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#### Meeting schedule

**Planting Fields has revised its Covid restrictions. No reservations are needed and only unvaccinated attendees are required to wear a mask in the building.**

**Vin Russo Mugo Pine Demo**  
January 14th, 2023 Saturday  
1PM for winter season.

**Members Swap Meet**  
February 11th, 2023 Saturday  
11 AM for winter season

#### Events schedule

*Please watch for updates*

#### **Luncheon/Auction**

December 10th, 2022 Saturday  
11-3 PM Please watch for details and cost

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)

November 2022 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.**

**Please Note December, January, and February events are on Saturday!!**

Generally we meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30PM 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(s) which is (are) 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.

Please see meeting schedule in the side bar.

We also hold auctions of member donated trees, pots and equipment.

Please watch for details!!!!

Members please see our website to purchase our refreshed soil supplies. **Planting Fields has revised its Covid restrictions. No reservations are needed and only unvaccinated attendees are required to wear a mask in the building.**

**2022 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are now past 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    \$10.00 – 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.

Our November Tokonoma, was presented by Dan Skabeikis. Starting from the left: A **Red Emperor Pomegranate** that Dan found under one of his benches with fruit in a 15 year old pot found at a garage sale, **Ivy** with an old soap dish in front of it, an interesting stump dug up by the LIRR, and a **Juniper** in a pot made by a Suffolk County inmate.

Below are pictures of **Sergio Cuan** styling a huge **Maple**. The Maple was supplied by Chris Hayes. In the first row, you can see the size. There are a couple of pictures of Sergio sawing off thick branches. The last two pictures have a good shot of the three stumps Sergio suggests cutting flush with trunk in the summer. He feels carving does not look good on Maples. Fall is the perfect time to prune Maples. It will promote growth in the Spring. This tree appears to have been an excellent graft. If there was a bad graft, you could air layer above it. The final tree is pictured with raffle winner John Perricone.





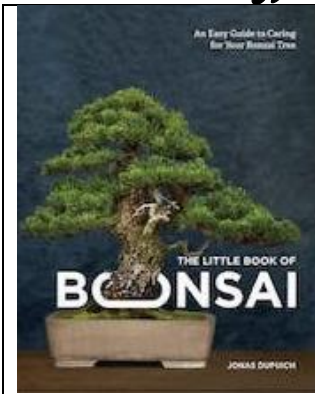


## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CURRENT BOARD ON THEIR RE-ELECTION!!!!!!

Our 2023 board is President: Hal Johnson, VP: Jim Genesee, Treasurer: Joe Lesnick, Secretary: Tony Calabrese.

Board of Directors: Tom O'Connor, Mary Ward, Chris Hayes, Leslie Gray, Roxanne Berlin and John Klee.

***The General Membership would like to Thank each of you for all the time and energy that you put into our club. It is greatly appreciated!!***



***The Little Book of Bonsai***, by Jonas Dupuich, is a compact beginner's guide illustrated with photographs of beautiful trees. Named one of the best Home and Garden titles of the year by Barnes & Noble, the book is designed to help you keep your bonsai healthy, introduce basic techniques, and suggest next steps for further study.

Published by Ten Speed Press • 112 pages • 6" x 7-5/8"

New Post on Bonsai Tonight

By Jonas Dupuich

Submitted by Jim Genesee

## Highlights from the Bonsai Society of Portland's Farm to Table seminar (Article originally appeared May 22, 2022)

Last weekend the Bonsai Society of Portland held "Farm to Table," an event that focused on techniques for developing field-grown material.

About 100 participants from Oregon, Washington, and California enjoyed two days of education at the Milwaukie Community Center from bonsai teachers John Eads, Michael Hagedorn, Matt Reel, Andrew Robson, and me.

On Saturday the group met outdoors for a panel discussion, critique, and workshop for trees that had been grown in the field. During the breaks, attendees caught up and shopped for field-grown and collected pre-bonsai and ceramics from Vicki Chamberlain and Nao Tokutake.

Sunday kicked off with four simultaneous demonstrations plus presentations from Tom Fincel and Chris and Lisa Kirk of Telperion Farms.

Tom's talk on "Top-down" repotting is easily my favorite technique of the year. Instead of bare-rooting the front or back half of the rootball, Tom suggests bare-rooting the top half in the first year and removing the bottom half two years later. The technique saves time over traditional approaches and allows for greater manipulation of the surface roots. (I'll say more about the technique when I give it a try next repotting season.)

Although the Kirk's nursery closed last year as a result of fire, plenty of the trees they started can be found throughout the bonsai community. Some of the best examples of their work appeared in a mini-exhibit of field-grown trees that were nearly show ready. The event panel plus special guest David De Groot critiqued the exhibit trees to wrap up the event Sunday afternoon.

Kudos to club president Andrew Robson of Rakuyo Bonsai for coordinating the event and to the many club members and friends of BSOP whose contributions made the event a success.

The weekend was easily among the most fun bonsai events I've participated in. There's nothing like working with an enthusiastic group that shares the same goal - to make the most beautiful bonsai they can starting with material that was cultivated in the field.

I'm optimistic that more events like this will pop up in the coming years, and I'm looking forward to attending when they do!



Matt Reel demonstrates techniques for developing field-grown trees



Liquidambar and black pine at the event



Maple to left and Black Pine above at the event

## **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> 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](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

# Upcoming Events

(Please check with individual websites for updates)

## **December 10, 2022**

### **The Long Island Bonsai Society's "Holiday Luncheon and Auction"**

There will be live materials (e.g., Trees), Pots, and other Bonsai related materials. Some highlights of the items in the auction will be sent by email.

This event helps fund our budget for Bonsai Speakers throughout the year. The Luncheon cost is subsidized by the club as a member benefit. Food will be individually wrapped to protect the health of members.

Lifetime members are entitled to a free Luncheon, but please let us know if you are coming.

**Where:** The Greenhouse classroom at Planting Fields.

**When:** Set up at 11 AM. Luncheon at 12 to 1 PM. Auction at 1 to 3 PM.

Please pre-pay at the next meeting, or pay on the website button for the Luncheon or contact Joe Lesnick at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

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](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)