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### Meeting Schedule

Monday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 7:25PM

**Dos Amigos on  
Shimpaku Junipers**

Monday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 7:25PM

**Sean Smith - Suiseki  
Stone Appreciation**

Monday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 7:25PM

**Election of Board of  
Directors 2025**

Saturday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 7:25PM

**Holiday Auction**

### Event Schedule

for updates:

[www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org)

### SOIL Available to Members Only.

If you are interested in attending a  
workshop, please email Chris at  
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## August 2024 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](mailto: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 the beginning of a regular meeting.

2024 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    \$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.

Thank you to Hal and Joe for additional pictures for the Newsletter!!!!

This **Hinoki Cypress** is from **Mark Arpaq**, our designer, collection. The original tree is at the right. Mark noted that the tree had a lot of growth, but the trunk is interesting from many different angles. He trimmed off a lot of the foliage to get light and air into the inside of the tree. Plus it will now be easier to wire. He strongly suggests repotting in the spring at a new angle and it should **ONLY** be fertilized now. As it grows, pinch back the growth to make it fuller. Mark also mentioned snow watering. The snow will melt when its warm, watering the tree and then when it gets cold, it will freeze and stop watering. Perfect. If you water, you might put too much and the water will freeze and crack the pot.



The final tree is the in the center below with Nancy the winner of the raffle and Mark.



## AUGUST TOKONOMA

Mark Arpaq is AMAZING!!!  
He also brought Dwarf Hinoki Cypress' for the Tokonoma

The left one is in a Japanese pot. It does not have a front or a back. It is just as nice on both sides. Other two are in Begay pots. Mark likes the shadows in the middle and right hand tree.



# Humes Garden Exhibit by LIBS August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

These are some of our Presidents' trees.



The **Humes Japanese Stroll Garden** is a traditional Japanese garden complete with pond and Tea House. The weather was questionable and already broke two limbs still in a tree bordering a trail closed off for safety. Over 93 people (including ten children) enjoyed the garden and our bonsai exhibit. As president of LIBS I was happy to represent the society.

In spite of portaging difficulties, I decided to show the Colorado Blue Spruce that Mauro Stemberger crafted for LIBS on Zoom during the Covid shutdown. We aired it live to the membership. The tree was fostered by myself for a year and always at the angle that Mauro suggested. As is customary all demonstration trees are raffled off to the membership. I ended up winning it back! Good Karma? ASAP I found an appropriate pot (not so light in weight) for repotting at the intended angle. This tree was at the first two LIBS Exhibits this 2024 year. I felt it should be at all of them, as it spoke to the “**Stewardship of Trees**” that our society promotes.

I rigged a harness with rope to allow two people to carry the big tree without rocking the roots. Except for two forests and a bonsai, all the rest of the trees and accessory plants were packed in 8 square buckets (from Tidy Cat Litter) with handles for safe transport. All necessary to navigate a rough wooden bridge and many steps.

Unfortunately, the second day of the exhibit was cancelled since the tree limbs came down on a major path in the garden. **However we did recruit four new members in the process.** Thank you to the staff of Humes (Mary!) and North Shore Land Alliance volunteers.



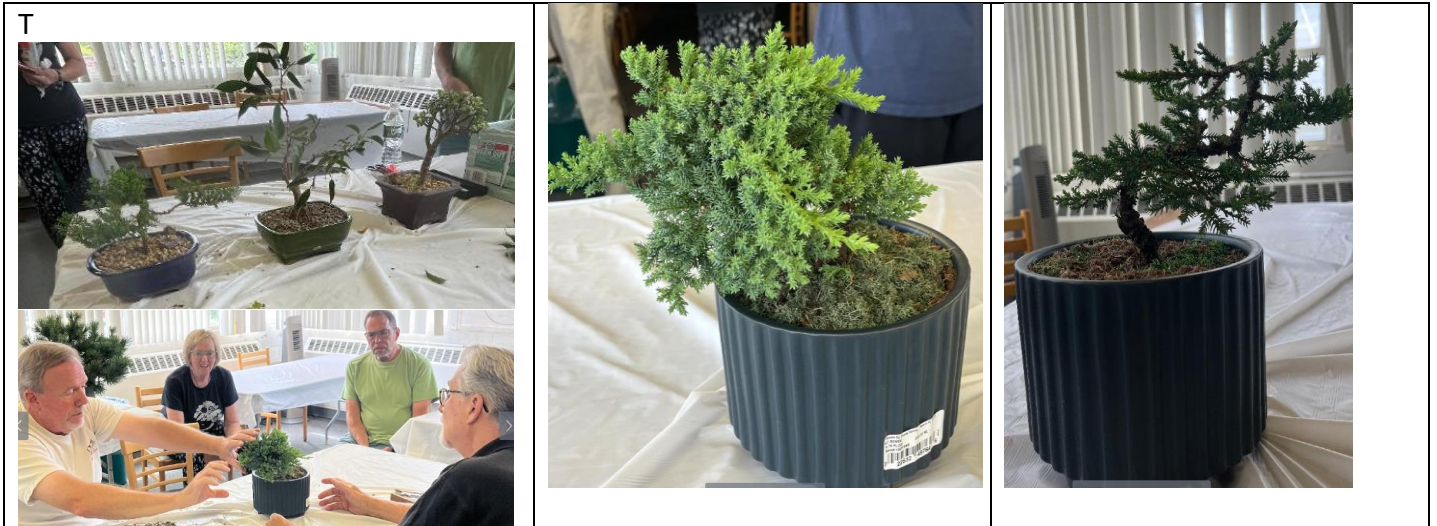


## Mark Arpaq Workshop Sunday, Aug 11, 2024

Mark Arpaq gave suggestions to members on how to work their trees. The first two rows of pictures are "before". The middle two pictures (center & bottom) are "Before & After". Lower right is in process.







The middle and right pictures are the “Before and After”. All the participants in the workshop enjoyed the learning experience.

# BBQ/AUCTION

## Diana & Jason’s Open House

### Under The Tiny Tree Bonsai Garden

Saturday, August 24, 2024

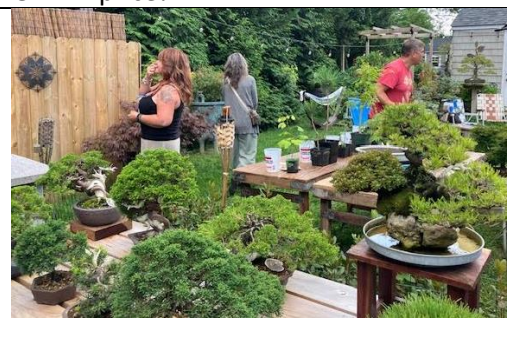






LIBS held its **first Open House** at Diana & Jason's. They have a beautiful piece of property with many greenhouses, bonsai trees and chickens. These pictures are just a very small portion of what they have. Diana & Jason were very generous in offering their property for the event, supplying the food, drinks, tent and donating trees and pots for auction and raffle. As you can see in the top middle, the event was well attended and had great food. The top right hand photo is of the trees and pots that were auctioned off as a fund raiser for the club. Imported Koharu Azalea was donated by Bob Mahler. The day was very enjoyable and a huge success. Please make sure to attend the next one!!!! Who knows maybe YOU will go home with a new tree and/or pot at a GREAT price!

A Big **THANK YOU** to Chris for setting this day up and being our auctioneer!!!! Thank you to Tom for selling the raffle tickets. Thank you ALL! For participating and contributing. Great Day!!!



**New ONLINE RESOURCE**

[www.underthetinytree.com](http://www.underthetinytree.com) An East End-based nursery specializing in the art of Bonsai trees, Living Art and Unique plant designs.

See website in "media archives" for previous issues of the Newsletter with Online Resources. Online Resources will return in next issue.

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

**Sunday September 15, 2024** -- The Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society (MHBS) presents the 2024 Bonsai Club Show and Exhibition, held at Saratoga Springs Public Library. This exhibition features society member trees Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Free Admission

**October 4-5, 2024 (THESE DATES AND LOCATION ARE TENTATIVE PLEASE CHECK THEIR WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFO)---** New Jersey Bonsai Societies The ART of BONSAI Exhibit & Sale Brookdale Community College, Warner Student Life Center Non members pay a \$25 admission fee

**September 25- October 12, 2024---** Bonsai Exhibit by Susquehanna Bonsai Club at Hershey Gardens Pa. Included with admission. Free for members

**\*\* SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY September 9, 2024!!!\*\***