



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

### Meeting schedule

January 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 11AM -3PM

**Vin Russo Demo on Juniper**

February 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday 11AM -3PM

**MEMBER'S MEETING & SWAP MEET**

**Sergio Cuan Demo**

March 11<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM

April 8<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM

**Will Baddeley Demo**

May 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Time TBD

**LIBS AUCTION**

### SAVE THESE DATES

June 10<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM

July 8<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM

August 12<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM

September 9<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM

### Events schedule

August 3rd 10AM - 2PM

& August 4th 1PM - 5 PM

**LIBS Bonsai Exhibit**

**Humes Japanese Stroll Garden**

Dogwood Ln, Mill Neck, NY 11765

**For updates.**

[www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org)

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

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

## December 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](mailto: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.

**"Soil is In!!!"** 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

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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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**LIBS held its **Annual Holiday Luncheon and Auction** on Saturday, December 16, 2023**

Pictured above are some of the attendees.

Seated to the left are Robert Wexler and Tom O'Connor (board and lifetime member). Standing from left to right are Leslie Grey, Mary Ward (board member), Chris Hayes (program coordinator and board member), Joe Lesnick (Treasurer), Hal Johnson (President, not fully standing) Jim Genesee (VP), Tony Calabrese (Secretary), and Eric Andersen

Seated in center on the left Jim and Francine Stopfer (both lifetime members)  
Seated in the center on the right Claire Lane, Gabriella and John Castiglia (lifetime members)

Seated at the far right Ed Wengler.

***THANK YOU MARY WARD FOR ONCE AGAIN COORDINATING THE LUNCHEON!!!!!!***



Pictured above left and not previously named are Allen Williams and Richard Tragner.  
On right Chris Bender and Giacomo Mule'.



At the Auction, which raises funds for the club to bring Bonsai artists to our meetings, there were a plethora of pots. If you need pots, the Auctions are for you!!! The pots go for a fraction of what you pay for them in a store or online AND you support our club. WIN-WIN!!! And there are trees!!!

And a **HUGE Thank you** to Chris Hayes for being our auctioneer and his son, Colin, for once again helping his dad at the auction!!!

*THANK YOU TO JOE LESNICK,  
TONY CALABRESE AND BETH  
RINGHAUSER FOR MAINTAINING  
THE PAPERWORK!!!!*



New Post on Bonsai Tonight

*submitted by Jim Genessee*

## Highlights from the 8th US National Bonsai Exhibition – part 3: Shohin edition

*By Jonas Dupuich*

Our third installment of the US National Bonsai Exhibition wrap-up focuses on shohin. This year's exhibit featured 120 of them!

Although it's hard to see details in full-display photos, it's relatively easy to consider the size and style of the trees, the shape and color of the containers, and the effectiveness of how the trees are arranged.

One of the standout displays featured eight trees of the same species. While it's common to feature a large number of mini-bonsai, it's not as common for them all to be the same species.

In recent years, it's become common to see alternative approaches to shohin display, whether with novel tree arrangements or with traditional arrangements but novel materials for the stands.

One thing I enjoy about novel approaches to shohin display is seeing which gain traction over time and which end up being one-offs as that's a good measurement of community interest in given approach.





6-tree display by John Kirby



6-tree display by Gary Andes



2-tree display by Pedro Morales

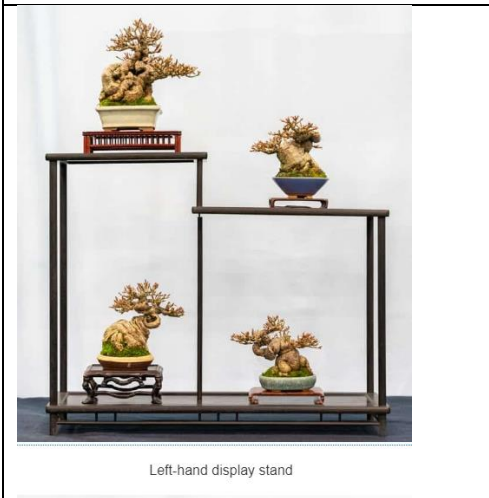


5-tree display by Brian Hollowell

pictures in bottom row  
are the individual sections from the  
picture below them



6-tree display by Melvyn Goldstein



Left-hand display stand



Center display table



Right hand display stand



Awesome 8-tree mini bonsai display by Suthin Sukosolvisit



## **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](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

**suthinbonsaistudio.com** - Expertise in Tropicals, Maples, Junipers and Shohin Bonsai Style

## **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

### **Upcoming EVENTS.** (Please check with individual websites for updates)

The second Shohin School Winter seminar at the Milwaukie Center, just south of Portland, Oregon, on January 26-27, 2024.

Mid Atlantic Bonsai Society Spring Festival, Harrisburg, PA April 19-21 2024

MABA convention 2024 Columbus, Ohio USA 8.30-9.1 2024

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