



July 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 which is usually raffled off at the end of the meeting. Volunteers are needed to present Tokonoma at each meeting. Please email Jim if interested. [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

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.

**Planting Fields has revised its Covid restrictions. No reservations are needed. Attendees are not required to wear a mask in the building, but masks are supplied.**

**2022 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    \$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.

Hal Johnson  
President

Jim Genesee  
Vice President

Joe Lesnick  
Treasurer

Tony Calabrese  
Secretary

Chris Hayes  
Chairperson of Programs

### Meeting schedule

Planting Fields has revised its Covid restrictions. No reservations are needed. Wearing a mask is at your discretion.

August 8, 2022  
Martin Schmalenberg Demo

September 12, 2022  
To Be Determined Demo

October 17, 2022  
Sean Smith

### Events schedule

Please visit website for more details

August 6 & 7  
Humes Japanese Garden  
Bonsai Exhibition

August 20<sup>th</sup>,  
Summer Luncheon &  
member display & advice and  
design corner 12 Noon

October 15  
Saturday workshop  
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)

Our **Summer Auction** on Monday, July 11, 2022 raised funds for speakers and workshops for our members. There were trees and pots galore in all shapes and sizes on sale. Most of the pots went for a song!!! Chris Hayes, our auctioneer extraordinaire, did a fabulous job keeping us entertained and informed. He also did a great job coordinating and remembering who brought what and for how much.

Thank you to all who helped support this amazing event. Thank you to Chris for volunteering to be our auctioneer. Thank you to Mary Ward, Joe Lesnick and Beth Ringhauser for coordinating all the paper work. Thank you for all the members who stepped up to help with moving stuff around.





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](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

## LIBS Library

Please see Mary about our Library

	<p>For everyone from beginners to masters, an essential full-color guide to growing, grooming, and caring for your bonsai tree.</p> <p>Bonsai is the ancient craft of carefully regulating the growth and shape of trees in order to produce miniature versions of mature trees. Dating back over one thousand years to ancient Japan, bonsai trees are some of the most beautiful and meticulously looked-after plants in the world, and in recent years bonsai have exploded in popularity in the Western world.</p> <p><b>Bonsai</b>, written by world-renowned bonsai expert Peter Chan, is the essential compendium for anyone interested in trying out bonsai for the first time or adding more bonsai to their existing collections, detailing everything you need to know about buying and maintaining a magnificent bonsai tree, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to pick the right bonsai for you</li> <li>• Tools and supplies to ensure your bonsai prospers</li> <li>• How to shape your bonsai into different styles</li> <li>• How different pots affect the growth of your bonsai</li> </ul> <p>With hundreds of color photographs and easy-to-read directions and explanations on a variety of subjects, <b>Bonsai</b> is the only book you'll ever need to successfully start and maintain your own beautiful bonsai tree collection.</p>
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Post on Michael Hagdorn

submitted by Jim Genesee

### Pot Depth – Don't Cut it Close!

By crategus

The guideline runs: pot depth should equal trunk diameter. This, though, is an aesthetic guideline. Many bonsai prefer a deeper pot.

A deep pot is like sneakers. Good for romping around in. The high heels and dress shoes are for primp, kept in the closet with the shallow show pots for special days.

There are species preferences in pot depth, shared in the following photos.



*This Japanese White Pine bunjin is mounded. This adds additional depth to a pot already twice as deep as the thickest trunk. Pines are happiest in deeper pots. (Photo courtesy Bonsai Empire.)*



Shore Pine with a trunk girth half the depth of the pot – a good year-round growing pot.



A Japanese Maple 'Beni-kawa' in a shallow pot (This is an oval pot. Photographed from the side) Maples grow well in shallow pots year-round.



Skinny trunked azalea in a deep pot (Photo courtesy of Andrew Robson)



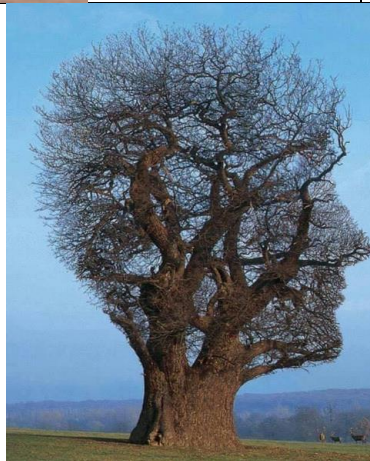
Shrubs are another matter. They do better in deeper pots. I don't recommend growing Chojubai or Azaleas in shallow pots. Most of my Chojubai are in much deeper pots than this one. This one only works horticulturally as a year-round pot because the soil is mounded.



Another Chojubai. Deeper pots offer easier year-round shrub care



Once you reach this girth, the pot depth can be similar to trunk girth and all is well in suburb land. Deep pots offer better drainage to greater percentage of the soil mass.



## 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 – 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/>

American Bosai Society the July, 2022 ABS Newsletter from our website.

<https://irp.cdn-website.com/cd9fdf05/files/uploaded/ABS%20July%202022%20final.pdf>

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

**Saturday & Sunday August 6-7, 2022 LIBS Bonsai Exhibition** The John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden, 347 Oyster Bay Road, Mill Neck, NY 11765 If interested in having your trees in the exhibit, please email Hal at [hjjohnson1@optonline.net](mailto:hjjohnson1@optonline.net)

**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> LIBS Martin Schmalenberg Demo** Regular Meeting at Planting Fields

**Saturday, August 20 LIBS Summer Luncheon** Planting Field Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY. \$22 per member. **Please pay in advance either on the website or to Joe Lesnick.** For LIBS updates, please check with website: [www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org).

**November 12-13, 2022 The Pacific Bonsai Expo** The Bridge Yard, Oakland, California  
Please see the website for details. [www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com](http://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com)