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Meeting schedule

Please watch your emails for updates

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

February Meeting on Saturday 19th. Please note change in date and day-time for this regular meeting. (See Events schedule.)

March 14th- TBD

**April 11th-
Mauro Stemberger Demo**

May 2nd - (1st Monday) - TBD

June 13th- TBD
Please watch for more details to follow

Events schedule

February 19- (Saturday, 11AM - 3PM)
Member Display/Swap Meet

April 9- (Saturday)
Tom O'Connor Workshop

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

January 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.

Generally 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 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 hands 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.



Vin Russo styled a White Pine for us at the January 10, 2022 meeting.

The top row of pictures are the before and two after photos. The middle photo is considered the front. The second row is the same photo from two different angles. One taken by Jim and one by Beth Ringhauser. The little wooden man was used to demonstrate balance in the toy and in the tree. If the tree is not “balanced”, it will look off balanced. (Please see article below about Tango and Bonsai.) The drawing is by Vin Russo depicting what he hopes the tree will progress into.





Tom O'Connor was awarded a **"Lifetime Membership"** to LIBS at our January 10, 2022 meeting. He has been a member for over 40 years. **CONGRATULATIONS TOM!!!!**

Tom also won the raffle for the White Pine our demonstrator Vin Russo styled as seen in the photos above. **All raffle proceeds help pay for the future demonstrators.**

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!!!!!!

Interesting Bonsai Fact: "Be Easy to Move, but Hard to Knock Over" By Crataegus

This aphorism comes from a local Argentina tango teacher. With it he's explaining the elasticity of one dance partner to another, especially in the follower's role. The follower reacts to the leader's suggestions, though she may do so in her own way. While this is going on both partners must maintain their own balance. This leader-follower agreement is the structure on which all partner dances operate. Without it, partners will nursing bruised shins and stubbed toes, but with it, you can sail around a room as one.

Inevitably, I begin thinking of trees. With bonsai, we are the leaders, and trees are our followers. But occasionally, our tree follower may suggest something or resist a suggestion of ours, and it's up to us to pay attention and adjust our approach.

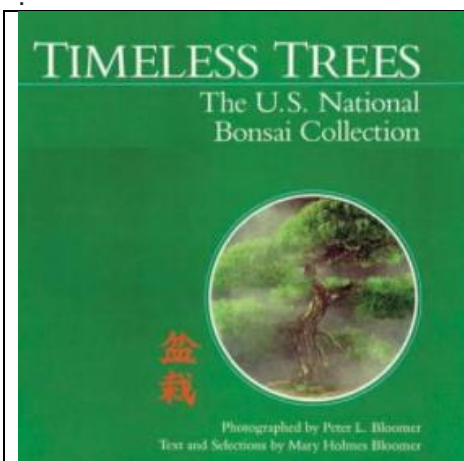
I feel a strong parallel between bonsai and tango. A healthy, well-rooted bonsai will be easy to move, to adjust. It will respond to sensible suggestions. But it's pretty tough and it won't be impressed by anything silly, either. If you try that the bonsai will walk off the floor in a huff.

A tango friend on hearing this aphorism said, 'It's such a great line---a great metaphor for life, isn't it?' Be easy to move, but hard to knock over. Yes. I agree. Our tango teacher does this a lot, using phrases that mean more. It's another reason to bring a notebook to classes of the great Alex Krebs.

Submitted by Jim Genesee

LIBS Library

Please see Mary about our Library.



Timeless Trees by Peter and Mary Bloomer is back in our library! Every aspect of this handsome book expresses a love for bonsai and an equal love for quality. The bonsai are from the *U.S. National Bonsai Museum* in Washington DC., one of the best bonsai collections outside of Japan.

Peter Bloomer's photographs are the next best thing to seeing the trees in person, and his knowledge and love of bonsai is evident throughout.

Mary Bloomer's text and well-chosen quotes from John Naka, Plato, Robert Frost and others, are timely and enjoyable. This one-of-a-kind treasure remains one of the best gallery books around.

BONSAI ONLINE RESOURCES

Educational youtube.com SITES

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/>

American Bonsai Society - January 2022 newsletter link

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

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-Altantic 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 ABSBOUSAI.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.