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Notes from your Steering Group Le mot de votre conseil directeur

September 2009 was a great month for the OBS. A bonsai demonstration held September 10th at the Embassy of Japan to celebrate OBS's 25th anniversary and 80 years of Canada-Japan diplomatic relations was a delightful event. Barney Shum's account of steps leading to ratification of our Constitution on October 18, 1984 and reminiscences of social activities were details that many Members had not heard. It was nice to see three of the six founding Members in the audience. We must save the notes of Barney's opening remarks in our archives!

Vianney Leduc put the icing on the cake that evening by transforming a beautiful Shimpaku juniper into an informal upright bonsai with dramatic styling. Vianney's presentation appealed to all; from members of the public who were seeing a bonsai demo for the first time, to seasoned bonsai enthusiasts who appreciate the aesthetics of dynamic design.

Show setup and knock down went smoothly thanks to Brian Ure's coordination efforts and all volunteers who participated. We received much appreciated suggestions to streamline the process in the future.

OBS's Annual Show was officially opened this year by Mr. Hiroaki Kodama, the new Cultural Attaché at the Embassy. Mr. Kodama already has a good appreciation of the symbiotic relationship with OBS and OBS's willingness to participate in Japanese cultural activities and events. We are looking forward to working with him and his staff.

Brian's images in this issue confirm that the quality of the 2009 Show met previous standards. A lot of variety was provided by Members exhibiting their compositions for the first time. Attendance was up over last year and quite a few good ideas to enhance next year's show were noted.

As expected, the two 2-hour pruning and wiring demonstrations, by Barney and Vianney, was popular with visitors who were able to see first hand the technical aspects of bonsai.

After the Show closed to the public on Saturday afternoon, OBS Members were allowed to study the compositions on display privately, in the tranquility of that venue. Vianney led a very constructive discussion of features and potential of several bonsai.

It was a good team effort from all the volunteers and all members who brought trees. Thanks to all Members who participated in this successful event!

<p>Next meeting Monday October 19 at 7:00pm</p>
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It is now the time of the year to plan for the wintering of your trees and we will discuss the different wintering techniques applicable in our area for the different types of trees.

Vianney Leduc will present the Literati form of bonsai and some of the guidelines that apply to this unique form in relation to the informal upright style. He will bring a collected specimen that will be used for demonstration purposes.

<p>Meetings schedule / Horaire des rencontres mensuelles</p>

November 16 / 16 novembre 2009

No meeting in December

January 18 / 18 janvier 2010

February 15 / 15 février

March 15 / 15 mars

April 19 / 19 avril

May 17 / 17 mai

June 21 / 21 juin

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, October 31st, 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 31 octobre de 9h30 à 15h30, Édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale

REGISTRATION : No later than October 25 / **INSCRIPTION :** Au plus tard le 25 octobre
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New Members and Winner of Draw / Nouveaux membres et gagnant du tirage

The recruitment campaign conducted during our Annual Exposition was 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 fructueuse encore cette année et il nous fait grand plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres suivants :

Ken Bouchard
Bryan Cook
Clea Derwent
William Sandberg-Maitland

The winner of the draw for a free **Beginners Bonsai Course** among members who joined the Ottawa Bonsai Society during our Annual Show 2009 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 2009 est :

Bryan Cook

Show pictures!





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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.

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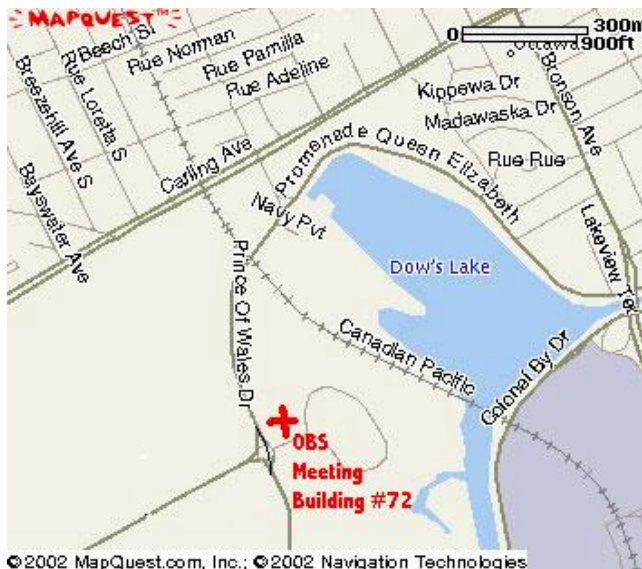
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi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