

Hal Johnson President
Jim Genesee Vice President
Joe Lesnick Treasurer
Tony Calabrese Secretary
Chris Hayes Chairperson of Programs

Meeting schedule

Planting Fields has no current Covid restrictions. Masks are voluntary and available.

April 15, SATURDAY,
12 Noon **Luncheon**
1-3 PM **Spring Auction**

May 21, SUNDAY 9AM-12N
Mauro Stemberger Critic,
Demo is 1-4:30 PM

June 12, MONDAY 7:30 PM
Robert Mahler Demo

Events schedule

April 14, FRIDAY 1-3 PM
Mahler Workshop @STONY
BROOK WANG CENTER.
This is an outreach project

April 29-30, SAT/SUN 10AM-
4PM –**LIBS Arbor Day**
Exhibit – Hay Barn at
Planting Fields. LIBS Trees
and volunteers needed.

May 7, SUNDAY 12-5 PM
Cherry Blossom Festival
LIBS Exhibit – Japan Center
at Stony Brook University

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

If you are a member and not
receiving our emails, please email
Hal at libonsai@yahoo.com

March Newsletter 2023

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. The tree is usually raffled off at the end of the meeting. We also hold auctions of member donated trees, pots and equipment.

Volunteers are needed to present Tokonoma at each meeting. If interested, please email Jim Genesee at libonsai@yahoo.com.

Please see meeting schedule in the side bar.

Please check website: www.longislandbonsai.org for updates!

Members please see our website to check availability of our soil supplies.
Pick up and pay at regular meetings.

Planting Fields currently has no Covid restrictions. Wearing a mask in the building is recommended to protect your fellow members and family back home.

2023 Long Island Bonsai Society Annual Membership Dues are now past due 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

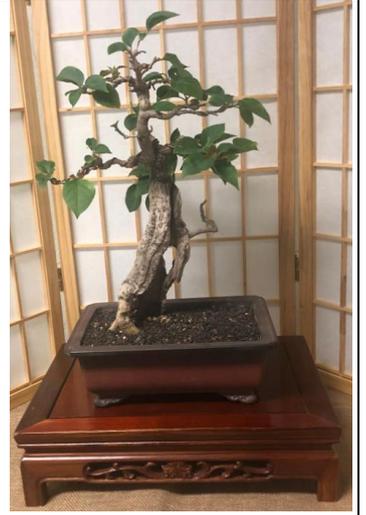
Your membership will have you entertained and educated by world class bonsai artists (15 in over 21 months pre pandemic). You can participate in hand on workshops led by bonsai artists and our expert members (6 workshops in two years pre pandemic). You have access to Planting Fields on the nights of our meetings. Free monthly loan of Bonsai reference materials!!! Please see library directory on website. 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.

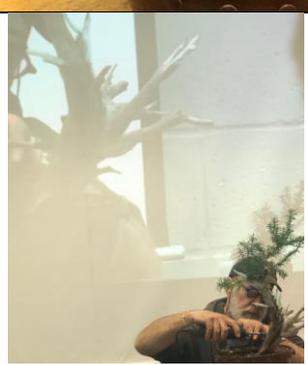


The tree featured in the Tonkonoma was Tom O'Connor 's Bougainvillea that he bought at one of LIBS' auctions 10-15 years ago. It is pictured in the two top photos

Will Baddeley did his thing to a Yew at the LIBS meeting on March 20, 2023. As you can see in the pictures, Will worked on the deadwood with power tools. He took the original tree, seen in the picture on the left of the middle row below, and turned it into the final tree shown in the middle and on the right. John Klee won the finished tree in the raffle. He is pictured with the tree and Will in the middle. Please look for the veins Will carved into the tree. He graciously answered questions through out the session and had members come up at different times to see his work, as seen in the picture immediately below.



Trees and supplies on sale before the meeting. Make sure to come early to the meetings. Maybe you will get a new tree!!!!



Spring Auction/Luncheon on April 15th!!!

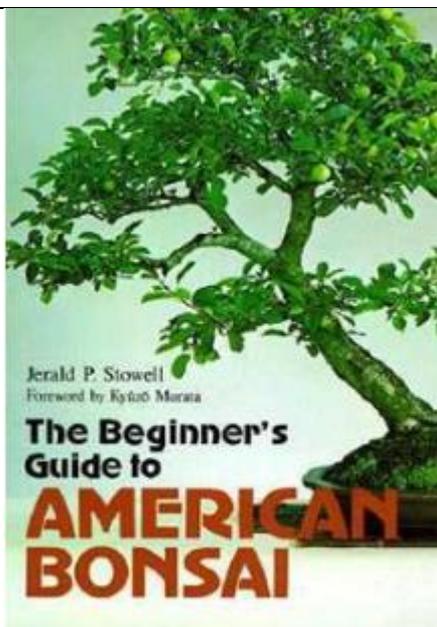
Luncheon requires pre-pay!

Please pay on the website if you would like to participate in the luncheon prior to the auction.

Deadline for luncheon "Reservations" is April 11th.

Looking to Downsize Your Collection?

Please consider donating bonsai trees, pots, tools, etc. for this **AUCTION**.
Bring them on April 15th.



LIBS LIBRARY See library directory on website to select a book. Members please see Mary at the meeting to borrow a book.

How often do I need to water my Bonsai tree? Should I prune my tree? Although caring for a Bonsai tree is not nearly as difficult as most people believe, you need to learn about some basic techniques in order to keep your tree thriving. Our beginners guide contains all the essential information you need in order to succeed. It covers the basic techniques, well illustrated with over two hundred images, and explains everything you need to know in an understandable way. The book includes: - Over 200 stunning images - Over 100 pages - Explanations of the basic techniques - Care guides on the 10 most popular tree species - Background on the history, definition and styles Bonsai Empire is the world's most visited Bonsai website and has provided beginners with quality information for over a decade. We have developed this guide to help you get a taste of this fascinating and living art, and hope you'll enjoy it as much as we do!

Trimming vs Nibbling Part II by crataegus posted by Michael Hagedorn submitted by Jim Genesee

A good trim and a bad nibble are a world apart.

"Nibbling" is something we happily do. And then we tend to get bigger. Constant nibbling on a tree, on the other hand, results in the reverse: A weak, thin tree without the means to make food.

Nibbling is done around the edges of risotto while you wait for the rest to cool down. It's reserved for chocolates in closets where we think no one saw us go. Nibbling is best reserved for food. Occasionally for nails. Never for bonsai.

Nibbling around the edges of your bonsai while listening to podcasts (never do this with [Bonsai Wire](#)) is a nervous habit likely to end them.

Though it may seem simplistic to say this, bonsai need to grow. Each is different: How they do that. When they do that. But it's imperative to know a species' needs, and then to give them a non-trimming pause in which they can grow. If we don't give them a pause, that's called nibbling.

Thinning a Japanese maple forest planting New Post on Bonsai Tonight By Jonas Dupuich

Last year I repotted a Japanese maple forest that was created by Gene Lynch. As a result, the tree is far more vigorous this year than it was last year. I pinched it for a few weeks as the new shoots emerged but quickly fell behind as more new shoots appeared.

When maples are healthy, it's safe to pinch new shoots to shorten internodes and prevent branches from thickening. Since I missed the window for pinching, I decided to prune the long shoots back to a single pair of new leaves.

Pruning revealed the silhouette but the tree was still too dense to let light into the tree's interior. Because I want to preserve some interior branching I removed every other leaf on the top half of the tree.

Revealing the tree's structure made it clear that the composition would benefit from repositioning some of the trees. I may rebuild the forest in a year or two to straighten the main tree and move others to create more interest in how the trees are arranged. In the meantime I'll continue to create greater branch density by keeping new growth in check.



Japanese maple in April, 2022



After reducing new shoots



After thinning leaves - 31" tall

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

DallasBonsai.com – general supplies

Bonsaitonight.com – Educational site with bonsai products

Upcoming Events. (Please check respective websites for updates)

March 31 - April 2, 2023. Mid Atlantic Bonsai Society Spring Festival will take place at the Parsippany Hilton/Hampton Inn, One Hilton Court, Parsippany, NJ. Headliners for this All-American show will be: WILL BADDELEYTODD SCHLAFER HUGO ZAMORA LUNA

April 14, FRIDAY 1-3 PM, **LIBS Outreach Workshop with Robert Mahler** @STONY BROOK WANG CENTER. Success! Workshop is booked.

April 15, SATURDAY Luncheon 12 Noon, **Spring Auction** 1 to 3 PM

April 28th, FRIDAY 10 AM- 2 PM **LIBS Members volunteer to Set-up and bring trees for Arbor Day Exhibit**

April 29-30, SAT/SUN 10 AM-4 PM –**LIBS Arbor Day LIBS Exhibit** – Hay Barn at Planting Fields

May 7, SUNDAY 12-5 PM - **Cherry Blossom Festival LIBS Exhibit** – Japan Center at Stony Brook University

May 21, SUNDAY 9AM-12 N **Mauro Stemberger Critic**, 1-4:30 PM- **Mauro Demo**

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