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## Steering Group Notes / Le Mot de votre Conseil Directeur

### From the May program

#### Upcoming Events

Vianney Leduc called the meeting of May 2010 to order and reminded members of upcoming events: the shopping trip to Bonsai Gros-Bec on May 22; the final Special Workshop (with emphasis on beginners' trees) on May 31; and the Annual General Meeting on June 21 (preceding the regular membership meeting).

Duart Crabtree reminded members of the urgent need for a volunteer to edit the Newsletter.

The evening program was a discussion by Myron Mech on wiring, a critical requirement for styling bonsai that David Easterbrook has noted many OBS Members do not do properly, and most do not do thoroughly. Although many of us find wiring tedious, one cannot dispute David's point that we need to do it right.

Myron covered essential topics, such as the generally accepted rules, preferred wiring materials,

pitfalls to avoid, and selection of the right size of wire. He brought his orphaned, two-needle pine, which he repotted at the April meeting, to demonstrate wiring techniques.

The *orphan* was a good choice because it allowed Myron to compare anchoring the wire in roots below the soil with anchoring with three turns of a wire around the trunk to shape two branches of similar size.

Myron mentioned that he once observed David Easterbrook take three hours to wire a bonsai. Myron's pine has only a few branches, so Myron was able to completely wire his tree while fielding questions from the audience.

Some members brought trees that needed wiring. Their particular wiring issues were addressed and recommendations made. Myron never seems at a loss for an answer, or short of encouragement

for members to try new things and to learn.

We appreciate your experience, your Socratic approach, and your positive philosophy, Myron. Thanks again.

The swap shop activity that has been so popular with members in recent years seems to generate less interest now. For future reference, only a few plants, pots, and books were exchanged at the May meeting.

#### Duart Crabtree

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

At this month's meeting, on June 21, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting during which a financial statement will be presented and members will be called upon to elect the Officers of the Society for 2010/2011.

Lors de la prochaine rencontre le 21 juin, nous tiendrons notre Assemblée générale annuelle au cours de laquelle le bilan financier de l'année écoulée sera déposé et l'élection des membres de l'exécutif pour 2010/2011 sera tenue.



NEXT  
MEETING  
Join us on  
Monday  
June 21  
at 7 p.m.

PROCHAINE  
RENCONTRE  
Le lundi  
21 Juin  
à 19 h 00

*Our Next Meeting*

In June, we will have our OBS Annual General Meeting in the first part of the program.

Afterwards, we will have a design discussion followed by a styling demonstration.

Vianney



**OBS meetings regularly include demonstrations and lots of hands-on opportunities for members to learn by doing.**

**We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.**

# BONSAI PUBLICITY PAGE

## PAGE PUBLICITAIRE

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

We have a large selection of pre-bonsai, as well as pots, tools, wires and soil.

We have Bonsai of all sizes—

Juniperus sargentii

Ulmus parvifolia

Serissa foetida

and

Ficus microcarpa

We give a 10% discount to OBS members on pots, tools, wires and soil.

We are open Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please call for an appointment to visit us.

Guided visits are available for \$5 per person.

We now accept payment by debit cards as well as by Mastercard and Visa.

We look forward to sharing our passion with you all!

Dans la belle région de Lanaudière au nord de Montréal, nous vous invitons à venir visiter nos installations et nos collections de bonsais et de penjings importés de Chine, de Corée, du Japon et du Canada.

Aux membres de la Société de bonsai d'Ottawa, nous offrons un rabais de 10% sur les pots, les outils, le fil à ligaturage ainsi que le substrat à bonsai.

Nous sommes ouvert du mardi au dimanche de 10h à 17h.

Si vous comptez nous visiter, il est préférable de nous en prévenir par téléphone.

Nous acceptons maintenant les paiements par le service Interact ainsi que par Mastercard et Visa.

Des visites guidées sont disponibles à 5 \$ par personne sur réservation.

Au plaisir de partager notre passion avec vous!



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**Meeting Location**

We meet at the Experimental Farm, (Central), in building #72. Enter at the traffic circle located at the intersection of the NCC scenic drive and Prince of Wales drive, the main entrance to the Arboretum.

Where the road divides, turn left, and follow to Building #72 (a short distance). Parking is available on the north and south sides of the building. The building entrance is on the east side, i.e., the road side.

**Lieu des rencontres**

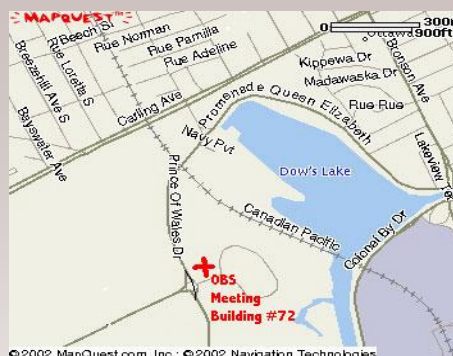
Edifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale—

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 «les amis de la ferme».

Le stationnement est situé de part et d'autre de l'édifice.

**Map to OBS meeting in building #72**



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