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The March meeting of the OBS began with a talk from Mrs. Anneke Schwarz about the Ottawa Botanical Garden Society (OBGC), their goal and upcoming events. She also encouraged interested people to join the society for a very small annual fee

Eric Langlois then followed by a sketching techniques presentation. He led the group to first sketch the trees in front of them using their regular techniques and then presented some simple techniques to get a more accurate result. These techniques are meant to better measure the height and width of a tree in order to reproduce them more accurately on paper. The relative position of the branches can then be easily measured and again reproduced more accurately on paper.

After the theoretical presentation, people applied the techniques by sketching the same tree they did at the beginning and all realized that the tree height, width and angles were more accurate using the simple technique presented. We all learned a lot and had fun doing it! We are looking forward to learn more advanced techniques in later meetings.

Barney had brought two San Jose junipers for a styling demo. These junipers were acquired by the Society a year earlier and presented some design challenges. Barney explained these challenges and offered solutions for each tree. One was to become a semi cascade and the other one a slanted tree. He then went on with the styling exercise where a large percentage of the foliage was removed and only branches required in the design were kept.

He also demonstrated the method of making jin in order to add a sense of history to a tree. The results were two very nice junipers that will be repotted at the April meeting and raffled later once they have fully recovered.

It was an entertaining evening, thanks to Barney and Eric, that likely created more interest in the upcoming workshops.

Next meeting

Monday, April 16 at 7:00pm

We will start the meeting with a talk on repotting techniques. This will be followed by a workshop during which participants will have an opportunity to practice repotting. The two demo trees that were styled at the last meeting will be made available for this. As well, members wishing to participate are invited to bring one or more their own trees that need to be repotted. Extra trees will be brought for those who want to practice but don't have a tree to work on. Members who bring trees should also bring their own soil.

Bonsai Development Workshop, Saturday, April 21, 2007 in Building #72, Central Experimental Farm, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is a workshop aimed specifically at those who have taken the Beginners' Bonsai Courses given last November 26 or who have taken a beginners' course in the past. Participants will receive assistance from experienced OBS members to begin developing their own bonsai using nursery grown Japanese garden junipers. The plant material, a suitable pot and the necessary supplies will be provided. The team of instructors will make their own bonsai tools available for sharing among those participants who may not have their own. Participants and instructors should bring their lunch; the room is equipped with a fridge and microwave oven. The cost of this workshop is \$75 per person.

Ten places are available for this workshop. To register or for additional information, please contact Yvon Bernier: 819-684-0586 ycbernier@videotron.ca

Atelier pour débutants sur la formation d'un bonsaï, le samedi 21 avril 2007, édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale, de 9h30 à 15h00.

Cet atelier s'adresse principalement à ceux et celles qui ont suivi le cours pour débutants du 26 novembre dernier ou un autre cours pour débutants dans le passé. Durant cette session, les participants, avec l'aide de membres chevronnés de la SBO, procéderont à la formation de leur propre bonsaï à partir d'un pant de genévrier nain du Japon. Ce plant, un pot approprié de même que le terreau et le fil pour ligaturage seront fournis. Les instructeurs mettront leurs propres outils de bonsaï à la disposition des participants qui n'auraient pas les leurs. Autant les participants que les instructeurs devraient apporter leur lunch – l'endroit dispose d'un frigo et d'un four à micro-ondes. Le coût de cet atelier est de 75 \$ par personne.

Dix places sont disponibles pour cet atelier. Pour vous inscrire ou pour tout complément d'information, veuillez contacter Yvon Bernier : 819-684-0586 ycbernier@videotron.ca

Intermediate Workshop with David Easterbrook

Saturday, May 5, 2007

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Building #72, Central Experimental Farm

Ten experienced OBS members will have the opportunity of designing their own medium to large size coniferous bonsai under the expert guidance of renowned bonsai artist David Easterbrook. Cost of this workshop is \$125 per person, which includes the conifer stock (chosen by Mr. Easterbrook), the bonsai soil and wire. Members just wishing to look on are welcome to attend at no cost.

To register or for information, contact:

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Atelier de niveau intermédiaire en compagnie de David Easterbrook

Le samedi, 5 mai 2007

De 9h30 à 15h00

Édifice # 72, Ferme expérimentale centrale

Au cours de cet atelier, dix membres expérimentés de la SBO auront la chance de recevoir l'aide de David Easterbrook, artiste du bonsaï de grande renommée, pour créer leur propre bonsaï à partir d'un conifère rustique de bonne taille. Le coût de cet atelier est fixé à 125\$ par personne, ce qui comprend le conifère (choisi par M. Easterbrook), le terreau et le fil pour ligaturage. Les membres qui souhaitent assister en spectateur à cet atelier pourront le faire sans frais.

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Pictures from the last meeting

Trees after the styling by Barney



Eric presenting sketching techniques





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In the beautiful Lanaudière region, north of Montreal, we invite you to visit our greenhouses and our collection of bonsai and penjing from China, Korea, Japan and Canada.

We have a large choice of pre-bonsai as well as bonsai, pots, tools, wires and soil. We have just received magnificent juniperus chinensis shimpaku, ulmus parvifolia, serissa foetida and ficus microcarpa (of all sizes).

A 10% discount will be given to members of the Ottawa Bonsai Society on pots, tools wires and soil. We are open Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Please call for an appointment to visit us. We regret that we are unable to accept payment by credit or debit cards. Guided visits are available at \$5 per person.

We look forward to share our passion with you all!

Suzanne Piché and Robert Smith

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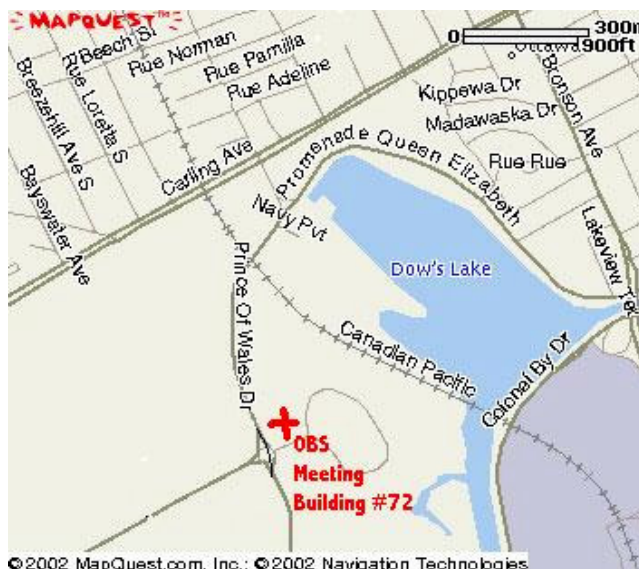
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Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi l'entrée principale de la Ferme expérimentale et de l'Arboretum), où vous prendrez la direction Est menant à l'Arboretum. Une courte distance plus loin, à la première fourche, Prenez la route de gauche qui mène directement à l'édifice #72 (vous verrez une affiche juste en face de l'édifice, de l'autre côté du chemin, qui dit «Friends of the Farm» . Le stationnement est situé de part et d'autre de l'édifice.



Our meetings are held at Building #72 at the Central Experimental Farm. Heading south on Prince of Wales, at the traffic circle at the intersection of the N.C.C. Scenic Drive and Prince of Wales, the major entrance to the Experimental Farm and the Arboretum, exit east into the Arboretum. After a very short distance, where the road divides, turn left to Building #72 which will be down a short distance on your left. There is parking just before or just after the building. The entrance is on the street side (east side) and there is a sign reading "Friends of the Farm".