

JUNE, 2025



LONG ISLAND BONSAI SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

This Japanese Tokanoma was recently displayed at the L.I.B.S. Arbor Day celebration on April 27th and 28th at the Planting Fields Arboretum. The fan is from Japan seventeen years ago, the Suiseki is a Japanese mountain stone, and the pot is Japanese sitting on a stand from China. The beautiful tree is a Mugo pine created from a cutting by past member Jim Burns.



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

\$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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 9th, Monday
Black Pine Demonstration

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**

Spring is a little chillier this year.

Timing of tasks may need compensatory adjustments.

May had three LIBS events; Stony Brook Outreach workshop, Saikei workshop and Spring Auction. Thank you to all volunteers who supported each event.

Thank you to all members for keeping the background conversations in the adjacent room to a minimum during the demos and auction.

Wish everyone a great growing season.

Sincerely,
Hal Johnson, President

How About That Workshop

CREATIVITY BLOSSOMS AT BEGINNER SAIKEI WORKSHOP



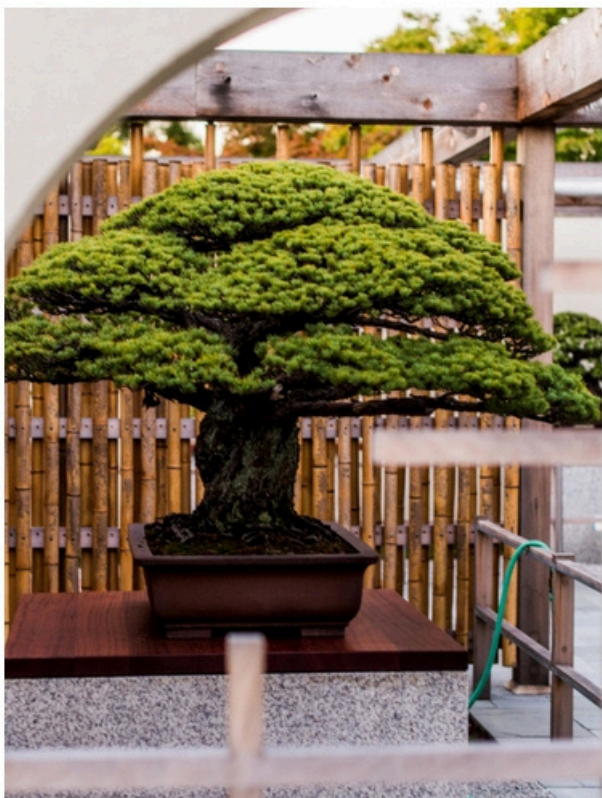
The LIBS Saikei Workshop was held Saturday May 17th. Tom O'Connor gave ten lucky participants an opportunity to learn Saikei design elements needed to create miniature landscapes. The Chinese name for this artform is "Penjing". All the components were supplied (Norfolk Pines, tray, rocks) and moss collected by the participants contributed to detailing their forest floors. Tom, who has been an L.I.B.S. member for over fifty years, commented that the art of Bonsai "takes a great deal of time and patience. Creating a living Saikei allows, especially beginners, the opportunity to experience the whole process in a very short time." Sincere thanks to Tony for helping Tom set up. **If you participated, please consider bringing in your Saikei creation to display for fellow members to appreciate at the June 9th meeting.**



Submitted By: Jim Genesee

CELEBRATING WORLD BONSAI DAY

This year, **World Bonsai Day** was celebrated on **May 10th**. At the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum in Washington, D.C., this special event recognized an incredible milestone for the museum's most cherished bonsai tree, **the Yamaki Pine**. Considered an historical treasure, this tree has been training since 1625. This remarkable tree has been cared for across generations and continues to inspire visitors from around the world. To learn more about the 400-year-old Yamaki Pine, visit their website at **www.bonsai-NBF.org/Yamaki-Pine**.



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**WORLD BONSAI
DAY
5.10.25**



Written By: Jonas Dupuich
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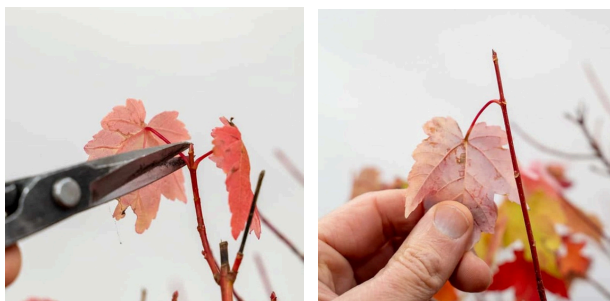
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DEVELOPING RED MAPLE BONSAI

I've had a lot of fun working with red maples, also known as swamp maples, over the past few years. The basic training routine is the same as it is for other deciduous species – prune and reduce foliage in the middle of the growing season and then prune again in fall. Depending on how vigorously the tree grows, you can repeat the spring work several times during the growing season. In spring, after the first flush of growth hardened off, I pruned and partially defoliated the tree to prevent the interior branches from becoming weak. After partial defoliation



I removed large leaves during the remainder of the growing season and shortened some long shoots but otherwise let the tree grow until fall. Once most of the leaves had turned color, I removed the leaves by hand, when they came off easily, and with scissors, when they were stubborn.



RED MAPLE BONSAI

Although I've only been working on this specimen for four years; the change has been dramatic. I don't know where I'll end up with this tree, but I'm really enjoying the process.

2020



2021



2023



2024



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Valavanis Blog

Submitted By: Jim Genesse.
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PACIFIC BONSAI EXPO - SECOND LOOK

The highly successful second Pacific Bonsai Expo was held on October 26-27, 2024 at the Henry J. Kaiser Center in Oakland, CA. Every bonsai was allotted a six or eight-foot display area with a lovely solid non-creased grey background. It was up to the exhibitors to fill their assigned areas using the bonsai which was pre-judged. As the trees arrived each was professionally photographed for the Commemorative Album which will be produced in the future. After finally setting up the displays the room was emptied and judged by the exhibitors themselves.





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

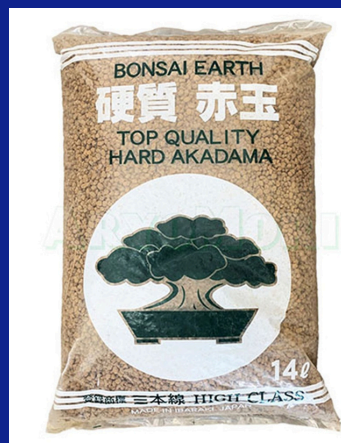
Chris Hayes, Proprietor. Chris@EasternEffects.com
Besides Bonsai the business is paired with the Koi Market Aquatic Nursery. Entrance for both is on the north service road of the LIE (I495) just West of exit 51.

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

**June 9th
Black Pine
Demonstration**

**July 14th
Bonsai
Demonstration**

[Read More on our website](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 9th

Black Pine Demonstration

Monday, July 14th

Program TBD

Weekend of August 2nd and 3rd

**LIBS Exhibit at Humes
Japanese Stroll Garden**

Saturday August 23rd

BBQ/Auction- "Under the Tiny Tree"

September 8th Program TBD

If you have questions, contact
LIBS Officers or email:

LIBONSAI@YAHOO.COM