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**Notes from your Steering Group / Le mot de votre conseil directeur**

After opening announcements, Ian McRae began the evening program of the January Meeting with a presentation on “bent wood” forests where adverse growing conditions eliminate many species and the species that can survive are misshapen and dwarfed.

Ian illustrated with personal photographs of stunted Tamarack coexisting with small Alder bushes in Gros Morne and Barachois Pond Parks in south-western Newfoundland; Limber Pine in a “krummholtz” forest near Pincher Creek, southern Alberta; and horizontal Juniper ground cover and windswept Red Spruce and Balsam Fir on the barrens near Peggy’s Cove, NS. One imagined tops of these trees emerging from the snow to face driving winds, twisting and bending in freezing, desiccating conditions.

Nature’s results were sometimes grotesque, often amazingly artistic, and usually suggestive of an arduous past. When Ian pointed out that bent wood forests are not uncommon around the world Members readily agreed that first collectors of bonsai material from the wild in Japan may well have been charmed by the rugged beauty of similar trees. Thank you, Ian.

In the second half of the program, Members formed five groups, each headed by a senior Member to discuss styling possibilities for four Junipers (a procumbens “Nana” and three chinensis “Pfitzeriana”) and one Euonymous. Sketches were made of the preferred design plan of each group. We expect the trees will be out of dormancy in time for styling at the March meeting.

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## Ottawa Bonsai Society Events Calendar



**Monday February 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
Lundi, le 20 février à 19h**

There will be two main activities during the meeting. In the first part, Barney Shum will analyze and provide a critique of trees from a slide show. This will provide members an opportunity to analyze with a critical eye the strengths and weaknesses of trees.

In the second part of the meeting, Vianney Leduc will look at alternative designs for an old established tree. He will use computer software to show the potential end results of different design possibilities. He will also revisit a few of the Japanese design guidelines and show, through some examples, when it makes sense to deviate from the guidelines.

### **COURS SUR LES BONSAÏS DE NIVEAU INTERMÉDIAIRE**

La SBO offre un cours théorique sur les principes de création d'un bonsaï de style en cascade ! Ce cours sera donné par Barney Shum.

Le coût est fixé à 20\$ par personne, payable au début du cours. Ce dernier sera donné **le samedi 18 février** entre 9h et midi. Le seul pré requis est d'avoir suivi le cours théorique de débutant.

**Les membres intéressés devraient s'inscrire auprès de Yvon Bernier : (819) 684-0586 ; fax (819) 684-7365 ; [ycbernier@infonet.ca](mailto:ycbernier@infonet.ca)**

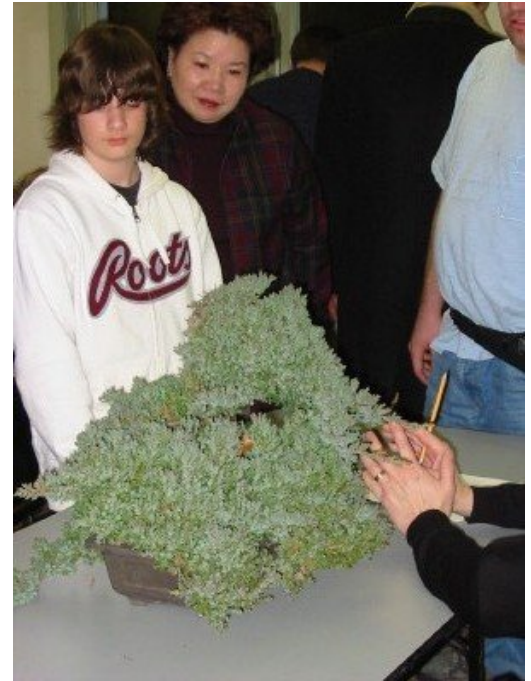
### **BONSAI COURSE FOR INTERMEDIATES**

The OBS will be conducting a bonsai course on the cascade style design principles! ! Barney Shum will be the instructor.

Cost of this course is set at \$20 per person to be paid at the start of the course. It will be given on **Saturday February 18**, between 9:00 a.m. and noon. The prerequisite for this course is to have taken the beginner's course.

**Interested members should register with Yvon Bernier : (819) 684-0586 ; fax (819) 684-7365 ; [ycbernier@infonet.ca](mailto:ycbernier@infonet.ca)**

**Pictures from last meeting.  
Members busy looking at design possibilities...!!**



**NEW MEMBER/ NOUVEAU MEMBRE**

A warm welcome is extended to:  
Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :

**Angel Che**

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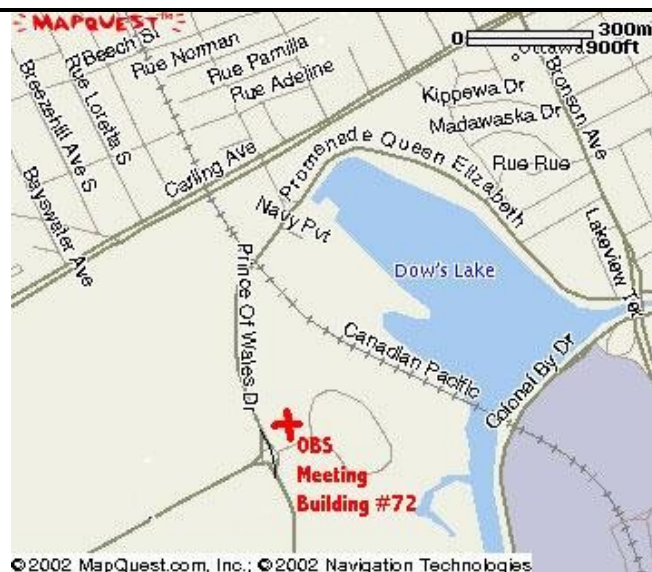
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## Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

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".

