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Meeting schedule

June 12th, Monday 7PM
Robert Mahler Demo

July 10th, Monday 7PM
Suthin Sukosolvisit Demo

August 14th, Monday 7PM
Demo

September 11th, Monday 7PM
???? Demo

Events schedule

www.longislandbonsai.org
for updates.

August 5 -6th,
SAT 10AM – 2PM & SUN
1 to 5 PM
LIBS Bonsai Exhibit
at **HUMES JAPANESE**
STROLL GARDEN.
2 Dogwood Ln. Mill Neck,
NY 11765

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in attending a
workshop, please
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June 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, 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 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 a meeting or appointment.

2023 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are now past 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.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL AT THE JAPAN CENTER IN STONY BROOK

Volunteers John Klee and Hal Johnson represented LIBS with a spectacular three-table exhibit. Two hundred fifty visitors viewed our display.





ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL AT PLANTING FIELDS COE HALL





The June Meeting was a demonstration by Robert Mahler on two Mugo Pines. The Cascade style Mugo was won by our Treasurer, Joe Lesnick.

The other Mugo in Formal Upright style can be yours if you have the winning bid on it at our next auction scheduled for Saturday, December 16th and the Holiday Luncheon.



***LIBS Exhibits at Cherry Blossom Festival
and Asian American Pacific Islander
Festivals***

The LIBS did two exhibitions in May. **Thank you to volunteers**; John Klee, Tony Calabrese and Tom O'Conner. Pictures on previous pages.

***Looking to Downsize Your
Collection?***

If you are thinking about reducing the number of trees and/or pots in your bonsai collection, contact the Long Island Bonsai Society at libonsai@yahoo.com and find out the options LIBS offers.

June Tokanoma

Japanese Scroll by J. Genese

Trees by Tom O'Connor

Left: Boxwood Root Over Rock

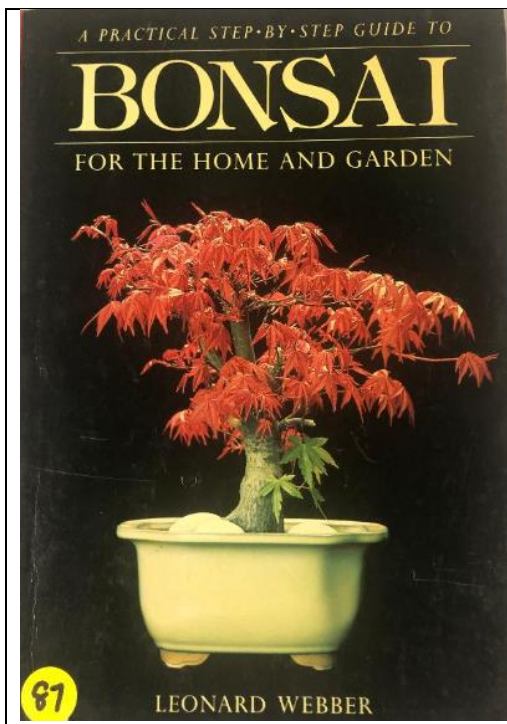
Right: Deciduous Root Over Rock

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



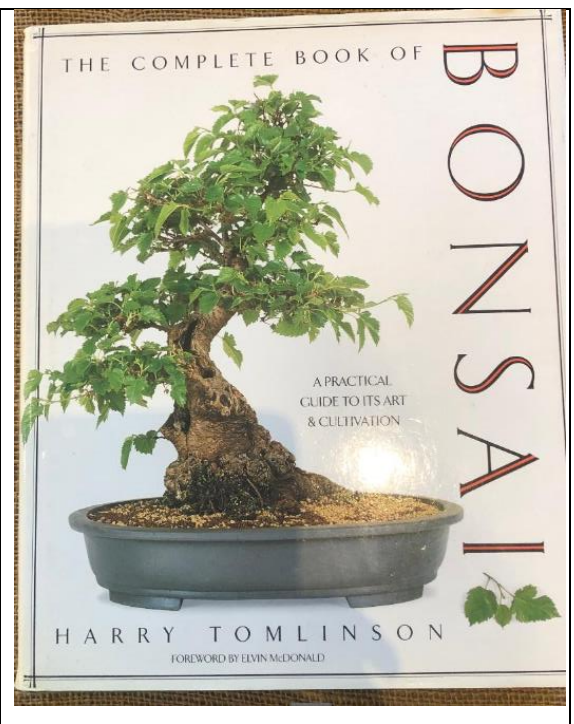
**LIBS Exhibit at Humes Japanese Stroll Garden!!!
August 5th and 6th**

**Please consider showing your trees at this exhibit.
Sign up at July meeting.**



**LIBS
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Please see Mary to use our Library. You must be a member in good standing.



It's been a while since I last pruned some young quince and crabapples I've been growing from seed. By pruning in summer I can encourage them to produce new growth that I can wire in fall.

I treated the wounds with cut paste and returned the trees to a sunny spot in the garden where they can grow freely for the rest of the growing season.

I plan for the quince to become either shohin or kifu-sized bonsai like the crabapple. When the curves in the trunk are tight I can aim for shohin and when they are bigger I can aim for kifu or chuhin-sized trees (up to 45cm/18"). Please see pictures on the next page



Siebold's crab



After pruning



The trunk is close to desired thickness so I removed several of the sacrifice branches, but left one to maintain the tree's vigor for the rest of the growing season



Seven-year old Chinese quince



I usually leave small stubs when I prune sacrifice branches, but I thought I'd try leaving some green growth on the pruned branches to see how that effects budding. If I don't get new shoots along the trunk I'll prune the tree back further in fall to encourage new shoots in spring.

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> 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, 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

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

August 5th & 6th, 2023- LIBS Bonsai Exhibit – Saturday 10 AM-2 PM & Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

Humes Japanese Stroll Gardens - 2 Dogwood Ln, Mill Neck

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