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The June meeting was the last of the fiscal year and, as we head into the summer growing season, the OBS is financially healthy and a majority of workshop trees are vibrant.

Yvon Bernier presented the Treasurer's Report for 2006/07. With 44 active Members, the OBS offered courses and workshops, importing outside expertise of Bonsai Masters Persiano and Easterbrook and managed again to show a modest increase in our balance of revenues, after expenses. In retrospect, it was a very good year for the OBS. Yvon also summarized the results of the Membership survey which will be used in planning activities for the coming year.

With respect to the health of workshop trees, one Japanese juniper from the beginner workshop died accidentally and two Holger junipers from the intermediate workshop are dead with two more showing signs of die back. Holgers of participants that carefully followed David Easterbrook's repotting recommendations seem to have fared well; half a dozen participants that are waiting to repot next spring will have to heed.

Of the 36 larch collected from the wild in October 2006, 13 did not survive, 3 are weak and, 20 are quite healthy.

In previous meetings Members have reported that they are unable to purchase porous material for bonsai soil in the coarse and medium size ranges (1/4" to 1/2" and 1/8" to 1/4"). Duart Crabtree reported that Artistic Landscape Design now offers 30 litre bags of crushed lava rock for \$18. Yields (by volume after screening) were 50% coarse and 30% medium sized particles. Accutest Laboratories measured pH to be slightly alkaline (8.2).

Before reviewing questions on trees brought to the meeting, Vianney Leduc discussed light and coarse bonsai soils recommended for different species and demonstrated the need to prescreen commercial bonsai soils that contain high quantities of fine dust that can encourage root rot. David Easterbrook makes his own soils but flushes all newly repotted bonsai with water until the drainage water is clear, to reduce risk of root rot.

Gord Williams, Mike O'Connor, and Vianney then fielded questions on a dozen or so bonsai and pre-bonsai, offering advice on topics from feeding to styling. We expect to see some of these trees in future shows.

Your Steering Group scheduled a meeting later in June to organize the Annual Show of the OBS to be held September 8th and 9th, again at the Embassy of Japan. All Members are encouraged to groom trees for our biggest event.

Next meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

Japanese Embassy

4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2007

AGENDA

- Item 1: Approval of last years' AGM minutes;
- Item 2: Approval of Treasurer's Report for 2006/2007;
- Item 3: Election of Officers;
- Item 4: Approval of the purchase of a projector.
- Item 5: Other business

ORDRE DU JOUR

- 1^{er} sujet : Approbation du procès-verbal de l'AGA de l'an dernier
- 2^e sujet : Approbation du bilan financier pour 2006-2007
- 3^e sujet : Élection du Conseil
- 4^e sujet : Approbation de l'achat d'un projecteur
- 5^e sujet : Autres questions

Bonsai Master Susumu Nakamura to give a lecture and demonstration!

The Embassy of Japan has asked the Ottawa Bonsai Society to assist visiting Bonsai Master Susumu Nakamura with a styling demonstration to be held at the **Embassy of Japan, 255 Sussex Drive, Ottawa at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 6th, 2007.**

Mr. Nakamura is renowned for promoting the culture of bonsai in North America as well as in Japan and south-east Asia. It will be a rare treat for bonsai enthusiasts in the Ottawa area to hear him speak and to watch Mr. Nakamura create a bonsai.

Mr. Nakamura has generously offered to advise the OBS with setup of its Annual Show and indicated that he will participate in the OBS Show's opening on Saturday September 8th, 2007.

OBS Annual Show! – Exposition annuelle de notre société!

The Annual Show this year will be held at the Japanese Embassy on September 8th and 9th. Get your trees ready for this yearly event. Volunteers will contact you to find out if you are bringing trees to the Show and to see if you can help out in setting up the displays and/or at the welcome table or on the floor during the Show. We will be very fortunate this year to have bonsai master Susumu Nakamura with us at the beginning of the Show.

Cette année, notre grande exposition annuelle se tiendra les 8 et 9 septembre à l'ambassade du Japon. C'est donc le temps de signaler ceux de vos bonsaïs que vous souhaitez y exposer. Un membre vous contactera pour connaître vos intentions à ce sujet et votre disponibilité à participer au montage de l'exposition ainsi qu'à l'accueil des visiteurs. Nous aurons le grand honneur cette année de bénéficier de la présence du maître japonais du bonsaï, Susumu Nakamura, lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture de l'Expo.

BONSAI COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

The OBS will be conducting a bonsai course for beginners this Fall to be followed in the spring by a workshop during which participants will have the opportunity of developing their own bonsai using provided material. The theoretical course on bonsai fundamentals will follow the *Bonsai Design – Level 1* course developed by Barney Shum and Lynn Edmonds. On completion of this one day course (5-6 hours), participants will have the essential knowledge required to begin to develop bonsai for our climate zone. Lecture notes will be provided. Cost of this course is set at \$20 per person for OBS members and \$25 for non-members, to be paid at the start of the course.

DATE: Saturday, November 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Building #72, Central Experimental Farm

REGISTRATION : No later than November 15

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COURS SUR LES BONSAÏS POUR DÉBUTANTS

La SBO donnera, cet automne, un cours pour débutants, lequel sera suivi, au printemps, d'un atelier au cours duquel les participants auront l'occasion de créer leur propre bonsaï à partir d'un plant de pépinière. Le cours théorique repose sur les enseignements du manuel *Bonsai Design – Level 1* écrit par Barney Shum et Lyne Edmonds. Ce cours d'une journée (5-6 heures) fournira les éléments de base qui permettront à ceux et celles qui le suivront de commencer à former et à entretenir des bonsaïs dans nos conditions climatiques. Le manuel de base est écrit en anglais et le cours sera donné dans cette langue, mais l'instructeur principal, Vianney Leduc, se fera un plaisir de fournir des explications en français au besoin. Le prix de ce cours est fixé à 20\$ par personne pour les membres de la SBO et à 25\$ pour les non-membres, payable au début du cours

DATE: Le samedi 24 novembre de 9h30 à 15h30, Édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale

INSCRIPTION : Au plus tard le 15 novembre

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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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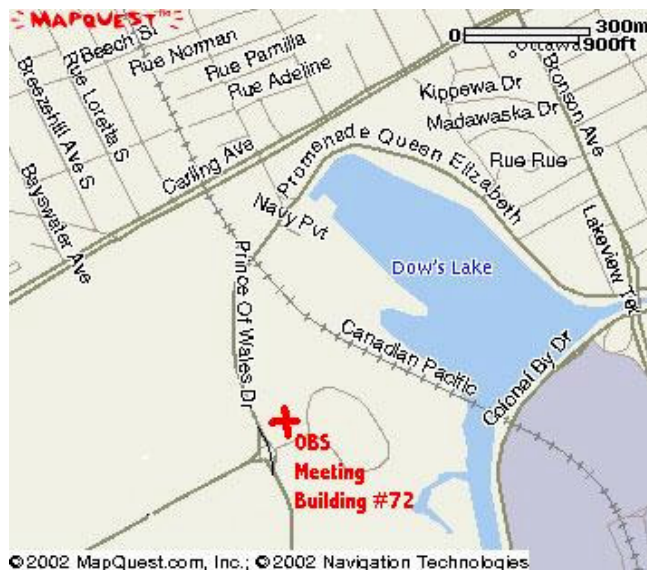
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi 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".