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Meeting schedule

Please watch your emails
for updates

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

January 10th-
Vin Russo Demo

February 19th
Member Display/Swap Meet
Saturday 11AM - 3PM
Please note change in time
and day of week for February

March 14th-

April 11th-
Mauro Stemberger Demo

May 9th-

June 13th-

Events schedule

*Please watch for more
details to follow*

April 9(Saturday)
Tom O'Connor Workshop

May 7 (Saturday)
Bob Mahler Workshop

December 2021 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 display a Tokonoma at each meeting. Please email Jim Genesee at jgenesee@optonline.net 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 soil supplies.

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2022 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership is due in January 2022!!!

Current and new members can pre-pay dues now.

Please see Joe Lesnick, our Treasurer, at our next meeting.

Cash, check, Pay pal.

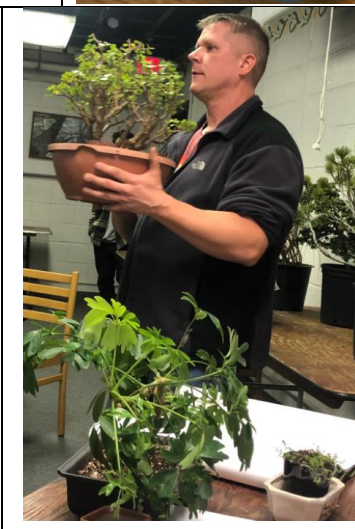
\$45.00 – single \$65.00 – family \$10.00 – student \$60.00 – support

Any questions, please send an email to libonsai@yahoo.com

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.



Chris Hayes ran a very successful Holiday auction on December 11, 2021 of member donated trees, pots (lots of pots) and tools. Thank you to Joe Lesnick, our Treasurer, for making sure all monies were accounted. And to Mary Ward and Beth Ringhauser for lending a helping hand during the auction. The photos at the top are from the holiday luncheon on December 11, 2021





Sergio Juan styled TWO trees for us at the November 8, 2021 meeting. One was raffled off at the meeting and the second was at the holiday auction on December 11, 2021. Shown above.

John and Gabriella Castiglia were given Life-time Membership to LIBS. They are flanked by board members Mary Ward, Jim Genesee, and Chris Hayes. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



If you have any suggestions for a program or a Bonsai artist for a future meeting, please send an email to Chris Hayes at chris@easterneffects.com

LIBS Wishes you and yours a happy and healthy 2022!!!!!!

New Post on Bonsai Tonight: [What to do when akadama is in short supply](#)

By Jonas Dupuich

it might be the case that not everyone looking for akadama will be able to find it. What are our options when availability is limited?

When possible, postpone repotting. If I'm on the fence about repotting a tree and I don't have the soil for it, I might wait another year. Although this isn't an option when water fails to drain at a reasonable rate, it is an option when the primary reason for repotting is to change the pot or planting angle.

Avoid using akadama for young trees. I have yet to find that akadama performs better for young trees so I no longer use it even when it is available.

Re-use bonsai soil. If you don't have problems with pests or pathogens in the soil, you can save akadama-based soils, dry them over summer, re-sift them to remove the dust, and then combine them with other ingredients to create mixes that meet your development goals.

Use alternative soil mixes. A variety of mixes can serve as good replacements for akadama depending on the development goals.

Young trees can grow well in a variety of mixes. I use 100% perlite or 100% scoria (lava rock) for most of my pre-bonsai. I've also used mixes that are 60-80% pumice with the remainder an organic-rich mulch or bark.

Recently collected trees or trees dug from nearby gardens can go into 100% pumice for one or more years while the initial container roots get established.

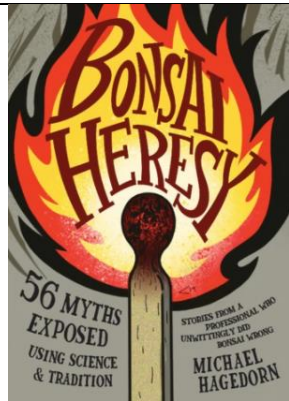
For mature bonsai, I'd try a few mixes and see which work best for each species based on my growing conditions. I'd experiment with pumice, scoria, decomposed granite, and possibly organic ingredients like bark or mulch.

I'm curious how pines will do with 50% pumice mixed with 50% scoria. Pine growers in Shikoku, Japan, use 100% "sand" that resembles decomposed granite so I'd try using mixes that incorporate that too.

LIBS Library

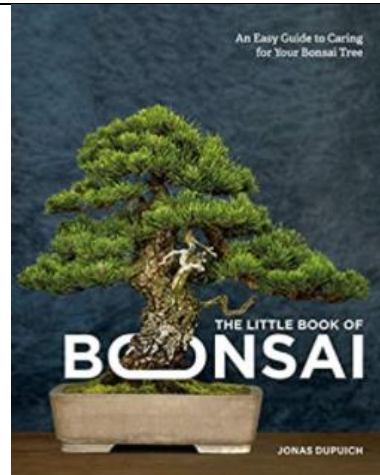
The two latest addition to clubs library.

Please see Mary about our Library.



In addition to providing the source of selected myths and enlightened alternatives to them, Hagedorn includes resources that make the book a helpful reference guide.

The best examples of this are the three chapters that focus on bonsai dormancy. After dispelling the notion that zone hardiness is a safe measure for how much cold a tree can handle in winter, Hagedorn provides research showing that root hardiness doesn't always align with top hardiness.



This charming, beautifully photographed beginner's guide from a trusted bonsai expert covers all the basics to keep your bonsai alive and happy.

Jonas Dupuich, founder of the #1 bonsai blog in the U.S., shares his passion and expert advice with anyone looking to learn more about bonsai in this modern, entry-level guide to an ancient art.

BONSAI ONLINE RESOURCES

Educational youtube.com SITES

American Bonsai Society

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> 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

National Bonsai Foundation - <https://www.bonsai-nbf.org/>

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)

For LIBS updates, please check with website: www.longislandbonsai.org.

April 8-10, 2022 Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival 2022 - It will take place at the Parsippany Hilton/Hampton Inn, One Hilton Court, Parsippany, NJ.

May 22-29, 2022 ABS (American Bonsai Society) Learning Seminar Rendezvous on the River Whispering Woods Conference Center, 7300 Hacks Cross Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654 Please visit ABSBONSAI.ORG for more details, registration and hotel info.

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022
WORLD BONSAI DAY!!!!!!

If you have any information about Bonsai that you feel should be included in our next newsletter, please email it to Beth at springhauser@yahoo.com.