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### Notes from your Steering Group Le mot de votre conseil directeur

**Nakamura Lecture and Demonstration** September 6<sup>th</sup>

What great luck - to have renowned Japanese Bonsai Master Susumu Nakamura give a lecture and demo for the public at the Embassy of Japan just two days before the OBS's Annual Show. We are still pinching ourselves!

Mr. Nakamura chose Ian McRea's Scot's pine for his styling demo. Noting the tree was a bit overgrown and after confirming there were no problems with surface roots and removing all dead branches, Nakamura carefully chose the front and primary branches explaining alternatives he would choose and those he would not. Then the fun began.

It is always interesting to hear the crowd reaction during a demo as unwanted branches are pruned. The "before and after images" attest that about 75% of the foliage was removed in the transition from pre-bonsai material to bonsai. Master Nakamura's excellent sketch showed us how Ian's tree should develop in the next three years to show quality (see included pictures).

Clearly Master Nakamura observed that OBS members could use a few tips on developing branch structure in pre-bonsai material and avoiding overgrowth. He chose Alan Fournier's Scot's pine to illustrate techniques that will be of great future value to members.

The lecture and demo was perhaps most remarkable because Master Nakamura was able to hold the interest of an audience that included persons with little prior knowledge of bonsai and "veterans", as he calls us. His presentation was done with great skill and humor and everyone learned a lot that delightful evening.

The OBS is grateful to the Officers and Staff of the Japanese Embassy who made Master Nakamura's visit possible and who so graciously included the OBS in their significant cultural event. We are pleased the public rewarded them with a full house and Master Nakamura with a standing ovation.

**OBS 2007 ANNUAL SHOW** September 8-9<sup>th</sup>

Well Master Nakamura's involvement did not end on September 6<sup>th</sup>! He was available with advice during the show setup September 7<sup>th</sup> and present for the Official Opening September 8<sup>th</sup>. Members especially appreciated his comments on styling their pre-bonsai and tips on their finished bonsai. We were delighted when he escorted Ambassador and Mrs. Nishida through our show and now understand Counsellor Yanagi's introducing him as Japan's "bonsai missionary".

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Images in this issue can show only a few highlights: Ambassador Nishida's address, spectacular creations from senior Members, more remarkable bonsai this year from newer members, educational demos on pruning and wiring, and a table featuring Master Nakamura's transformation of Ian's Scot's pine.

We would be remiss not to acknowledge the beautiful and unique "bonsai ikebana" that Mitsugi Kikuchi created for the Embassy foyer. It set the tone perfectly for both Master Nakamura's lecture/demo and the OBS's Show.

Attendance at this year's Show exceeded 500. Surpassing previous levels is one measure of success and very encouraging as there are high expectations for the OBS in 2008 to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada/Japan diplomacy.

Our thanks to OBS volunteers that contributed in so many ways to our success and especially to the Staff at the Embassy of Japan for their unstinting support.

**Next meeting**  
**Monday, October 15 at 7:00pm**

The meeting will be divided in two parts. We will discuss the wintering of trees in our regions during the first part. The second part will be a talk on how to deal with pine needles at this time of the year.

### Schedule of upcoming meetings

November 19, 2007  
No meeting in December  
January 21, 2008  
February 18  
March 17  
April 21  
May 12  
June 16  
No meeting in July  
No meeting in August

### Nouveaux membres / New members

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

**Louise Jacques**  
**Elke Lyons**  
**Luan Nguyen**  
**E.D. Ellsworth**

## BONSAI COURSE FOR BEGINNERS / COURS SUR LES BONSAÏS POUR DÉBUTANTS

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. 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 for OBS members and \$25 for non-members, to be paid at the start of the course.

**DATE:** Saturday, November 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Building #72, Central Experimental Farm

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 Lyne 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 pour les membres de la SBO et à 25\$ pour les non-membres, payable au début du cours

**DATE:** Le samedi 24 novembre de 9h30 à 15h30, Édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale

**REGISTRATION :** No later than November 15 / **INSCRIPTION :** Au plus tard le 15 novembre  
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**The demonstration tree used by Mr. Nakamura. Before and after the work.  
The sketch also provides the future look of the tree.**



### Mr. Nakamura in action



### Show pictures! / Photos de l'exposition!






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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 on stock magnificent juniperus chinensis 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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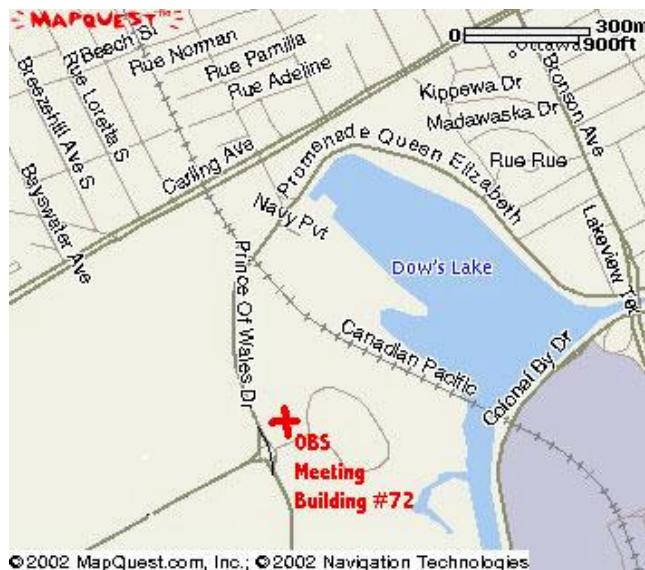
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi 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".