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Notes from your Steering Group Le mot de votre conseil directeur

We had an excellent attendance at our October meeting to welcome new members that joined at, or since the annual show.

In the first portion of the program, people were able to look at a variety of pots, tools and wires that Loretta MacDonald of Bonsai Concepts had brought for the evening. Yvon Bernier also brought a private collection of small pots that are for sale. Some bought tools; some, complete sets of wire, and others, nice pots.

Vianney Leduc led a critique of trees from a series of slides in the second portion of the program. The goal was to highlight aesthetic aspects of Bonsai. Even though some of the criticism was subjective, we were able to analyze strengths and discuss overcoming any weaknesses of each tree. There were quite a few examples of good and not so good balance between mass of foliage and trunk. Since trees from the slide show were from another country, no one was offended by the exercise and, evidently interest was sparked for the Level 1 Design Course.

NOUVEAUX MEMBRES / NEW MEMBERS

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :
A warm welcome is extended to :

Famille Séguin (Paul, Georges, Charles, Benjamin, Catherine)
Libby Sinclair
William Wood

Ottawa Bonsai Society Events Calendar



Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda for the program of the November meeting:

1. Wiring practice: where new members will have a chance to wire a freshly cut branch from a large outdoor tree
2. Consultation for your tree: people can bring their tree for a consultation with Barney or Vianney
3. A presentation by Gordon Williams on characteristics of trees that enhanced appearance of age

Members will also have the opportunity to meet each other and ask questions of senior members on wintering technique for their trees. As usual, the OBS Library will be open during the meeting.

Report on the Bonsai Design - Level 1 Course

Sixteen people attended the introductory design course given by Vianney at Building 72 on October 29th. The participants showed great enthusiasm throughout the course and undoubtedly left with a better understanding of design principles. They were all looking forward to the introductory workshop to be held early in the new year.

COURS SUR LES BONSAÏS POUR INTERMÉDIAIRES

Des membres ont manifesté le désir de suivre une telle formation en 2005-2006. Qui plus est, Barney Shum se montre disposé à dispenser un tel cours au début de 2006 si suffisamment de membres s'inscrivent. Ce cours s'adresse à ceux et celles qui ont déjà suivi le cours pour débutants, participé à plusieurs ateliers et accumulé quelques années d'expérience à former et à entretenir des bonsaïs. D'autres renseignements seront fournis à ce sujet lors de la rencontre de novembre de même que dans les prochains numéros de notre bulletin mensuel. Si vous êtes intéressé(e) par un tel cours, laissez-le savoir à Yvon Bernier : (819) 684-0586;

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BONSAI COURSE FOR INTERMEDIATES

Some members have shown interest in taking such training in 2005/06. Equally important is the fact that Barney Shum has indicated his willingness to give such a course early in 2006 if a sufficient number of members register. This course is addressed to members who have already taken the beginners course, participated in a number of workshops and accumulated at least a few years of experience in developing and caring for bonsai. More details will be provided at the November meeting and in subsequent issues of our newsletter. If interested in participating in such a course, please register with Yvon Bernier: (819) 684-0586; ycbernier@infonet.ca

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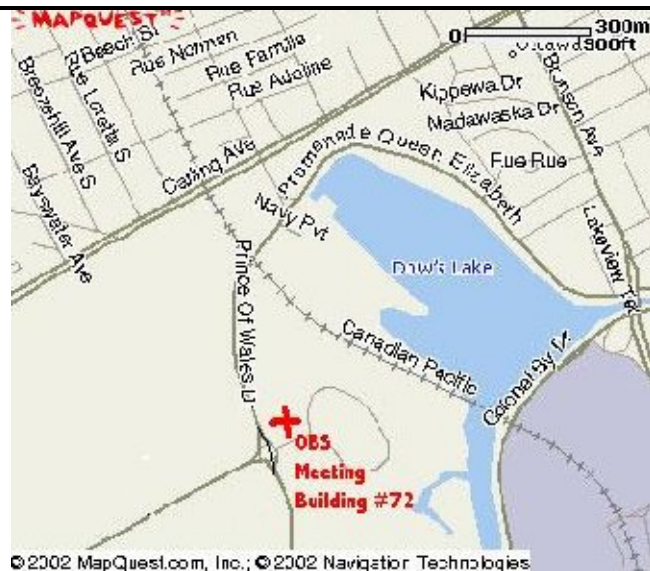
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Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

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".

