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

After opening announcements, Gord Williams started the evening program of the November OBS Meeting with a discussion on 'Age', as it applies to bonsai.

How often we have heard the question "How old is that tree?" even from persons quite knowledgeable about bonsai. We definitely chose a topic of wide interest as well as one that reinforces lessons from the Level 1 Design Course given by Vianney Leduc in October.

Using photographs of local trees, Gord illustrated characteristics in the trunks, roots, branches, bark, foliage, and injuries that we intuitively recognize come with mature trees in nature and he discussed application of that knowledge to impart the 'Appearance of Age' in the nebari, ramification, foliage clouds, jin and shari of our bonsai. The topic was comprehensive, well researched, nicely presented, and very well received. Save that file, Gord!

In last half of the program newer Members participated in a hands-on exercise in elementary wiring techniques, supervised by more experienced members while Barney Shum and Vianney presided over a tree "clinic" on trees that Members brought to the meeting for consultation. No surprise that there was considerable discussion about preparing plants for winter.

A Steering Group meeting was held in December to finalize programs for future meetings. The Group extends Best Wishes to all Members, their families, and their trees in 2006.

## Ottawa Bonsai Society Events Calendar



### Monday January 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will cover two main activities. In the first part, Ian McRae will do a presentation on Bentwood Forests through a power point presentation featuring photographs of natural windswept and dwarf trees.

In the second part of the meeting, participants will be divided into groups to analyze design possibilities of pre-bonsai trees that were never styled before. Each group will prepare drawings of the potential design for their assigned trees. Some of these trees might be used in a later meeting for a styling demonstration.

#### **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 (à confirmer)** 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 (to be confirmed)**, 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)**

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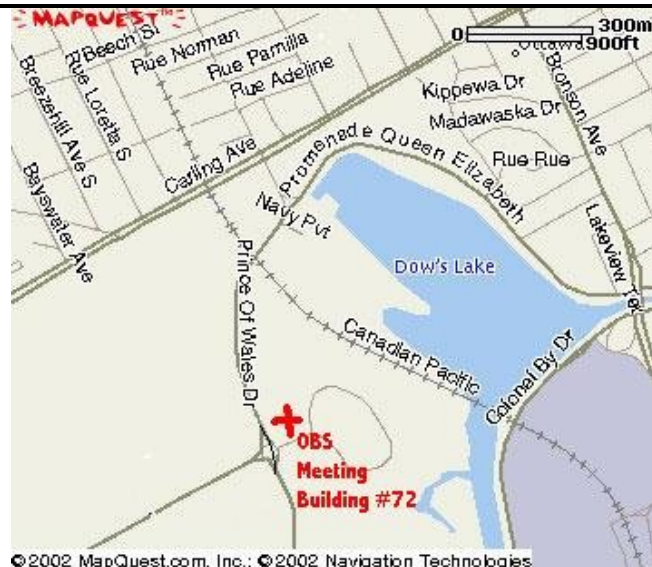
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## Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

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".