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NOTES FROM YOUR STEERING GROUP

OBS started another year with a well-attended meeting that offered a program of interest to all Members. It was nice to see new members that signed up at the September show.

Vianney announced that OBS Members had been invited to participate in the Montral society fall workshop October 23 and 24, led by the Italian bonsai master Michele Andolfo. He announced also that Mr. Rahim had some finished bonsai for sale and interested members should contact Duart for particulars.

Vianney reviewed characteristics of bonsai soil for different applications in preparation for the soil workshop held in an adjacent area of Building 72. After the dust settled, Members had generated enough standard conifer mix for OBS workshops planned in 2005 and enough extra to sell to Members for their personal use at very reasonable prices. It was definitely a "win win" workshop! Special thanks to Barney and Vianney for making this necessary activity so interesting and enjoyable.

Barney wrapped up the program by leading assessments of three Members' trees:

- Vianney's larch and an air-rooted Chinese elm are finished bonsai. We found much to admire and little to criticize in both of these trees. It is always a pleasure to discuss such fine specimens and especially for newer members to see what can be accomplished.
- Loretta brought a newly acquired, very healthy white pine that had been groomed for bonsai and will be ready for styling and potting in 2005. After some lively discussion it sounds like Loretta may get two exciting bonsai from this acquisition. We look forward, Loretta, to seeing the results in the coming years.

Ottawa Bonsai Society Events Calendar



Monday November 15 at 7:00p.m. (please note new starting time)!

There will be two main activities. The first will be a follow-up session on the intermediate workshop held last Spring, to be led by Duart Crabtree. Following this, the group will be divided into four sub-groups, each of which will analyze the strengths and weaknesses of four trees recently acquired from a nursery. If time allows, we will also start reducing the foliage on those trees to better assess their structure. Further work will be done on those four trees at subsequent monthly meetings throughout the 2004/05 Season, leading up to a raffle of the finished bonsais in the Spring.

COURS SUR LES BONSAÏS POUR DÉBUTANTS

Suite à plusieurs demandes, plus particulièrement de nouveaux membres, la SBO donnera, cet automne, un cours pour débutants, lequel sera suivi, au printemps, d'un atelier au cours duquel les participants auront l'occasion de créer leur propre bonsaï à partir d'un plant de pépinière. Le cours théorique repose sur les enseignements du manuel *Bonsai Design – Level 1* écrit par Barney Shum et Lynn Edmonds. Ce cours d'une journée (5-6 heures) fournira les éléments de base qui permettront à ceux et celles qui le suivront de commencer à former et à entretenir des bonsaïs dans nos conditions climatiques. Le manuel de base est écrit en anglais et le cours sera donné dans cette langue, mais l'instructeur principal, Vianney Leduc, se fera un plaisir de fournir des explications en français au besoin. Le prix de ce cours est fixé à 20\$ par personne, payable au début du cours

DATE: Le samedi 27 novembre de 9h30 à 15h30
Édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale

INSCRIPTION : Au plus tard le 15 novembre
Yvon Bernier : (819) 684-0586 ; fax (819) 684-7365 ; ycbernier@infonet.ca

BONSAI COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

In response to numerous request, particularly from new members, the OBS will be conducting a bonsai course for beginners this Fall to be followed in the Spring by a workshop during which participants will have the opportunity of developing their own bonsai using provided material. The theoretical course on bonsai fundamentals will follow the *Bonsai Design – Level 1* course developed by Barney Shum and Lynn Edmonds and covers such topics as: Bonsai as an Art Form; Classic Bonsai Criteria; Bonsai Styles; Suitable Plant Material; Tools, Supplies and Growing Medium; The Bonsai Development Process; and General Care and Maintenance. On completion of this one day course (5-6 hours), participants will have the essential knowledge required to begin to develop bonsai for our climate zone. Lecture notes will be provided. Cost of this course is set at \$20 per person to be paid at the start of the course.

DATE: Saturday, November 27, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Building #72, Central Experimental Farm

REGISTRATION : No later than November 15
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Japan day at the Museum of Civilization

Japan Day was held at the Museum of Civilization on November 7 and the OBS was invited to participate in this cultural display with a show table. Yvon Bernier and Gordon Williams provided information about bonsai to many of the several thousand people in attendance. The OBS got great exposure through this event and we generated a considerable amount of interest based on the large number of questions that we had to answer.



Journée du Japon au Musée canadien des civilisations

Les organisateurs de cette Journée, tenue le 7 novembre dernier, avaient invité la SBO à y exposer quelques bonsaïs. Yvon Bernier et Gordon Williams y représentèrent la SBO et eurent à répondre à de multiples questions de la part de nombreux visiteurs parmi les milliers qui défilèrent durant la journée.

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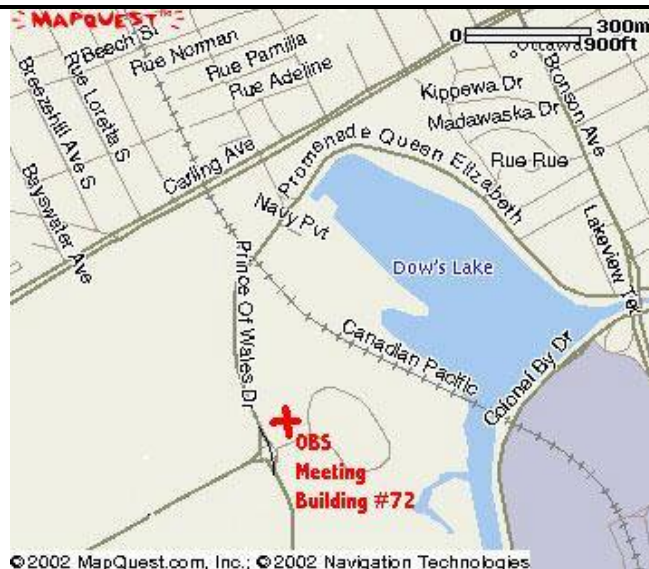
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Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

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".

