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Meeting schedule

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PLEASE NOTE DAY AND TIME FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Saturday, January 14, 1PM
Vin Russo demo on Mugo Pine

Saturday, February 4, 11AM
Member Swap Meet with a
repotting demo

Monday March 13, 2023 7PM
Will Baddeley demo

Events schedule

Please watch for more details
on www.longislandbonsai.org

If you are interested in attending a
workshop, please email Chris at
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If you are a member and not
receiving our emails, please
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December 2022 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 7:30PM at Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay, NY 11771. 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.

Please see meeting schedule in the side bar.

We also hold auctions of member donated trees, pots and equipment.

Please watch for details!!!!

Members please see our website to purchase our refreshed soil supplies. **Planting Fields has revised its Covid restrictions. No reservations are needed and only unvaccinated attendees are required to wear a mask in the building.**

2023 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are now due please see Joe Lesnick or send an email to libonsai@yahoo.com

Cash, check, or Pay pal on website.

\$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 hands 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.

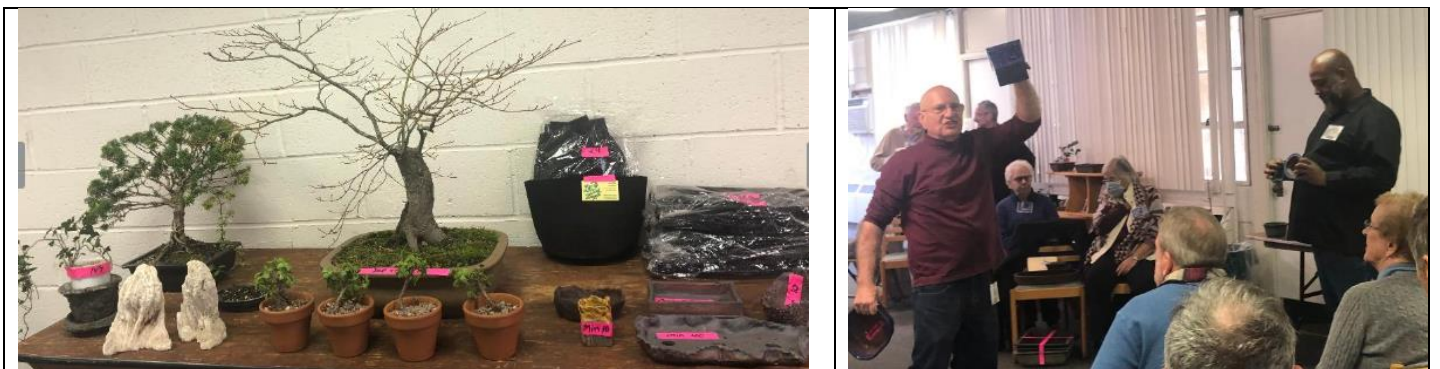
The Board Members would like to wish all our members a
**SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON &
PEACE AND LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR!!!!**

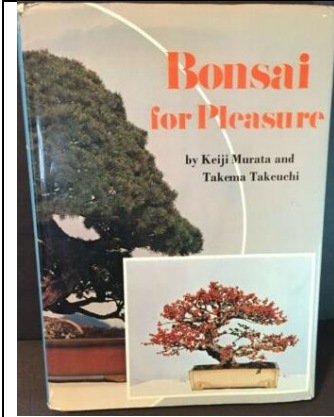
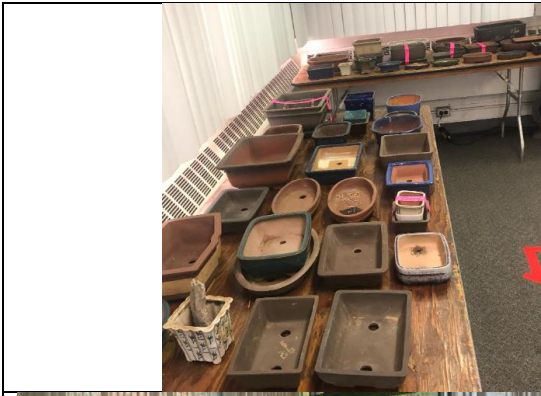
DECEMBER 2022 LIBS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND AUCTION



Our Annual Holiday Luncheon and Auction was held on Saturday, December 10, 2022. There was a vast selection of delicious sandwiches and many home-made goods. Some of our “Lifetime” Members attended and are pictured above seated at left is Gabriella Castiglia, Dee Fleck, Hal Johnson (our President), Tom O’Connor and John Castiglia seated. Below are pictures of the luncheon and auction. Chris Bender and Leslie Grey did a fabulous job as our auctioneers. Many pots found new homes. The tree in the middle of the first picture below on the left was the highest bid won by our new member Lydia Wen. Thanks to Tony Calabrese and Beth Ringhauser for giving a helping hand. Thanks to Chris Hayes for coming early and organizing and labelling all the pots and live material for sale. (The pink tapes are Chris’ notes)

Thanks to Mary Ward, who organized the food and helped run the auction!!!!!!



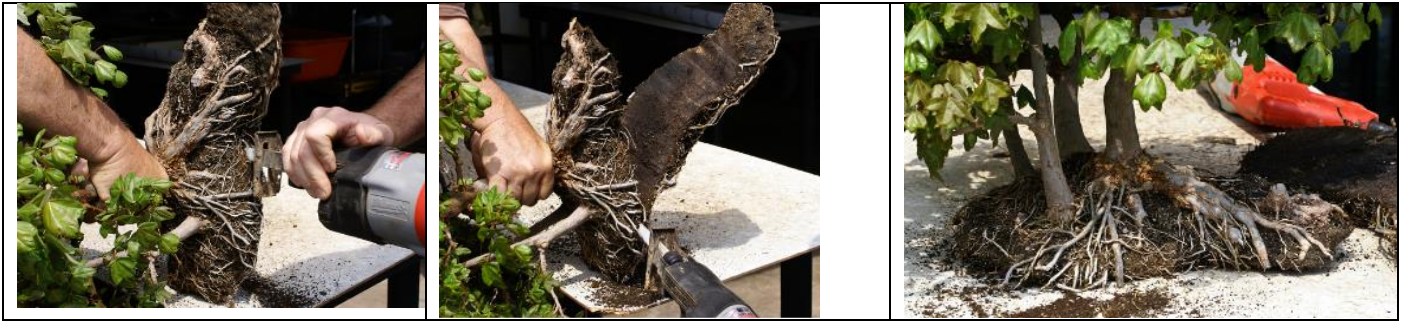


LIBS LIBRARY A listing of Library selections is on the website. Please see Mary during a meeting to take a book out of our Library.

This is a wonderful book by two leading bonsai authorities loaded with sage advice and techniques for growing bonsai. It is loaded with about 50 wonderful color photos along with 120 gravure illustrations along with very informative text. While it was written and published in 1969, it remains informative and helpful even 50 years later.

Root Pruning Trident Maple Bonsai By William N Valavanis Submitted by Jim Genesee
 Spring has sprung, and I hope the good weather remains (it won't. Forecast is for 14F for Tuesday) But we are still going ahead and repotting and root pruning.
 I recently sold a developed Japanese Maple Bonsai. The new owner asked about root pruning and I mentioned we often use a reciprocal saw to simple remove the major portion of the roots on an established or pot bound trees. Simply slicing the roots off does less strain on the tree than picking away old soil with a wooden chopstick for hours. Before potting, we, of course, use sharp trimming shears to make clean cuts. We do NOT use our old trimming shears because they are usually dull. (the first two pictures)





(The other four pictures and below are the forest)

A few years ago, we transplanted a Trident Maple forest on a granite stone that Yuji Yoshimura created many, many years ago. The roots were so thick and powerful. They pulled the hydraulic cement off the rock. It actually was just sitting on the rock and we often raised it to water.

One sunny day in May, we decided to repot the group into a bonsai container. Please note the tree in full leaf. Out came a reciprocal saw and two friends simply sliced the roots while I was supervising.

The tree was immediately potted and placed in the shade for a couple of weeks. The tree never realized what happened and continued to grow vigorously, even though it only has four trees which have now grown together.



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)

March 31 - April 2, 2023. Mid Atlantic Bonsai Society Spring Festival will take place at the Parsippany Hilton/Hampton Inn, One Hilton Court, Parsippany, NJ. Headliners for this All-American show will be:

WILL BADDELEY TODD SCHLAFFER HUGO ZAMORA LUNA

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