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### Meeting Schedule

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Noon -3:30PM

### Member Auction

**\*Please note change in Date!!!**

Monday, June 10,  
Mike Andrew Humphery  
Demo

Monday, July 8,  
Robert Mahler Demo

### Events Schedule

for updates:

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

Sat/Sun, August 4th & 5th  
LIBS Exhibit at Humes  
Japanese Stroll Garden

**Reminder to Pay  
your 2024 Dues and  
be eligible to buy  
SOIL for SPRING!**

If you are interested in  
attending a workshop,  
please email Chris at  
[libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

If you are a member and  
not receiving our emails,  
please email Hal at  
[libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

## April 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 DUE please see Joe Lesnick or send an email to**

[libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

Cash, check, Pay pal.

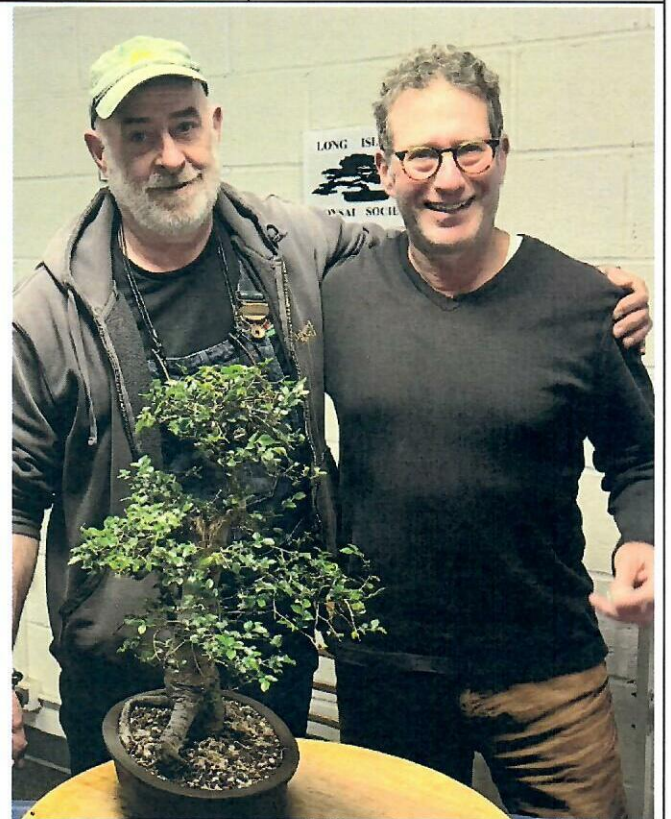
\$45.00 – single      \$65.00 – household      \$20.00 – student      \$60.00 – support  
Your membership will have you entertained and educated by world class bonsai artists (15 in over 21 months pre pandemic). You can participate in hands on workshops led by bonsai artists and our expert members (6 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.

For more information, pictures and updates, please visit Long Island Bonsai Society on Facebook.

Will Baddeley gave a demo with wood carving for us on Monday, April 8, 2024. His tools are pictured in the center. In the last row is a picture of the tree before and after with Bill and Robert. Will worked on giving the tree character with his Dremel drill for which he had special drill bits that he suggests getting from the UK. Chisels work best on conifers since they tear well. Carving works well



on seasoned or deadwood, but as you can see he did just fine with our tree. This is a Chinese Elm so he did a little trimming and then went to carving. Before Will used the Dremel on the center of the tree, he chiseled away the bark. He demonstrated a technique called the flying saucer. For this to look natural, he suggests working with the grain of the tree.





## April Tokonoma

Thank you to Jason and Anna for these Trident Maples for our April Tokonoma. The scroll of Mount Fuji is from Jim's collection.

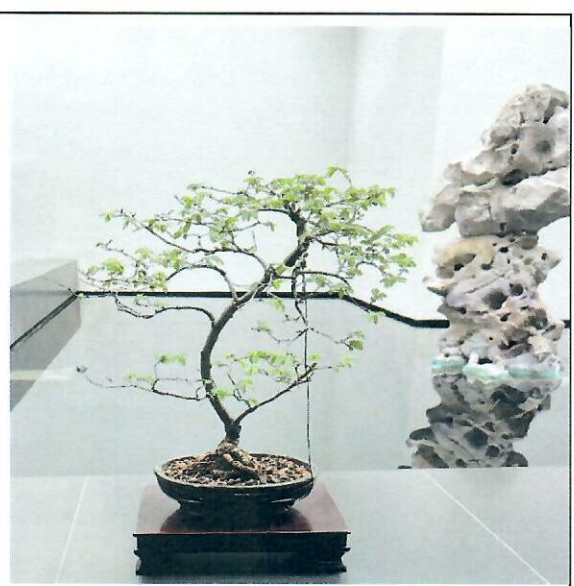
If you would like to present a Tokonoma, please email Jim to discuss. [libonsai@yahoo.com](mailto:libonsai@yahoo.com)

## OUR MEMBERS IN ACTION

At the Charles B Wang Japan Center's Sakura Matsuri: Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, April 21st, at Stony Brook University, the Long Island Bonsai Society held 3 very popular Bonsai workshops with Bob Mahler. With the help of many hands, the workshops were informative and hands-on. Sixty participants left with a Bonsai they designed themselves. Below is a picture of some of the members who were on hand to help give a guiding hand in the design or repotting of the bonsai trees. Bob Mahler, Joe, Chris, Tom, John, Tom, Hal, Sam, Mary, Jason and Fran. As you can see in the pictures, the art of bonsai was introduced to a very diverse group of people (Ages 9 to 98).

Thank you to Joe, John and Hal for bringing their trees to display.







**SAVE THE DATE August 3 & 4, 2024**

**Humes Japanese Stroll Garden**

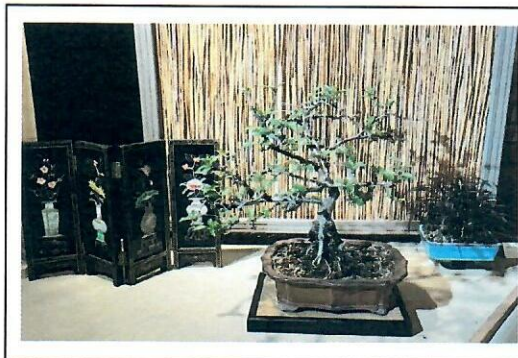
**OUR MEMBERS IN ACTION**

April was a very busy month for LIBS. After the Cherry Blossom Festival at Charles Wang Japan Center at Stony Brook, we had an exhibit of our members' trees at the Planting Fields Arbor Day Festival, Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28. The trees looked amazing with the track lighting in the Hay Barn. Japanese-like music set the mood. There was a lot of foot traffic and interest in the displays. Thanks to 11 volunteers the show was possible. Nancy, Pam, Mario, Allen, Beth, Tony, Richard and Eric. MVP goes to Mario for refitting 30 table leg extenders because Planting Fields change the design of tables provided. Trees provided by Hal, John, and Tom.

**If you have tree(s) that you would like to display, please let Hal know.**

**We have another event at Humes Japanese Garden on August 3 and 4, 2024.**





## 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)

MABA Convention 2024	Columbus, Ohio USA	8.30-9.1 2024
ROSADO BONSAI SALE	New Hope, Pa	SAT, MAY 4 TO SUN., MAY 5, 2024
POTOMAC BONSAI FESTIVAL	National Bonsai and Penjing Museum Arboretum Washington DC	MAY 10 - 12, 2024

**SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING ON**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 STARTING AT 12 NOON**

**MEMBER ONLY AUCTION!!! COME GET POTS AT DISCOUNT PRICES!!  
 SEE IF YOU CAN GET A NEW TREE FOR YOUR COLLECTION!!!!**