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Meeting Schedule

Monday October 14th 7:25PM

Sean Smith

Suiseki –
Stone Appreciation

Monday Nov. 11th 7:25PM

**Election of 2025
Board of Directors**
Program Under Construction

Saturday December 7th 12N

**Member Holiday
Auction**

12N Registration. Auction
1PM to 3:30PM

Event Schedule

for updates:

www.longislandbonsai.org

Friday, October 4, 2024

Stony Brook Bonsai
Workshop - Bob Mahler

11-1 or 2-4 Fee &

Registration required on
SB Japan Center website:

www.stonybrook.edu/cmmcms/wang/events/

**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

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

September 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 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.

Please protect your fellow members and family back home by using safe health protocols.

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

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.

OUR “DOS AMIGOS” MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9th

Our own **Chris and Jason** styled similar **Shimpaku Junipers** at the LIBS meeting as part of the “Dos Amigos” program. The original trees are in the top corners below. Jason got right to it. He was trimming his tree up as soon as he sat down. In Chris’ defence, he was busy helping getting the meeting going. They both answered questions while they styled and kept us entertained with their banter. They both, of course, took some of the branches off to get more air and light into the center of the tree. Chris decided he wanted a Jin (deadwood feature) on his tree and stripped the bark. He suggests that the Jin sit for a season as it is very flexible right now. The finished trees are pictured in the middle of the top and middle row. As well as in the final picture on the next page with Jason, Chris, Jose and Adrian whom won the trees in the member only raffle at the end of the meeting.





SEPTEMBER TOKONOMA

Chris did triple duty at our September 9 meeting. He participated in the Two Amigos demo. He acquired the trees he and Jason styled. AND he brought the trees for the Tokonoma.

An **Amur Maple Root over rock** and a **Pyrocantha in purple Sam Miller Pot**.
Samauri scroll by Jim.
How appropriate for Demo.

If you would like to show us your trees in a non judgemental way, email Jim to discuss.



The October 14th Meeting is when the Election Committee announces the slate proposed for the 2025 Board of Directors.

Sean Smith will lecture on Suiseki, Stone Appreciation

PLEASE MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO ATTEND THE NOVEMBER 11th MEETING.

Members may make "Nominations" in opposition to the proposed slate.

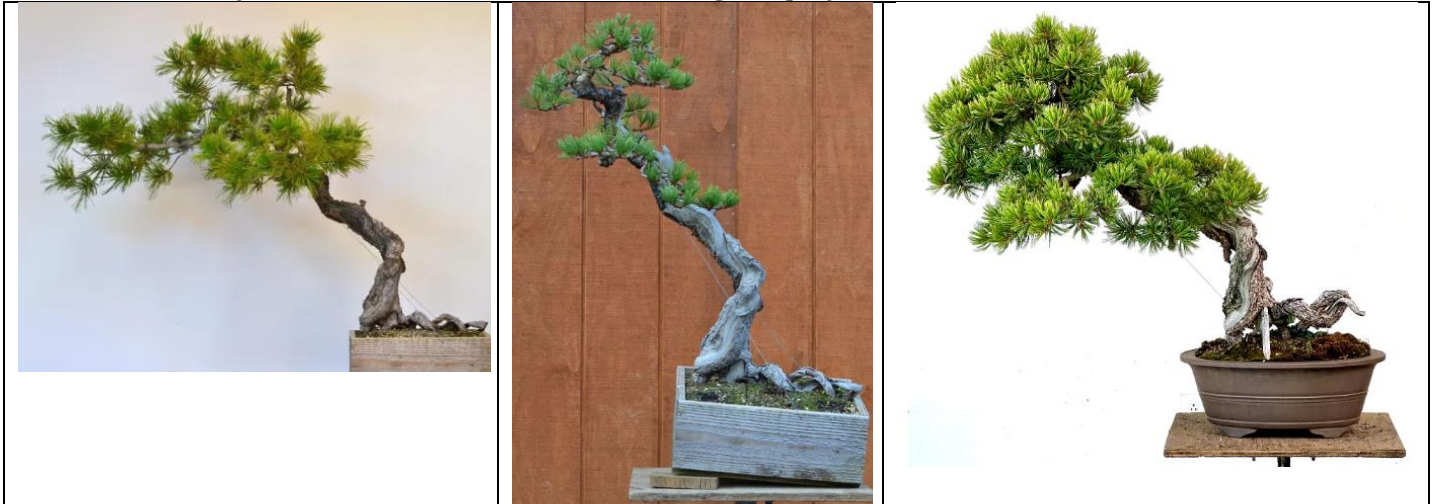
All member attending will be voting on the 2025 LIBS Board of Directors.

CRATAEGUS BONSAI **Limber Pine: Revisit** submitted by Jim Genesee

Limber Pine grows in the Rocky Mountains, and when you can find a good one, it's like hooking a halibut rather than a cod. It's got better than average needles, buds back well, and trunks with deadwood abound.

Years ago, in 2014, this Limber pine got its first styling. Tree courtesy of the gents at Backcountry Bonsai – in fact, Steve Varland of Backcountry visited and helped style this tree.

The first picture is the tree in 2014. The middle picture is after the first styling. The third picture is now in 2024, 10 years later, there is a lot more foliage to play with.



Limber Pine after rewiring, roughly following the initial styling. The low right balance branch keeps the tree from falling over to the left, visually speaking, at any rate. Tree wired by Carmen Leskoviansky.

Always a leaning tree style, it has leaned over even more the last 10 years. I rather like it. Enhances the leaning style feel, and it features the double helix thing of roots. But it may need a repot at a slight angle to the right nonetheless.

Actually this is a good example of a pine that has not needed a repot in 10 years. The shoots have been strong, the soil drains well, the tree is still happy. While it may not need a repot, we might do one in a year or two for a slight angle change.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHOM DONATED TO HAL MAHONEY'S MEMORIAL FUND.

Below is a letter from Pacific Bonsai Museum to Marion and Marion's thank you to the LIBS membership.



PACIFIC
bonsai
MUSEUM
September 12, 2024

Marion Mahoney
The Bristol
Apt. 306
520 Montauk Hwy
West Babylon, NY 11704



Dear Marion,

On behalf of everyone at Pacific Bonsai Museum, we would like to express our heartfelt condolences to you and your family at this time. A donation was made in loving memory of Hal from all of your friends at the Long Island Bonsai Society. We are honored to share in keeping Hal's memory alive.

We feel privileged to continue Hal's legacy in caring for the Hinoki Cypress that he started in 1983 and our Curator, Aarin Packard was quoted as saying, "this is a textbook example of what can be achieved when an artist takes average material, treats it with dedication and cultivation, and turns it into something very special. Mr. Mahoney achieved a perfect trunk taper from base to tip through rigorous growth management. It wouldn't have been easy, but this bonsai demonstrates that it is certainly achievable." The Hinoki Cypress is one of our favorite trees, and we proudly display it year-round for our visitors to see and feel inspired.

Today, more than ever, people need the joy, inspiration, and serenity of bonsai. We hope to welcome you as a visitor in the future; please let us know if you wish to tour the Museum.

Sincerely,

Sarah Quick, *Museum Manager*

Dear Our Very Many Friends at LIBS,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation to the Pacific Bonsai Museum in Hal's memory. I received two very beautiful letters telling me how much they love the Hinoki Cypress purchased from Hal's collection. Dave DeGroot had seen the tree in 1983 when he had come to LI. He had purchased it at that time. They also made a point of expressing Hal's talent in making the bonsai. All of this makes a beautiful memory for me and a thrill that Hal's bonsai legacy will live on.

They also sent post cards and two pins of the tree. I hope to be able to purchase additional ones and will be happy to send one to the club as soon as I receive it.

Thank you again for this very thoughtful remembrance. I send my very best wishes to all the LIBS members and sincerely hope you have many many years of wonderful bonsai experiences and good times just as Hal and I did.

**With my love,
Marion Mahoney**

BTW- Marion was given the last of the original pin supply. PBM has commissioned the production of another set of pins to be available in their giftshop. Please consider taking up their invitation to all LIBS members to visit the museum in Washington on the West coast. Say hello to Hal's tree for all of us.

Stony Brook Japan Center Workshop on Friday Oct. 4th.

We are co-hosting Two workshops: morning (11AM-1PM) and afternoon (2-4PM) workshops (20 Participants each) with the Japan Center. **To accomplish this, we will need some volunteer LIBS Members to help the participants navigate the workshop under the direction of Mr. Robert Mahler. Please let Chris Hayes know if you can volunteer.**

Participants must registration on SB website:

www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/wang/events/

General fee is \$20, Seniors \$15

It books up fast at these low cost workshops, which is good as it is part of our "Outreach" program as an educational society. Beginning members can register, but hoping for veteran members to volunteer.

A very Grateful Thank you to Beth for Creating the LIBS Newsletter as a volunteer for the past three years now. The Board of Directors and the membership would like to acknowledge the great quality Newsletter that she had helped our society reestablish after a number of years without the publication. We will miss you. Best wishes for your future adventures.

Any member may volunteer to be the next Newsletter Chair. If you are interested please let a board member know.

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

Friday, October 4, 2024 LIBS Stony Brook Bonsai Workshop - Bob Mahler 11-1 or 2-4
Fee & Registration required

Saturday – December 7, 2024 LIBS Member Holiday Luncheon/Auction 12 Noon

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 October 14, 2024!!!****

Sean Smith - Suiseki - Stone Appreciation