

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

Meeting Schedule

Monday March 11th 7:25 PM

Sergio Cuan

Demonstration on
Kiyohime Maple

Monday April 8th 7:25 PM

Will Baddeley

Wood Carving Demo

Saturday May 4th

Member Auction

Noon -3:30PM

Events Schedule

for updates:

www.longislandbonsai.org

Sunday April 21st 12N-5PM

LIBS Bonsai Exhibit at

Cherry Blossom

Festival

with (3) Workshops at

The Japan Center at

Stony Brook

University

!!!NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Free Admission,

Parking and Lunch!

**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

If you are a member and not receiving our emails, please email Hal at libonsai@yahoo.com

February 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. 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.

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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SAVE THE DATE

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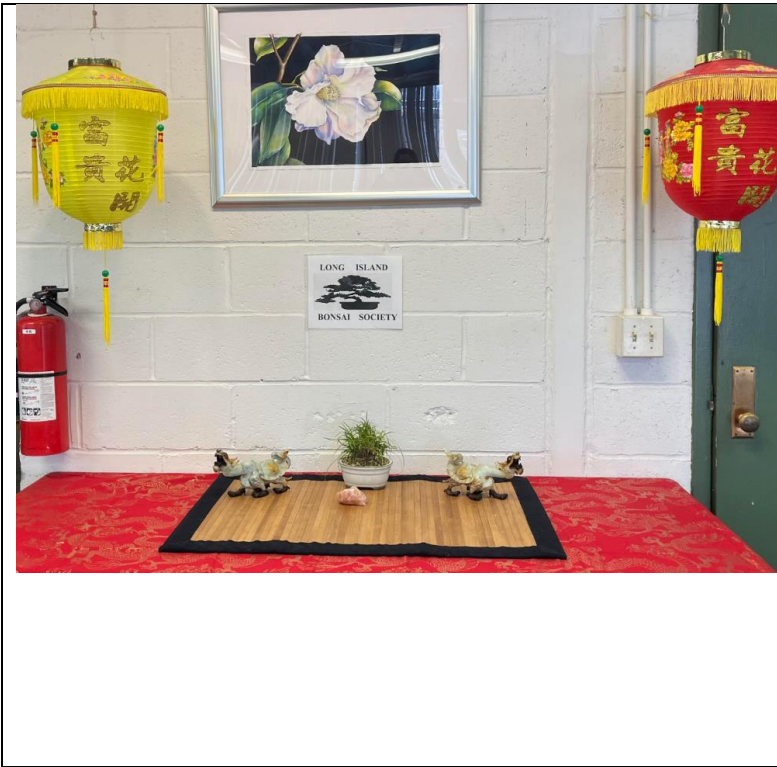
LIBS Bonsai Exhibit and three Workshops at Cherry Blossom Festival

The Japan Center at Stony Brook University, NY

Need Volunteers for exhibit and the three Workshops!!!!

LIBS held its **Annual Winter Member's Swap Meet** on Saturday, February 17, 2024. There were plenty of trees, books, stands and pots looking for new owners. Welcome new members Rob and Helen, pictured below with Gary and Leslie. LIBS Caps are in three colors for sale to members. The "Most Interesting" award goes to the face etchings shown below. The faces are on the **SAME** rock, just different sides!!!





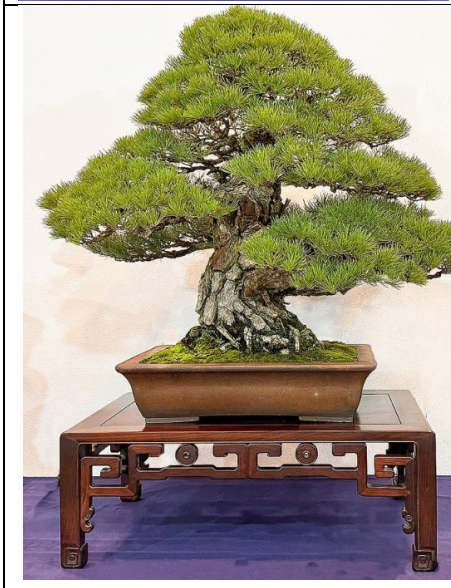
February Tokonoma
 was presented by our President, Hal Johnson. **Honoring the Chinese New Year of the “Wood Dragon”**. The Jade dragons and lanterns were brought back from Taiwan by Hal. **“Wood Dragon”, symbolizes growth, innovation, creativity and improvement.**
A great year to start a New Venture!!!!
 If you would like to present a Tokonoma, please email Jim to discuss. libonsai@yahoo.com

2024 98th Kokufu Bonsai Exhibition by William N Valavanis submitted by Jim Genesee

The 2024 98th Kokufu Bonsai Exhibition is being held in two parts this year (Part 1 February 9-12, 2024 and Part 2 February 14-17, 2024.) Again, (like most years) held the exhibition in the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum in Ueno Park, Tokyo, Japan.

These are my personal thoughts; coming from a serious 62 year intense bonsai study. As a bonsai scholar I have probably attended more Kokufu Bonsai Exhibitions than any other foreigner. Although I was not present (or even born yet) at the first exhibition held in 1934, I have visited when the original museum was the venue. It was a grand building with lots of front steps outdoors. There were then two curved stair cases leading down to the ground floor where all the bonsai were displayed in one huge open room with a transparent roof which was great for allowing natural light which is desirable, for maintaining both evergreen and deciduous trees indoors for about a week. Trees

must be kept at appropriate temperatures and humidity levels when displayed for health reasons. During the early days of this long-held exhibition, the shows were held both in March and November. Originally founded by Count Matsudaira and Toshio Kobayashi, this exhibition was organized and held by the Tokyo Bonsai Club, which subsequently evolved to the present Nippon Bonsai Association in 1963.





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

**“Sakura Matsuri” Cherry Blossom Festival at the Japan Center at Stony Brook University
with “LIBS Exhibit and Bonsai Workshops”** Sunday April 21st 12 N - 5:00 PM

For more information see the Wang Center’s website: www.thewangcenter.org

There will be three workshops limited to 20 participants (60 total) whom paid for entrance to the festival.

LIBS members please Volunteer- Free Admission, parking and lunch! Also consider exhibiting your best trees and volunteer to be one of the six assistant instructors under Mr. Robert Mahler’s direction.



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

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

**** SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY MARCH 11TH!!!****
SERGIO CUAN DEMONSTRATION ON KIYOHIME MAPLE

This is the second page of **LIBS Library**. Listing books available for loan to members in good standing. Please see Mary Ward at one of our meetings. There are a total of three pages. First page is in our January 2024 newsletter. The third will be in the next newsletter.

The list is also on our website.

59-The Bonsai	The definitive illustrated guide	Dan Barton
60-The Bonsai Book of Practical Facts	THE DEFINITIVE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE	James Moller
61-The Bonsai Specialist	Guide-buying/planting/displaying/improving/caring- bonsai	David Squire
62-The Bonsai Year Book	Bonsai growers companion to seasonal care/maintenance	Paul Goff Harry Tomlinson
63-The Chinese Garden	All beg/adv grower needs to know about cultiv mini trees	Maggie Keswick
64-The Complete Bonsai Handbook	Essential Guide To Creating/Growing/Displaying Bonsai	Darlene Duntton
65-The Complete Practical Encyclopedia of Bonsai	Their Creation Care and Enjoyment	Ken Norman
66-The Creative Art Of Bonsai	Suiseki and Its Use with Bosai	Isabelle & Remy Samson
67-The Essentials of Bonsai	Cultivating Kannonchiku and Shurochiku	Donald Richie
68-The Gardens of Japan	The Glories of the Kingdom of the Dragon	Teiji Itoh
69-Japanese Art of Mini. Trees and Landscapes	A Photographic Guide to more than 500 trees	Yuji Yoshimura and Giovanna M. Halford
70-The Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation	The Muriel R. Leeds Collection	Vincent T. Covello and Yuji Yoshimura
71-The Masters' Book of Bonsai	The Art & Technique	The Japanese Bonsai Association
72-Lily Leafature Palms Of Japan	Caring for Ginkgo, Akebi & Tsubaki	Yoshiaki Okada, J. Heilmann, Heilmannberg
73-Treasures Of China	The Art of Living Sculpture	John Chinnery
74-Trees of North America and Europe	Practical Guide to its Art & Cultivation	Roger Phillips
75-Yoshimura School of Bonsai Commem Album	GUIDE TO ITS ART & CULTIVATION	Dorothy Young
76-Bonsai	GUIDE TO ITS ART & CULTIVATION	Peter Lewenz
77-Bonsai	Dwarf Trees in the Japanese Mode	Jack Douthitt
78-Bonsa	From Native Trees & Shrubs	Peter Adams
79-Art of Bonsai	Guide to Growing, Training & Care	Colin Lewis
80-Art of Bonsai Design	Step by Step Guide	Harry Tomlinson
81-Complete Book of Bonsai	Vol 16 1982	G. H. H.
82-Bonsai for Americans	30 Years of Bonsai	Phyllis Argail
83-Bonsai	Commemorating the 1964 Olympics	Busch
84-Bonsai	Viewing Stones	Pesce & Samson
85-Bonsai Basic	Choosing & Growing	Leonard Weber
86-Bonsai Exhibition of the Takagi Collection	SELECTION	Murata & Takeuchi
87-Bonsai for Home & Garden	Its Art, Science, History & Philosophy	William Valavanis
88-Bonsai for Pleasure	THE ART OF BONSAI	Saburo Kato
89-bonsai in California	THE ART OF BONSAI	Tokyo Japan
90-Bonsai Past-Present-Future	THE ART OF BONSAI	Melba Tucker
91-Forest,Rock Planting & Ezo Spruce Bonsai	THE ART OF BONSAI	Peter Chan
92-Gems of Bonsai & Suiseki	THE ART OF BONSAI	Herb Gustafson
93-Suiseki	THE ART OF BONSAI	Deborah Koreshoff
94-Bonsai	THE ART OF BONSAI	G. H. H.
95-Bonsai	THE ART OF BONSAI	Peter Adams
96-Bonsai Workshop	THE ART OF BONSAI	
97-Bonsai	THE ART OF BONSAI	
98-Bonsai	THE ART OF BONSAI	
99-Successful Bonsai Growing	THE ART OF BONSAI	

“A BIG THANK YOU” to volunteer member Beth Ringhauser for creating our monthly LIBS Newsletter since August 2021.