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

The 2008 Annual Exhibition of the Ottawa Bonsai Society was officially opened on September 6<sup>th</sup> by Masataka Takahara, Deputy Head of the Mission. Minister Takahara spoke to the importance of Canada-Japanese Diplomatic relations which are marking their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. He gave visitors to our Show a warm welcome and then delighted everyone by singing a traditional Japanese song, and he did it *a cappella*. In English the title of the song would be *Ruined Castle*.

In some ways the Show this year had more variety. For the first time there was an educational display on Zokei that stimulated lots of questions from visitors and there was a Penjing land and water composition. Photos of the bonsai on the following pages are the best indication that the show met our quality expectations.

The demos that proved to be so popular at the 2007 Show were done again, but this year they were done indoors on both days. Again feedback was excellent.

We were pleasantly surprised by the media coverage the show received this year from local organizations. A very nice article published by Pam McLennon, editor in chief of Epoch Times may be viewed at the following link.

<http://en.epochtimes.com/n2/life/bonsai-show-ottawa-bonsai-society-jana-embassy-3988.html>

Also Rowena Tolsen, Host and Community Producer at VOX Videotron Television in Hull will tape a demo by Vianney Leduc on October 20 to be aired on her show. We will keep Members advised of viewing times for this event.

Before the Show closed on Saturday afternoon Barney Shum and Vianney led a critique of trees on display for OBS Members. We found their constructive comments very informative and we identified two candidates for styling/restyling demos at future meetings.

Unfortunately the wet weather this year adversely affected attendance. We know we have great material and a superb venue. Your Steering Group will be looking at new ways and more volunteers to restore attendance levels next year.

## Next meeting

**Monday, October 20 at 7:00pm**

We will divide the evening into 3 activities. We will discuss wintering in the first portion, Vianney Leduc will do an initial styling of a yew in the second portion and we will look at possibilities for a new design for a workshop tree that has lost some branches.

### Schedule of upcoming meetings in 2008/2009

November 17  
No meeting in December  
January 19  
February 16  
March 16  
April 20  
May 25  
June 15  
No meeting in July  
No meeting in August

### 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 \$30 for non-members, to be paid at the start of the course.

**DATE:** Saturday, November 8, 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 30\$ pour les non-membres, payable au début du cours.

**DATE:** Le samedi 8 novembre de 9h30 à 15h30, Édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale

**REGISTRATION :** No later than October 31 / **INSCRIPTION :** Au plus tard le 31 octobre  
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**Pictures from our annual show!**



## New Members and Winner of Draw / Nouveaux membres et gagnant du tirage

The recruitment campaign conducted during our Annual Exposition was most successful again this year, and it is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to the following new members

La campagne de recrutement menée durant notre Exposition annuelle fut très fructueuse encore cette année et il nous fait grand plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres suivants :

**Lynne Bedbrook  
Iris Liyin Chou  
Barbara Gradwell  
Charles Lacombe  
Saif Terai**

The winner of the draw for a free **Beginners Bonsai Course** among members who joined the Ottawa Bonsai Society during our Annual Show 2008 is:

Le gagnant du tirage d'un **cours sur les bonsaïs pour débutants** parmi les personnes qui se sont jointes à la Société de bonsaï d'Ottawa durant notre Expo Annuelle 2008 est :

**Saif Terai**

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**Latest arrival:** - high quality pre-bonsai Shimpaku juniper  
- trunk of 3/4' with very interesting movement and many design possibilities  
- price vary between \$136 and \$180



Contact us for more information!  
**Suzanne Piché and Robert Smith**

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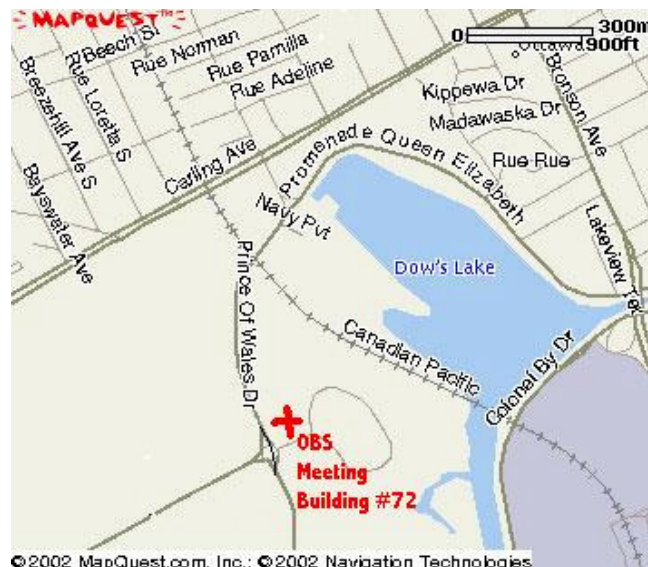
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## **Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres**

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 «Les Amis de la Ferme» . 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".