

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

### Meeting Schedule

Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Member SWAP MEET  
Afternoon 12N- 3PM

Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:25 PM  
Sergio Cuan Demo

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:25 PM  
Will Braddeley  
Wood Carving Demo

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Member Auction  
Noon -3:30PM

### Events schedule

for updates:

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

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 12N-5PM  
LIBS Exhibit at  
Cherry Blossom  
Festival  
with (2) Workshops at  
The Japan Center at  
Stony Brook  
University

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

**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)

## January 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. Two auctions annually with member donated trees, pots, and tools. 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.

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 a meeting.**

**2024 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are DUE NOW** 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!!! See listing on the website. 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.



**January Tokonoma by Joe Lesnick.**  
 Presenting winter silhouettes of a Small leaf Chinese Elm and two Trident Maples. Please notice the scars on the middle tree. He plans to cut off the scars in the spring .

If you are interested in presenting a Tokonoma, please email Jim Genesse at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)



## 11<sup>th</sup> Winter Silhouette Bonsai Expo 2023

from William N Valavanis Bonsai Blog



**At our Saturday January meeting, Vin Russo styled one of two Pitch Pines.** Attendees choose the one he styled. Original tree is directly below. The finished tree is pictured to the right directly below with Vin and its new owner, **Michael Ulrich.** It was decided that it would be a cascade style, since it already had that shape. Cascade style comes from natural trees up on mountains pulled down by altitude and snow.

Vin started needle plucking, followed by wiring and then the most technically part styling. To create denser foliage, in early summer and fall, break off the candles. This will create smaller needles and cause the needle to branch more. Please notice that Vin left the pine cones on the tree. **We LOVE that!!!!!!**



**2024 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are Due Now 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

## **SAVE THE DATES**

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

LIBS Bonsai Exhibit and two

Workshops at Cherry Blossom Festival

The Japan Center at Stony Brook University, NY

**Need Volunteers for exhibit and the two Workshops!!!!**



## **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 Southhold 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 19-21 2024
---	------------------

MABA convention 2024 Columbus, Ohio USA	8.30-9.1 2024
---	---------------

<b>LIBS Bonsai Exhibit at Humes Japanese Strolling Gardens</b>	
<b>August 3rd 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM &amp; August 4th 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	
<b>Dogwood Ln, Mill Neck, NY 11765</b>	

**SEE YOU AT THE SWAP MEET ON SATURDAY FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup>!!!**  
**“HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE WOOD DRAGON”**

LIBS Library Books are available for loan to members in good standing.

Please see Mary Ward at one of our meetings.

The list is also on our website (Page 1 below). There are a total of three pages.

Watch for the next two in the next newsletters.



**This is a picture of a 9/11 memorial made out of stone by LIBS Lifetime Member Hal Mahoney.**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Author</u>
1-53rd Japanese Bonsai Exhibition		
2-American Bonsai Society Bonsai Features	Accents-Bonsai Shitakusa/Nature in Mini Kusamon	Pauline F Muth
3-An Introduction to Bonsai		Th B K i f i h p S y
4-A ; of Kimura		
5-Awakening The Soul	Nat. View'ng Stone Coll. Of Nat. Bonsai & Penjing Museum	
7-Beautiful Bonsai		
8-Bonsai		Harry Tomlinson
9-Bonsai		Woodward Radcliffe
10-Bonsai	Miniature Potted Trees/Their training & care for beginners	Shu Funotomo Co. LTD
12-Bonsai	A Pocket Companion	
13-Bonsai	The Art of Growing and Keeping Miniature Trees	Pe'er Chan
14-Bonsa.	The C p G id T A & T h i q	P d Lesniewicz
15-Bonsai	Must guide to growing & caring for m.ni. plants/trees	J uigi C'respí
18-The Little Books of Bonsai	Guide for Caring	Jonas Dupuich
22-Bonsai Penjing		Jardin Botanique De Montreai Mont Bot Gard
23-Bonsai and Penjing		A M C i l t a n
24-Bonsai with Austran Nat ve Plants	Amb d f P & B y	D a s e b y & V i s o K e a c h e f f
25-0u-rkhl r: s; s r-h Garden 1982-1984		
26-Classic Chinese Gardens	(Chinese Writing)	
28-Feng Shol H-eat !-ak	How 9 (G i B r e o y H e j j h i z z 7 4 d z g & Working Environment	Master Lam Kam Chuen
29-Forest, Rock Planting & Ezo Spruce Bonsai		S u b a r a K a i o
30-G9 -o h r e v t e	Practicing, install'ng & using greenhouses	Ortho Baackr
33-Geswlo- & Dle- j e j i j 3 u s e s a'	Creating a Spectacu ar D splay	Lew s & Suther and
34-Handbook on Bonsa Spec al Techn ques	B o o s - i S t y e e , C o s e L z , B e v z e N u r t e r y V o l . 2 2 N o . 2	B'klyn Bot Garden Record/Plants & Gardens
35-Garden Artistic Pot Plants		Mon L sag
36-H-b-z B-z- u i	P r o - s i s e - t h u A r t w i t h F a s t - G r o w i n g H e r b s	Richard Bender
37-Bonsai	Its Art, Science, History, & Philosophy	P e t e r & M a r y B l o o m e r
38-Living Art of Bonsai	Principles & Techniques o f C u l t i v a t i o n & P r o p a g a t i o n	Amy Liang
39-Bonsai Hersey		M' h a i H j g d e e r
40- s d i s B r e -		Paul Lesniewicz
41-International Bonsai & Fuisse'i Exhibition		
42-Japanese and Miniature Gardens		Leslie Woollard
43-Japanese Art of Stone Appo s' e z a	S d e a k & 7 e U , r w l h B o n s a i	Covelio & Yoshimura
44-Japanese Maple	Second Edition	J. D. Vertrees
45-Complete Art of Bonsai		Isabelle & Remy Samson
46-Chinese Penjing	Miniature Trees & Landscapes	Hu Yunhua
47-Pines	Growing & Sty' ng Japanese Black & White P nes	Bonsa Today Master Series
48-Keep Your Bonsai Alive & Well		Herb L. Gustafson
50-Making Bonsai Landscapes	The Art of Saikei	Herb Gustafson
51-Mini-Bonsai hobby		Te'ichi Katayama
52-Outstanding American Bonsai		Randy T. Clark
53-Penjing	The Muriel R. Leeds Collection	Hu Yunhua
54-Saikei	The Chinese Art Of Miniature Gardens	Toshio Kawamoto
55-Timeless Trees	Living Landscapes in Miniature	Peter & Mary Bloomer
56-Reflect'ons Of The Spirit	The US National Bonsai Collection	Maggie Oster
57-Simon and Schuster's Guide To Bonsai	Japanese Gardens in America	Simon and Schuster
58-The Beginner's Guide to American Bonsai	More t' an 1 0 0 full-color n' -oto r a n' s o f 1 5 0 species	Jerald P. Stowell