



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 October program

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vianney Leduc called the October Meeting to order, welcomed new Members and opened the evening program with a timely review of preparations for wintering bonsai in the Ottawa area. Printed handouts with detailed recommendations for tropical, sub-tropical, temperate, semi-hardy, and hardy plants were available and senior Members answered specific questions based on their personal experiences in preparing their bonsai. The handout has also been inserted on the OBS Website under *TECHNICAL*.

WINTERING INFORMATION

Our spring workshops showed us that many OBS Members are interested in developing their own bonsai from readily available plant material. Vianney gave a presentation on the initial steps for developing an interesting trunk with well-located primary branches for pre-bonsai material.

BONSAI DEVELOPMENT

Development of trunks of trees in the ground and oversized

pots (or grow boxes) were discussed. Vianney has found that some species, like trident maples and Japanese black pines thicken well in pots; some, like hemlock should thicken in the ground; and for others, like amur maples either is good. Success depends on correct watering, soil and drainage, heavy feeding, and exposure to sunlight. Some factors that are species dependent (e.g. in general, pines like drier soil but mugo pine, humid soil). Practical considerations include selection of pot and root pruning of plants whether in a pot or in the ground. Techniques used to develop taper and trunk movement include, sacrificial branches, cut and grow, and loose wiring. After the trunk thickens (usually a period of 5 to 10 years), Vianney considers design possibilities and selection of primary branches.

With any luck, new growth will have occurred on the trunk where scars from sacrificial branches will not detract from design possibilities. Growth of promising sprouts may be encouraged as the trunk thickens to the desired size

when a decision must be made with on the preferred design(s). Primary branches should be cut back in the spring while the tree is still in the ground or training pot and unwanted branches removed to direct energy to the primary branches. In the following spring, the tree will be transferred to a bonsai pot and branch ramification will commence.

Certainly this process is a way for new (and not so new) Members to learn skills, develop patience, and produce quality pre-bonsai material inexpensively. Vianney warns us to expect disappointments along the way but assures us from personal experience that the rewards from lessons learned will be greater than the value of efforts made to develop the material. Thank you, Vianney!

Duart Crabtree

NEXT 
MEETING
Join us on
Monday
November 15,
2010
at 7 p.m.

PROCHAINE
RENCONTRE
Le lundi
15 novembre
2010



THIS MONTH - CE MOIS-CI

The November program will be divided in two parts. Vianney Leduc will present the details of a project to transform a pre-bonsai juniper into a bonsai. We will explore the technical aspect as well as the design aspect.

In the second portion of the program, we will look at design possibilities for two trees. We will discuss the possibilities for one of the trees that does not lend itself to the basic design criteria that we have learned.

SUCCESSFUL BEGINNERS COURSE - OCTOBER 30TH

The level of interaction in the beginner's course was quite interesting as the participants were full of questions! This made it a very pleasant day for both the 15 participants and Vianney who was presenting the material.

Many participants are now eager to work on a tree in the spring workshop!

It is always a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the participants. We are all looking forward to the spring workshop...!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to :

Dan Faber – Manon & Dave Poirier – Tristan Wrubleski

NOUVEAUX MEMBRES

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :

BEST WISHES

As there will be no meeting in December, the OBS Steering Group members would like to thank you for your participation in this year's meetings and activities; and for your interest in the art of Bonsai.

Wishing you Happy Holidays!

MEILLEURS VOEUX

Comme nous faisons relâche pour le mois de décembre, les membres du Conseil directeur de la SBO tiennent à vous remercier pour votre participation aux rencontres et aux activités au cours de l'année, ainsi que pour votre intérêt dans l'art du bonsai.

Meilleurs voeux à tous!

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.

2010	November	15	Novembre
2011	January	17	Janvier
	February	21	Février
	March	21	Mars
	April	18	Avril
	May	16	Mai
	June	20	Juin

OPPORTUNITY FOR CRAFTY WOODWORKERS

The Ottawa Bonsai Society would like to acquire two wooden shohin stands to be used in future Annual Exhibitions to display shohin-size bonsais (less than 25cm – 10 inches - in height).

These are the types of stands which serve to display several shohin bonsai in one unified exhibit.

Before going to commercial outlets, we would like to know if, among members of the Society, there might not be people with experience in cabinetry work and access to specialized equipment willing to undertake to build such stands.

If you are interested in such a project, please contact Yvon Bernier: ycbernier@videotron.ca or 819-684-0586 to discuss arrangements with respect to costs and other factors.

One of our members owns a book on shohin which he is willing to make available as a source of information on, and models of, shohin stands.



OCCASION POUR BRICOLEURS

La Société de bonsaï d'Ottawa voudrait acquérir deux stands en bois servant à montrer des bonsaï shohin lors de futures expositions annuelles. Les shohin sont des bonsaïs de petite taille (moins de 25 cm de haut).

Ce type de stand sert à exhiber plusieurs bonsaïs shohin dans un cadre unifié.

Avant d'aller vers des fournisseurs commerciaux, nous voudrions savoir si, parmi les membres de la société, il n'y aurait pas d'habiles travailleurs du bois ayant de l'expérience en ébénisterie et accès à de l'outillage spécialisé qui seraient disposés à entreprendre la fabrication de tels stands.

Si ce projet vous intéresse, veuillez contacter Yvon Bernier ycbernier@videotron.ca ou 819-684-0586 pour discuter des coûts et autres dispositions.

Un de nos membres possède un livre sur les shohin qu'il est prêt à rendre disponible comme source d'information et de modèles sur les stands de shohin.



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 bonsaïs et de penjings importés de Chine, de Corée, du Japon et du Canada.

Aux membres de la Société de bonsaï d'Ottawa, nous offrons un rabais de 10% sur les pots, les outils, le fil à ligaturage ainsi que le substrat à bonsaï.

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-bonsaï, de pots, d'outils, de fil à ligaturage et de substrat.

We have Bonsai of all sizes:

Nous avons aussi des bonsaï 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

