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## *The President's message*

*By Art Phelan*

The weather is cool, windy and raining as I sit and write this message on a Sunday afternoon. The snow is melting quickly, uncovering my trees as it melts. Buds are swelling everywhere, as I drive to work in Brockville, I've been watching the immense Black Willows in a marsh along the road turn bright orangey yellow. Spring will come, I know it will.

We have a couple of really exciting workshops lined up...

In March we will style and pot Shimpaku Juniper procured from the nursery of Yves Létourneau of Granby, Quebec.

In May David Easterbrook, the curator of the Japanese and North American collections at the Montreal Botanical Gardens will give a styling lecture on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> and will lead an intermediate level workshop on evergreen material of a good size, possibly dwarf Scots pine or Junipers on Saturday. If you are interested in this workshop please let me know, we will be asking for a \$20 deposit to hold your place in the workshop. By intermediate level we mean, some experience in cutting branches, applying wire, and potting. David will assist and direct you in styling the tree, you will do most of the work yourself.

The OBS show is scheduled for June 15 & 16 at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. We will have demonstrations by local artists of the creation of a major Blauw Forest, 11 or more trees, and the styling of a significant older evergreen. The demonstrations are scheduled from 2 until 5 on Saturday and Sunday.

Once again we are asking for volunteers to staff the Society executive. You don't need to be a Bonsai Master, you do need to be willing to get together once a month to plan and organize the program and have some fun. We need help for the upcoming show and for next year. If you are interested, call me or anyone on the executive.

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## The Ottawa Bonsai Society Meeting

Next meeting/ Prochaine rencontre: **March 18th, 2002**  
Time/ Heure: **7:00 pm**  
Location/ Endroit: **RCMP Building/  
Édifice de la GRC  
155 McArthur Road, Ottawa  
(at the Vanier Parkway)**

*Park behind the building, buzz the intercom at the front door to get in  
Sign in with the Commissionaire at the front desk*

### At this month meeting/ À la rencontre de ce mois-ci:

Workshop on Shimpaku Junipers (~\$20 for material)

### Upcoming events

**May 10-11th** - Workshop lead by David Easterbrook

**June 15th - 16th** - Annual Show and Annual General Meeting.

At every meeting/ À chaque rencontre:

- *The Show Table > Bring your tree(s); get a free ticket to the raffle/ Apporter votre/vos arbre(s); recevez un billet gratuit pour le tirage.*
- *The OBS Library/ La librairie de la SBO*
- *A unique opportunity to network with the OBS members and share ideas/ Une opportunité unique de rencontrer les membres de la SBO et d'échanger idées et conseils.*

## The OBS Web site/ Adresse Web

**\*\* New Web Address / Nouvelle adresse Web \*\***  
**<http://www.ottawabonsai.sytes.net:8080> OR**  
**<http://ottawabonsai.zapto.org>**

- People who would be interested to receive the Journal through e-mail instead of mail are welcome to ask and send a note to me at [Aylmer58@videotron.ca](mailto:Aylmer58@videotron.ca)
- Les personnes intéressées à recevoir le bulletin sous forme de e-mail sont bienvenues de le demander et de m'envoyer votre demande à [Aylmer58@videotron.ca](mailto:Aylmer58@videotron.ca)
- Suggestions on topics and subjects that you would like to see appearing and discussed in the Journal will also be welcome and well appreciated.
- Les suggestions sur des points précis et sujets que vous aimeriez voir traités et discutés à l'intérieur du journal sont encore une fois bienvenues et seront bien appréciés.

## **\*\* Announcements \*\***

### **\*\* Revised—March meeting \*\*** **Workshop on Shimpaku Junipers**

A workshop on is scheduled for the meeting in March. It will be with Shimpaku Junipers instead of Japanese Maples as originally planned. We have a limited number of trees and people interested in participating may want to let us know in advance to secure one of the tree. The cost of material should be around \$20. You may call Art Phelan at 834-1134 or send an e-mail to me (Aylmer58@videotron.ca).

### **May meeting & Intermediate workshop by David Easterbrook**

Due to the Long Weekend the May meeting will be *rescheduled to Friday night May 10th*, location to be confirmed. David Easterbrook, the curator of the Japanese and North American Bonsai collections at the Montreal Botanical Society will give a lecture related to the workshop scheduled for Saturday May 11th.

Saturday May 11th, David will lead an **intermediate level** workshop, We will obtain material with some character and potential, hopefully field grown and in at least 3 gallon pots. The most likely candidates will be Dwarf Scots Pines or Junipers.

The cost for the workshop will be \$60 to \$90 depending on the material selected. The workshop will be limited to 8 participants. Persons not working on trees will be welcome to attend as silent observers. If you are interested in this workshop please let me know, we will be asking for a \$20 deposit to hold your place in the workshop. By intermediate level we mean, some experience in cutting branches, applying wire, and potting. David will assist and direct you in styling the tree, you will do most of the work yourself.

### **The Ottawa Bonsai Society 2002 Show & General Meeting**

Please note that the **OBS 2002 will take place June 15th & 16th at the Sandy Hill Community Centre**. We will have demonstrations by local artists of the creation of a major Blauw Forest, 11 or more trees, and the styling of a significant older evergreen. The demonstrations are scheduled from 2 til 5 on Saturday and Sunday. As we need help for the upcoming show we are looking for volunteers.

Following the Show, we will have the Annual General Meeting on Sunday June 15th 2002 at 17:15. Once again, people interested in joining the Society executive are welcome. You don't need to be a Bonsai Master, you do need to be willing to get together once a month to plan and organize the program and have some fun. If you are interested, call me or anyone on the executive.



## \*\* *Other Announcements* \*\*

The *Canada Japan Society of Ottawa* invites any Bonsai Society members to attend their meetings.

Next meeting/ Prochaine rencontre: *March 21st, 2002*  
 Time/ Heure: *6:00 pm*  
 Location/ Endroit: *Matsu Restaurant*  
*175 Lisgar St. Ottawa (near Elgin)*

The topic will be Ikebana. If you are interested call Helen Rapp at 722-9629 before Friday March 22nd.

The *Toronto Bonsai Society* meets the second Tuesday of every Month at the Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Avenue E. at Finch in the Floral Hall. The meeting starts at 8:00 pm. For more info:  
<http://www.torontobonsai.org>

The *Society de Bonsai and Penjing of Montreal*: <http://www.bonsaimontreal.com>

*Misseto* (the Bonsai Club of Mississauga and Etobicoke) meets the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30 pm at the Islington United Church, 25 Burnamthorpe Road, Etobicoke ON

The *Ottawa's Parkdale United Church Orchestra*, the *Embassy of Israel*, and *Ritchie Feed & Seed* are pleased to present a slide lecture entitled *Looking at Canadian Gardens* by Jennifer Dickson, the Ottawa-based printmaker, photographer and lecturer on historic gardens.

Everyone who yearns for spring, and especially eager Ottawa gardeners, will delight in Ms. Dickson's informative and entertaining historic and contemporary view of some of our most beautiful public and private Canadian gardens.

The only Canadian member of the Royal Academy of Arts in England, Ms. Dickson was named to the Order of Canada in 1995. Her work is represented internationally in public collections, most notably the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the French State Collection, Paris and the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

Accompanying Ms. Dickson lecture will be an Israeli exhibition of photographs entitled, *Landscape and Nature*. This event will raise funds for the Parkdale Orchestra which is the oldest amateur orchestra in Ottawa and regularly features talented young musicians.

Tickets are \$15, (\$10 for students, seniors, and Friends of the National Library) at Ritchie Feed & Seed Co. on Windmill Lane, Leading Note 370 Elgin St., THORN&CO, 802 Bank Street and at HORTUS URBANUS 1154 Bank St.

Further information and ticket reservations, please call: Robin Mader at (613) 728-8561 or Peggy Atherton at (613) 827-1703.