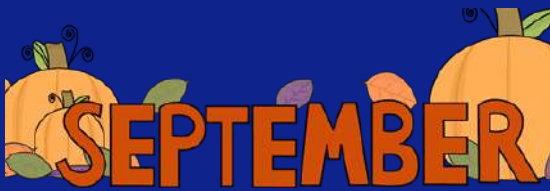




SEPTEMBER, 2025

LONG ISLAND BONSAI SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

This Japanese Tokonoma represents early Autumn/September. The components reflect the mood of this season, the bonsai is a hardy Mugo pine, the scroll contains imagery of Autumn, and the companion accent plant is Autumn grass with moss. The arrangement of the items and the pattern of sunlight reinforce the seasonal theme. It has been displayed at the Omiya Bonsai Museum in Saitama, Japan.



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MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL FINAL RENEWAL

\$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.

FUTURE SOCIETY ACTIVITIES:

**September 8th Monday
Kris Springer
Demo**

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.

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**

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MESSAGE FROM THE L.I.B.S. PRESIDENT

We are a 501c.3 "All-Volunteer" Not-For-Profit organization. Success depends on your participation.

Please help when and wherever you can. Likewise, donations through participation in our auctions or other events help fund our programs.

We look forward to bringing in artists of international reputation. We can thank our own program chairperson Chris for convincing Mr. Mauro Stemberger to change his plans and come to the US. Efforts like this and quality of the programs are why our Society has attained a professional reputation.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and Christmas party.

Sincerely,
Hal Johnson

At Our Last Meeting:

OUR 2025 SUMMER BONSAI BARBEQUE

On Saturday August 23rd the L.I.B.S. held their second annual **Bonsai Barbeque** event out in Eastern L.I. at the home of members Jason and Diana. The afternoon had great weather and was attended by over sixty members, guests and family. The venue was all set up with chairs, tables and a covered tent. Admission included a raffle ticket to an authentic Japanese Trident maple shohin bonsai in addition to the fantastic spread of food that included cheese, meats, cold appetizers, sushi, beer, wine and beverages. A twelve-foot Italian hero fed the entire crowd, and for dessert, the ice-cream man even stopped by and the generous hosts picked up the tab for everyone (Thank you Jason & Diana).

The feature of the afternoon was a demonstration by bonsai artist Chase Rosand. A well-known student of the art for much of his 90+ years, Chase was way ahead of the curve, having studied in Japan back in 1963. He demonstrated how to get started using seedlings of Japanese maples. Guest artist Bob Mahler was also on the scene to lend a hand.



At Our Last Meeting:

OUR 2025 BONSAI BARBEQUE



Chris Hayes took the reins for the lively auction that offered a diverse selection of trees, pots, tools and accessories.

There were a number of beautiful bonsai trees to view which added to the casual, friendly atmosphere of the event. The imported Japanese Trident maple was raffled off to the lucky winner, John. This year's bonsai barbeque was a wonderful gathering, enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks to our generous hosts Jason and Diana.



LIBS DISPLAYS AT HUMES JAPANESE STROLL GARDEN



On the weekend of August 2nd & 3rd, the LIBS setup the annual display to the public at the Humes Japanese Stroll Garden in Locust Valley. We had beautiful weather for both days. The exhibit of smaller younger projects allowed for talking points with visitors. There were 419 visitors over the two-day event. A majority were there specifically for the Bonsai display. The President of the LIBS answered all the questions, explained tools displayed and demonstrated pruning for taper in a tree trunk. People were encouraged to do it yourself in some cases in a couple of growing seasons. Of course, encouraging LIBS membership for further mentoring at our local meetings at Planting Fields

A Special "Thank You!" to a new LIBS member volunteer Julian who helped move the trees to the Tea house for the secure overnight stay.

Thank you to the staff of the garden and the North Shore Land Alliance. Mary, Robin, Stacey, and Ann were critically helpful portaging the trees in and out of the exhibit area.



Written By: Jonas Dupuich
Bonsai Tonight Blog

Submitted By: Jim Genesse.
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TOM VUONG'S GIANT BONSAI TREES

Tom Vuong's bonsai garden features impressively large trees, including California junipers, cork bark pines, shimpaku, and massive olives, some exceeding six feet tall. Vuong has developed unique techniques for collecting, shaping, and grafting these trees, resulting in dramatic specimens that stand out in the bonsai community, as highlighted by Jonas Dupuich's visit and observations shared on Bonsai Tonight.



'Stylin & Profile-in'

SPECIAL L.I.B.S. MEMBERS ONLY T-SHIRT OFFER

The official LIBS T-Shirts will soon be **available** in a full range of sizes. Color Options: Light Green or Dark Green, with the classic LIBS logo on the front and back as shown. The pre-order price will be **\$25.00.**



The club is currently gathering unpaid pre-order information from interested members.

Email: LIBONSAI@Yahoo.com

With your Size, Color and Quantity preferences.

More Infomation to come.



Written By: William N. Valavanis
Valavanis Bonsai Blog

Submitted By: Jim Genesee
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400-YEAR-OLD YAMAKI PINE

The Yamaki Pine marks its 400th anniversary in 2025 — a milestone we celebrated during World Bonsai Day on May 15. As part of the festivities, we formally honored this iconic tree and its enduring significance as a symbol of resilience and international friendship. In a new article on our blog, we interviewed Museum Curator Michael James, who reflects on the tree's extraordinary journey, shares how he and his team provide daily care for this revered bonsai, and describes how they steward the legacy of a living legend.

Our modern existence has little tolerance for patient, methodical work. We're pulled constantly toward urgency and overstimulation. But what about the quiet, mindful act of nurturing the same tree, day after day — not to meet a deadline, but to uphold an ancient tradition?

This is one aspect of the curator's daily work at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum. Each week, Curator Michael James and Assistant Curator Andy Bello water, prune, adjust, or simply check on the Yamaki Pine, a centuries-old bonsai that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The Yamaki Pine arrived in Washington, DC in 1976 as part of a bicentennial gift from the people of Japan to the people of the United States. While wild white pines typically live between 150 and 200 years, this one has been sustained far beyond that, thanks to centuries of unwavering dedication. This year marks its 400th year in training.





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

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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

September 8th
Kris Springer
Demonstration

October 27th
Mauro
Stemberger
Demonstration

UPCOMING EVENTS

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