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Meeting schedule

Planting Fields has revised its Covid restrictions. No reservations are needed and only unvaccinated attendees are required to wear a mask in the building.

October 17, 2022
(Note: 3rd Monday of Month)
Sean Smith on Juniper

November 14, 2022
Sergio Cuan

Events schedule

Please watch for more details

October 12, 2022
Wednesday 1-3PM
“Art of Bonsai “with Robert Mahler presented by the Long Island Bonsai Society at the Japan Center at Stony Brook University

December 10, 2022
Lunch/Auction 11-3PM

If you are interested in attending a workshop, please email Chris Hayes at libonsai@yahoo.com

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

September 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.

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(s) which is (are) 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.**

2022 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are now past due please see Joe Lesnick or send an email

to libonsai@yahoo.com

Cash, check, Pay pal.

\$45.00 – single \$65.00 – family \$10.00 – 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.



WOW!!! Three trees styled at one meeting!!!! Bob Mahler took the three trees (2 spruces and Mugo) in the upper left hand corner and turned them into three different style Bonsai trees as seen in the upper right hand picture. The newly created trees went home with Ed Wengler, Ron Andersen and Tony Calabrese. The rest of the pictures are of Bob in action. He answered questions and supplied a great deal of Bonsai wisdom. Watch out for the three biggest Pine problems: blight, Fungi, insects (especially Saw flies and Bark beetles). Bob recommends fertilizing in early fall for pines. Try not to wet the foliage when watering. Debud down to two from the V. You are looking for the V. Cut candles to the length you like.

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



Tom O'Connor brought in a forest of Junipers for the September Tokonoma. Make sure to look for the little man. Notice the beautiful Chinese river rock.

Below are pictures from our September 12 meeting. Chris Abona was here on a visit from Tennessee. He is in the "Grumpy for Life" shirt standing next to our President, Hal Johnson.



Our members in action. Four of our member entered the Bonsai Shack First Annual Bonsai Show. Sergio Cuan was on hand to offer critiques of the trees entered. The show was open to all. Novices were welcomed. Chris Hayes, Leslie Gray, Roxanne Berlin, and Joe Lesnick all entered trees. Eric Ramos is pictured with Leslie Gray and Mary Ward is pictured with Joe Lesnick. Eric and Mary were there for support.



Pinching candles on small exposed root (Black) Pines *By Jonas Dupuich submitted by Jim Genesee*

While repotting a batch of two-year old pines this past winter, John Eads and I paused to create a handful of miniature exposed root bonsai.

We hadn't intended to make small trees, but when we found that the roots we were working with weren't as good as we had hoped, we decided to make exposed root trees instead.

Now that the spring candles are elongating, it's time to reduce the new growth to reduce the trees' overall vigor. (please see the first two pictures)

By reducing the new growth I can encourage the tree to invest resources in the lower branches and avoid additional thickening along the trunk.

Removing a portion of the new shoots slows the tree down without stimulating the adventitious buds that I'll want to encourage in June or July when it's time to decandle the tree (see "[Decandling black pine bonsai](#)" for details).

When it is time to decandle, I'll have several options for where to make the cut. (please see the middle photos below)

As long as there are healthy needles left on the tree after I prune at decandling time, I can expect to stimulate needle buds near the location where I cut (see "[Stimulating back buds](#)" for details). I can pinch the long shoots and continue fertilizing the tree until June or July when it's time to prune again.



Tree to the left is a two year old pine before pinching below is after shoots have been reduced.



Reducing the new shoots by hand



Two-year old black pine

If I want to create a relatively long tree, I can remove the spring growth at decandling time as indicated by the scissors in the middle photo above, which would make a relatively long tree.

If I want to make a more compact tree, I can cut closer to the base of the trunk. As shown in the photo all the way to right above.

This technique works for big trees too. If you see extraordinarily long shoots on trees you plan to decandle, feel free to reduce new shoot length before the candles finish elongating.



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

BSOP Releases Videos of Recent Farm to Table Event (to open links I had to click and then chose open the hyperlink”” in the drop down menu)

For those who missed the Bonsai Society of Portland's Farm to Table event, you can now catch key presentations online, including Tom Fincel's Top-Down Repotting technique.

Day 1 - Grower's Panel: John Eads, Matt Reel, Michael Hagedorn, Andrew Robson and I address questions about working with field-grown material

Day 1 - Super Critique: The panelists offer concrete next steps for improving participants' trees.

Day 2 - Chris and Lisa Kirk Tell the Telperion Farms Story: A rare opportunity to hear the Kirks share details about how they got started making the trees for which Telperion is known.

Day 2 - Top-Down Repotting Technique for Field-Grown Trees: Tom Fincel breaks down his approach for transitioning trees from the field to bonsai pots.

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

<https://bonsaitonight.com/2021/10/01/short-interviews-at-the-7th-us-national-bonsai-exhibition/>

Upcoming Events. (Please check with individual websites for updates)

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 1-3PM Art of Bonsai with Robert Mahler presented by the Long Island Bonsai Society at the Japan Center at Stony Brook University

November 12-13, 2022 The Pacific Bonsai Expo The Bridge Yard, Oakland, California

Please see the website for details. www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com