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Yvon Bernier reminded Members of the Development Workshop scheduled for April 19th, open to persons who have attended the Bonsai Beginner's Course.

There being no announcements, Duart Crabtree opened the evening program with a presentation on Penjing based on his visit to China in October. Duart mentioned that a former OBS Member, Maureen Mark had written a series of articles on Penjing that was published in the OBS Journal in 1990. He reviewed the authorities used by Maureen briefly and focused on subsequent development in the art form and the body of knowledge.

Today, penjing compositions, usually 'tree penjing', are displayed in public places; in gardens, institutions, hotels, restaurants, shops, markets, factories, and places of worship. Duart illustrated with about 50 images taken in about 10 towns and cities that the level of artistic merit of the compositions was sometimes modest, often quite refined and almost always, interesting. Unlike North America, penjing is a part of everyday life in China.

Duart was fortunate to have spent whole day at the world-famous Penjing Garden in the Shanghai Botanical Garden where there are more than 1,000 Penjing compositions on display. According to Phoenix Bonsai, the Penjing Garden is viewed to be "the center of dwarf tree culture in China." A discussion of Duart's visit to the SBG from the point of view of what has been called a "Penjing Renaissance" will form the first half of the program of the March Meeting.

In the second half of the evening program, Members examined a number of pre-bonsai trees that were still dormant. Four junipers are candidates for styling at the next Meeting. Members decided on the preferred style, or sometimes two alternatives for styling, and styling plan sketches were made for each tree.

The junipers are now being brought out of dormancy to be ready for 'hands on' styling, wiring, and repotting exercises at the March and April Meetings.

Next meeting

Monday, March 17 at 7:00pm

In the first portion of the program, Duart Crabtree will present the second part of Chinese Penjing, based on his recent visit to China. He has great pictures to share with us as well as the cultural aspect.

In the second half of the Meeting, Members will be divided into groups that will transform a pre-bonsai tree to a bonsai. Under the guidance of senior Members, each group will review and confirm the styling plan made for its tree at the February Meeting and then proceed to prune and wire according to plan. At the end of the Meeting, one Member from each group will briefly summarize the implementation of the group's plan. This exercise is always a great learning experience for newer Members!

Bonsai Development Workshop, Saturday, April 19, 2008 in Building #72, Central Experimental Farm, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is a workshop aimed specifically at those who have taken the Beginners' Bonsai Courses given last November 26 or who have taken a beginners' course in the past. Participants will receive assistance from experienced OBS members to begin developing their own bonsai using nursery grown Japanese garden junipers. The plant material, a suitable pot and the necessary supplies will be provided. The team of instructors will make their own bonsai tools available for sharing among those participants who may not have their own. Participants and instructors should bring their lunch; the room is equipped with a fridge and microwave oven. The cost of this workshop is \$75 per person.

Twelve places are available for this workshop. To register you need to provide a non-refundable deposit of \$25. For additional information, please contact Yvon Bernier: 819-684-0586 ycbernier@videotron.ca

Atelier pour débutants sur la formation d'un bonsaï, le samedi 19 avril 2008, édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale, de 9h30 à 15h00.

Cet atelier s'adresse principalement à ceux et celles qui ont suivi le cours pour débutants du 26 novembre dernier ou un autre cours pour débutants dans le passé. Durant cette session, les participants, avec l'aide de membres chevronnés de la SBO, procéderont à la formation de leur propre bonsaï à partir d'un pant de genévrier nain du Japon. Ce plant, un pot approprié de même que le terreau et le fil pour ligaturage seront fournis. Les instructeurs mettront leurs propres outils de bonsaï à la disposition des participants qui n'auraient pas les leurs. Autant les participants que les instructeurs devraient apporter leur lunch – l'endroit dispose d'un frigo et d'un four à micro-ondes. Le coût de cet atelier est de 75 \$ par personne.

Douze places sont disponibles pour cet atelier. Pour vous inscrire, vous devez fournir un dépôt non remboursable de \$25. Pour tout complément d'information, veuillez contacter Yvon Bernier : 819-684-0586 ycbernier@videotron.ca

Lecture and Workshop on making deadwood, Saturday, May 24, 2008 in Building #72, Central Experimental Farm, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Brian Donnelly, an expert from the Montreal club, will give a lecture on the different techniques of making deadwood. The lecture will be in the morning and we will be able to accommodate a large number of Members. He will follow by a workshop in the afternoon for 10 Members. The prices of the lecture and the workshop has not been established yet but will be communicated to Members soon. **To register for the lecture or the afternoon workshop you need to provide a non-refundable deposit of \$10. For additional information, please contact Yvon Bernier: 819-684-0586 ycbernier@videotron.ca**

Cours et atelier sur le traitement du bois mort, le samedi 24 mai 2008, édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale, de 9h30 à 15h

Un expert du club de Montréal, Brian Donnelly, nous donnera un cours sur les diverses techniques de traitement du bois mort. Le cours proprement dit sera donné le matin, et nous pourrions y accommoder un grand nombre de membres. Puis, dans l'après-midi, Brian dirigera un atelier auquel 10 membres pourront participer. Les frais pour le cours et l'atelier, qui restent encore à être établis, seront communiqués aux membres sous peu. Pour vous inscrire au cours ou à l'atelier qui suivra, vous devez fournir un dépôt non remboursable de 10 \$. Pour tout complément d'information, veuillez vous adresser à Yvon Bernier : 819-684-0586 ou ycbernier@videotron.ca

Zokei bonsai

After his presentation on Zokei bonsai at the January Meeting, Vianney Leduc completed arrangement of foliage pads and brought the finished composition to the February Meeting.



NOUVEAUX MEMBRES / NEW MEMBERS

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :

A warm welcome is extended to :

**Greg and Natalie Svetlovsky
Christopher Williams**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT / REMERCIEMENTS

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Serge Roy who recently gave us a dozen books on bonsai, English and French, as well as about a dozen magazines. These precious documents will be added to the Society's library for the benefit of our members. Last year, Mr. Roy had given us 25 bonsai pots that were put up for sale at our Swap Shop in May. The money collected was used to purchase other books for our library

Nous tenons à exprimer notre reconnaissance à monsieur Serge Roy qui nous a récemment offert gratuitement une douzaine de livres sur les bonsaïs en français et en anglais ainsi qu'une douzaine de revues. Ces documents viendront s'ajouter à la bibliothèque de la Société pour le plus grand bénéfice de nos membres. L'an dernier, monsieur Roy nous avait fait le don de 25 pots à bonsaï qui furent mis en vente lors de notre marché au puces du mois de mai. L'argent recueilli avait servi à acheter d'autres livres pour garnir notre bibliothèque.

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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 available magnificent *Juniperus chinensis* 'sargentii' (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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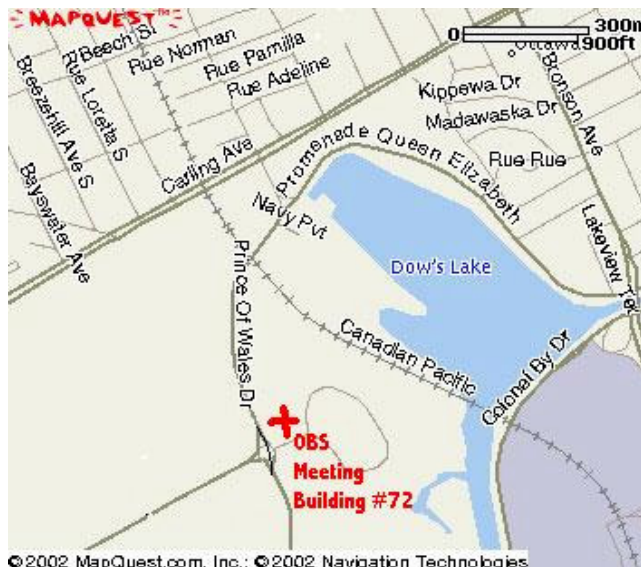
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Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

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 «Les Amis de la Ferme» . 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".