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### Meeting Schedule

Planting Fields has no current Covid reservations. Masks are voluntary and available.

May 21, Sunday 9AM-12N-  
**Mauro Stemberger Critique Demo** is 1-4:30

June 12, Monday 7:30 PM  
**Robert Mahler Demo**

July 10, Monday 7:30 PM  
**Suthin Sukosolvisit Demo**

### Events Schedule

May 7, Sunday 12-5PM  
**Cherry Blossom Festival Exhibit** – CBW Center at Stony Brook University (extra fee)

May 27, Saturday, 9 AM-12N  
**Norfolk Pine Saikai Workshop** includes all supplies for \$30

If you are interested in attending a **workshop**, please email Chris at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

August 5-6<sup>th</sup> Weekend  
**Humes Japanese Garden LIBS Bonsai Exhibit 2023**,  
2 Dogwood Lane, Mill Neck, NY  
Saturday 10 AM- 2PM  
Sunday 1 PM – 5 PM

If you are a member and not receiving our emails, please email Hal at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

## April Newsletter 2023

### 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 7:30PM 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. The tree is usually raffled off at the end of the meeting. We also hold auctions of member donated trees, pots and equipment.

Volunteers are needed to present Tokonoma at each meeting. If interested, please email Jim Genesee at [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com).

Please see meeting schedule in the side bar.

Please check website: [www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org) for updates!

Members please see website to check availability of our soil supplies.

**Planting Fields has no Covid restrictions. Wearing a mask in the building is recommended to protect your fellow members and family back home.**

**2023 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are now past due 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!!! 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](#).



LIBS had a busy weekend!!!! On Saturday, April 15, 2023, we had our annual Spring luncheon/auction. Pictured above and to the left are SOME of the trees and pots up for auction. See anything you like, then make sure to attend the next auction and see what fun we have and what you can go home with. Chris Hayes (pictured at top left) and Chris Bender (pictured at top right) did a great job as our auctioneers. Colin Hayes (Chris's son) was on hand to help and give his dad support. It was extra special since it was Colin's birthday!!!!

Lifetime members were on hand also, They are above in the middle picture. Tom O'Connor, Gabrielle Castiglia, Jim Stopfer, our current President Hal Johnson, seated Francine Stopfer and John Castiglia.

THANK YOU TO MARY WARD, JOE LESNICK, MARYBETH RINGHAUSER AND TONY CALABRESE for maintaining all the paper work and collecting the money!!!!

**Next Event is the Cherry Blossom Festival  
at the Charles B. Wang Center in Stony  
Brook**

Volunteer opportunity to represent LIBS, display some of your trees, and answer visitor questions.

**Beginner's Saikai Workshop on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Minimal fee of \$30 includes all supplies. Spaces still available.**

**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](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com) and find out the options LIBS offers.



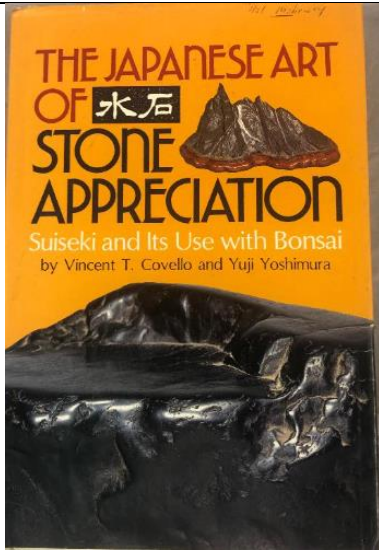


**LIBS Members in Action** at the Wang Center at Stony Brook University on Friday, April 14, 2023. We ran a Bonsai building workshop for 27 people of the Stony Brook community. Above and lower left are pictures of some of the trees LIBS members displayed at the event. At the left, Hal Johnson, John Klee, Chris Bender and Tom O'Conner helping participants build their bonsai. Upper right, is a picture of some of the finished projects.. Below are Mary Ward, Chris Bender, Chris Hayes, Bob Mahler (our artist who taught the workshop), Hal Johnson, Tom O'Conner and John Klee. Note our new aprons with LIBS Logo.



**The Planting Fields Arbor Day event was Cancelled due to weather concerns.**





**LIBS LIBRARY** See library directory on website to select a book. Members in good standing please see Mary at the meeting to borrow a book.

The Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation is an exploration into the art of suiseki—small, naturally formed stones selected for their shape, balance, simplicity and tranquility.

Written by two leading experts in the field of Japanese gardening and art, this concise introduction offers aesthetic guidance and direct practical advice that is a window into traditional Japanese culture. It details the essential characteristics of a high-quality suiseki, describing the various systems of stone classification in this Japanese art form and explaining how to display a suiseki to its best advantage. There is also a section on incorporating suiseki alongside a bonsai tree, the most popular and rewarding complement to peaceful suiseki miniature landscape gardens.

**New Post on Bonsai Tonight**

**[Highlights from the Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai's 25th annual show](#)**

On May 21-22, 2022, the Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai hosted their 25th annual exhibition at the Lake Merritt Garden Center in Oakland, California.

The event featured some fantastic satsuki azaleas in full bloom along with some non-azalea bonsai provided by the Yamato Bonsai Kai.

It was great to see a mix of blooming and non-blooming trees in the same room as it filled the room with contrasting colors, textures, and foliage types. Here are some of the highlights.

submitted by Jim Gennese

*By Jonas Dupuich*





## **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](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

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