



The Ottawa
Bonsai Society

Société de
bonsaï d'Ottawa

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NEWSLETTER - BULLETIN

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Dedicated to promoting interest and understanding of bonsai.
Faire mieux connaître et comprendre l'art du bonsaï.

Steering Group Notes - Le Mot de votre Conseil Directeur From the February program

Duart Crabtree called the Meeting to order and reported on the Canada-Japan **literary awards hosted by Ambassador Ishikawa** at his residence on February 3rd. This was interesting event culturally and an opportunity to meet many friends in the Japanese-Canadian community.

Duart also recommended highly to OBS Members, the **Ikebana International Exhibition** to be held Feb 24th through 27th at the Museum of Nature.

Vianney Leduc mentioned the second **Bonsai Course for Beginners** held February 12th was well attended. Vianney checked out bonsai tools and supplies advertised in Lee Valley Tool's January catalogue and found the quality to be good and prices competitive. The OBS **intermediate workshop** April 16th (*See page 2*) will focus on principles of detail wiring of foliage pads in the morning with 'hands on' practice in the afternoon.

Vianney opened the evening program with a stimulating discussion on **coniferous**

and leafy trees for bonsai compositions, contrasting their very different attributes. Illustrating with images, Vianney showed how conifers lend themselves to dynamic styling - like cascades with striking trunk movement and dramatic deadwood. Often the trunk or the deadwood is the focal point of the composition. Leafy trees, on the other hand are more suited to formal and informal upright styles with stability. Their focal point may be a powerful trunk and nebari and/or fall colour, flowers, and fruit. Less obvious attributes allow owners of conifers to conceal flaws with foliage whereas owners of leafy trees may display branch ramification after leaves have fallen. It's easy to see why most of us want to have some of each.

In the second half of the program Vianney discussed **design alternatives and started to style a Shimpaku juniper** that he took out of dormancy about two weeks prior to the Meeting. This tree has excellent deadwood and trunk movement. There was little argument that the focal

point for design should be the deadwood but quite a bit of discussion on how much the deadwood should be cut back.

A lower branch could become a new cascading trunk that would hold the interest of the viewer nearer to the focal point, in which case the upper part of the original trunk would be jinned; however, foliage pads on the cascading branch first need to be developed. Vianney removed unwanted branches from the original trunk to redirect energy for growth to the cascading branch and all of its secondary branches were pruned and wired to develop ramification.

This Shimpaku has great bonsai potential. In case Vianney's efforts to make the trunk line a cascade are unsuccessful, he left foliage higher on the original trunk that can be used in another design. Thank you Vianney; there were many valuable lessons to learn from this presentation. *Duart Crabtree*



**NEXT
MEETING**

Join us on
Monday
March 21,
2011 at 7 p.m.

**PROCHAINE
RENCONTRE**

Le lundi
21 mars 2011



THIS MONTH - CE MOIS-CI

In the first part of the program, we will look at the huge difference that can exist in designing two larches. One allows us to use all the basic design elements that we have learned while the second requires a completely different approach.

In the second part of the program, there will be a demonstration of a repot where the angle of a tree is to be changed dramatically to give it a different personality

Vianney Leduc

**ADVANCED WIRING AND FOLIAGE-PAD SHAPING
APRIL 16, 2011**

This course will cover the advanced techniques used to prepare a conifer for detailed wiring of branches and twigs and shaping of foliage pads. This course is aimed at enthusiasts who would like to learn techniques used by professionals.

The course will be followed by a workshop to practice those techniques. The number of participants is limited to 8, but observers are also welcome.

The cost is \$25 for full participants and \$10 for observers. Participants must be fully autonomous in wiring a tree.

**Saturday, April 16, 2011
Building #72,
Central Experimental Farm
from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To register or for additional information, please contact:
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Bonsai Development Workshop – See page 3
Atelier sur la formation d'un bonsai – Voir page 3



NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to :

Kim Paiement & Jacques Sigouin – Pierre Thibodeau

NOUVEAUX MEMBRES

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :

**Ottawa Bonsai Society
meeting calendar**

Third Monday of the Month, 7 p.m.
No meetings in July, August,
September and December

**Calendrier des rencontres de la
Société de bonsai d'Ottawa**

Le troisième lundi du mois, 19 h.
Relâche pour les mois de juillet, août,
septembre et décembre.

2011

March	21	Mars
April	18	Avril
May	16	Mai
June	20	Juin

BONSAI DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP
MAY 7, 2011



ATELIER SUR LA FORMATION
D'UN BONSAÏ
LE 7 MAI 2011

This is a workshop aimed specifically at those who have taken the Beginners' Bonsai Courses given last October 30th or February 12th, 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 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 \$80 per person.

Fifteen places are available for this workshop and priority will be given to members of the Society. To register you need to provide a non-refundable deposit of \$25.

For additional information, please contact Yvon Bernier.

DATE: Saturday, May 7th, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Building #72, Central Experimental Farm.

REGISTRATION: No later than April 30th, 2011.

Cet atelier s'adresse principalement à ceux et celles qui ont suivi le cours pour débutants du 30 octobre 2010 ou du 12 février 2011 ou un autre cours pour débutants dans le passé. Durant cette session, les participants recevront l'aide de membres chevronnés de la SBO pour procéder à la formation de leur propre bonsaï à partir d'un plant de genévrier.

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 80 \$ par personne.

Quinze places sont disponibles pour cet atelier et priorité sera donnée aux membres de la Société. Pour vous inscrire, vous devez fournir un dépôt non remboursable de 25 \$.

Pour tout complément d'information, veuillez contacter Yvon Bernier

DATE: Le samedi 7 mai 2011, de 9h30 à 15h30, Édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale.

INSCRIPTION: Au plus tard le 30 avril 2011.

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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 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 10 h à 17 h.

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

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

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

Au plaisir de partager notre passion avec vous!

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

Nous avons une grande sélection de pré-bonsai, de pots, d'outils, de fil à ligaturage et de substrat.

We have Bonsai of all sizes:

Nous avons aussi des bonsai de toutes les grandeurs:

Juniperus sargentii

Ulmus parvifolia

Serissa foetida

Ficus microcarpa, etc.



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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

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.



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Map to OBS meeting in building #72

Carte routière menant aux rencontres SBO à l'immeuble N° 72

