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Meeting schedule

October 9th, Monday
Robert Mahler Demo on
Oriental Spruce

November 13th, Monday
2024 Election Slate Vote

Events schedule

December 16th, Saturday
HOLIDAY PARTY/AUCTION
12NOON (Please pre-pay
\$23 for Luncheon at next meeting)

For updates:

www.longislandbonsai.org

If you are interested
in attending a
workshop, please
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September 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 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.

Please pay when you pick up the soil at a meeting or appointment.

2024 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues will be collected soon please see Joe Lesnick or send an email to libonsai@yahoo.com

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.



Our September 11, 2023 meeting Vin Russo styled a Juniper procumbens nana that Jim Genesee supplied. Vin likes Junipers for their tight compact foliage. As seen in the bottom pictures, much of the original tree was cut away. The foliage was thinned to let in more light and air into the inner sections. It also makes the tree more pleasant to look at. After the tree was trimmed down. Vin wired the remaining branches. If this wasn't enough, he also carved some of the bark away to give the tree more character. In the upper left picture is the final tree with Vin and Tom O'Connor the winner of the tree. Many suggested that it could be a cascade also. Vin said that of course it can be replanted any way you want, but not too soon. A tree should never be replanted AND styled the same year. The tree will be put under too much stress.

Stewardship Program

The LIBS started this program for “Intergenerational Treecare”. Senior citizen Members, who are having difficulty maintaining their bonsai, can send a request to libonsai@yahoo.com and ask for assistance. All Members having difficulties and issues with their trees can also contact us. The Club will do its best to help you.

Looking to Downsize Your Collection?

If you are thinking about reducing the number of trees and/or pots in your bonsai collection, contact the Long Island Bonsai Society at libonsai@yahoo.com and find out the options LIBS offers.

September Tokonoma

This beautiful Hinoki Cypress and Ivy were brought in by John Klee for our September Tokonoma.

If you would like to create a Tokonoma for one of our meetings please email Jim at libonsai@yahoo.com to discuss.



OUR MEMBERS IN ACTION

Japan Center at Stony Brook - Bonsai Workshop By Robert Mahler
September 29, 2023

Thank you to Mary Ward, Chris Hayes and Tom O'Connor for volunteering to help with the workshop on a REALLY icky rainy Friday (Epic Deluge).



This “**Outreach Bonsai Workshop**” was co-hosted by LIBS and The Japan Center at Stony Brook University. There were two sessions: AM Beginners with Schefflera tree and PM Beginner-Intermediate with a Portulacaria (Dwarf Jade). Our volunteer assistant instructors mentored over 35 participants under the directions of Bonsai Master Robert Mahler. They also enjoyed Bento Box lunches provided by the restaurant at the Japan Center. A cultural experience on many levels.



THE BALANCE OF BONSAI

“Bonsai” is more than just a tree in a pot as the name simply indicates in Japanese. It is an art and science to create a living sculpture in miniature. The “Science” is learning the requirements for growth and development of the tree. The “Art” is related to making a believable smaller scale tree to represent an older full-size tree.

The learning process with trees from seed, cuttings or young nursery stock is important before one goes out and buys a Bonsai already trained by someone else. The basic skills are important and not hard to practice. As you gain experience it promotes an understanding of balance. Stewardship of the tree’s health should be the priority.

Bonsai requires patience and diligence. As such it has a calming effect that can offset the stress of daily life. The culturing of these living sculptures trains the “Bonsai Caretaker” to a state of mind that can help with other aspects of your community life and the sense of balance goes beyond the garden.

Hal Johnson
President of LIBS

Highlights from the 37th REBS bonsai show

By Jonas Dupuich

Submitted by Jim Genesee published September 1, 2023

This past weekend over 1,100 visitors attended the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society's 37th annual show at the Rohnert Park Community Center in Rohnert Park, California.

The event featured workshops and demonstrations by Ryan Neil and a 75-display exhibit.

As you enjoy the trees, you might think about the design of the foliage. This includes the flow of the tree (left or right), the overall symmetry or asymmetry, the foliage density from left to right and top to bottom, and the suitability of the silhouette to the line of the trunk.

(For a primer about determining flow, see "[How to determine the direction or flow of bonsai.](#)")



Japanese maple



Olive



Olive



Chinese elm



Satsuki azalea 'Akanagi'



Grafted juniper



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

ABS – American Bonsai Society – September 23 newsletter link

<http://americanbonsaisociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-September.pdf>

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 Watercolor Artists of Oyster Bay 9th Annual Exhibit and Sale with musical performance by “The Elemental Quartet. **Saturday October 14th, 2023, 3-5 PM** at Planting Fields Haybarn. More info? Call 631.241.6366

 <p>The Bonsai Shack's 2nd Annual Bonsai Show & Extravaganza SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 IF YOU WERE AT LAST YEAR'S SHOW YOU'LL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS YEARS!! <small>Anyone is welcome to enter their tree into the show regardless of their Bonsai skill level or experience. This is a free event and all are welcome to stop by and see beautiful Bonsai.</small></p>  <p>JUDGED BY RENOWNED BONSAI ARTIST SERGIO CUAN <small>Sergio will give a critique and overview of why each tree wins their award and will be available to sign copies of Michael Hagedon's book that he illustrated.</small></p>  <p><small>Contestants are encouraged to moss their trees and clean their pots as well as display their tree on a stand with an accent however this is not mandatory and all trees are welcome and can be shown in the show without any of that.</small></p>	<p>ROSADE BONSAI STUDIO</p> <p>Once in a lifetime SALE of Bonsai trees and pots</p> <p>FRI., SAT. & SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 7, & 8</p> <p>sales opens Saturday at 9 am promptly</p>  <p>Hidden treasures of pots were unearthed some with great history Beautiful Bonsai trees and a chance at History with the famous Chase Rosade.</p> <p>Come for food, fellowship, story telling, demonstrations and fun!</p> <p>Bonsai Studio 6912 Ely Rd New Hope PA 18938</p> <p>For more information rosadebonsaistudio@gmail.com or ChuckLBuck@yahoo.com Cell (215) 499-9035</p>	<p>December 2 & 3, 2023 Kannapolis, North Carolina</p> <p>WINTER SILHOUETTE BONSAI 11</p> <p>www.winterbonsai.net</p> <p>This is a major national bonsai show with outstanding trees on display, as vending tables, demos by well known bonsai artists. It is free to attend.</p> <p>Demos by world-class bonsai artists William Valavanis, Rodney Clemons, and Tyler Sherrad.</p> <p>HOSTED BY STEVE ZEISEL, TYLER SHERRAD & THE TRIANGLE BONSAI SOCIETY</p> 
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