

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

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

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

Upcoming Events (Please check with individual websites for updates)

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

MABA convention 2024 Columbus, Ohio USA August 30th -Sept. 1st 2024



December 2 & 3, 2023
Kannapolis, North Carolina

**WINTER
SILHOUETTE
BONSAI 11**

www.winterbonsai.net

This is a major national bonsai show with outstanding trees on display, vending tables, demos by well known bonsai artists. It is free to attend.

Demos by world-class bonsai artists William Valavanis, Rodney Clemons, and Tyler Sherrod.

**HOSTED BY STEVE ZEISEL, TYLER SHERROD
& THE TRIANGLE BONSAI SOCIETY**