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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.**

March 14th- Bob Mahler  
Azalea Demo

April 11th-  
Mauro Stemberger  
Spruce Demo

May 2nd-Will Baddeley  
Conifer Demo with Carving

June 13th-

July 11th

#### Events schedule

*Please watch for more details to follow*

April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)  
Tom O'Connor  
SaikeiWorkshop  
South Lounge

June 4 (Saturday)  
Bob Mahler Workshop  
South Lounge

If you are interested in attending a workshop, please email Hal at [hjohnson1@optonline.net](mailto:hjohnson1@optonline.net)

February 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 [jgenesee@optonline.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



On a COLD Saturday, February 19, 2022, the Long Island Bonsai Society held a member Swap Meet. Many trees went home with new parents.







Since February is usually a notoriously bad weather month, this year's February "Member's Meeting" was held during the day and on Saturday to make it easier for our members.

Thank you to all that participated in this "Swap Meet". Tom O'Conner donated a dozen three-year old White Spruces he has been culturing for the benefit of the club. Several members brought in trees, pots, and supplies available for swap or purchase. Tony sold books and magazines for the club. Everyone enjoyed the social aspect of the meeting and acquired new materials.

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](mailto:chris@easterneffects.com)

## *Conifers vs. deciduous bonsai: evaluating different species*

*By Jonas Dupuich*

For this fall's [Pacific Bonsai Expo](#), we have some judging categories for narrow groups of trees (Best Large Conifer is an example) and other categories (like Best Medium Bonsai Display) that include a broad diversity of species. For these latter categories, it can be difficult to compare species as different as pine and beech.

One reason it can be hard to compare different species is that they show age differently. Conifers are known for displaying age in their bark and their deadwood. Deciduous bonsai can have great bark and deadwood, but they're more likely to show their age, or at least their time in training, through branch density.

If raw age were the most important characteristic, conifers would often win as they typically live longer than deciduous trees in nature and in bonsai cultivation.

When evaluating trees for an exhibition, I consider how well a tree conveys age based on species-specific characteristics. For pines, I look at the bark. For beech, I look at the branch refinement and density. For junipers, I look at the age of the deadwood.

What about when deciduous trees have interesting deadwood - does this make it OK to compare different species directly? Not for me. Instead of comparing juniper deadwood against ume deadwood, I'll score junipers against junipers and ume against ume.

I take a similar approach when evaluating branch density. For example, needle junipers can convey time in training well through their branch density. Trident maples are also known for achieving great branch density, but the nature of the branch structures of these two species is different enough that I don't compare them directly.

The same goes for comparisons among similar groups of trees. Like trident maples, zelkova are known for their

ability to produce dense branching, but I wouldn't expect to see trident maples with branching as dense as what can be achieved with zelkova bonsai.

Submitted by Jim Genesee

## LIBS Library

Please see Mary about our Library.

### THE ESSENTIALS OF BONSAI



Bonsai is a portable cosmos. It contains all the properties of nature, and thus enables the grower to appreciate the mystery of the universe. Even a beginner can derive joy from working with bonsai. This book distills centuries of wisdom and presents the essentials of bonsai in a clearly understandable manner.

## 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** - February 2022 newsletter link

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

### 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](http://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](http://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 [ABSBOANSI.ORG](http://ABSBOANSI.ORG) for more details, registration and hotel info.

**November 12-13, 2022** The Pacific Bonsai Expo The Bridge Yard, Oakland, California  
They are looking for exhibitors and volunteers. Deadline to send photos of trees is April 30, 2022. Please see the website for details. [www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com](http://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com)

**SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 29, 2022**

**ARBOR DAY**

**(WATCH FOR DETAILS THE CLUB HAS PLANS!!!)**

**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](mailto:springhauser@yahoo.com).