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Persiano Visit

The OBS was looking forward to the visit of Michael Persiano, and was not disappointed.

In the afternoon dinic about 35 bonsai enthusiasts benefited from Michael's suggestions for styling six pre-bonsai trees and one bonsai restyle. Of course, owners of the trees benefited most from having their styling ideas discussed and Michael's creative expertise applied directly to their own works-in-progress.

Michael made it clear that his approach to styling is different from the naturalistic approach of, say Walter Pall, which is also valid, but where 'natural' design is preferred to 'imaginary'. In each case Michael was able to suggest constructive styling improvements (and point out pitfalls to avoid) in our plans which then were incorporated into a design sketch for the owner's future reference.

More than 50 guests attended the evening demonstration which was open to the public. Trees from the afternoon dinic were on display, with Michael's sketches. Ian McRae's White Cedar already had such outstanding bonsai potential that Michael invited him to submit it for the demo. It was a courageous decision for Ian, who leans to the naturalistic approach and had groomed his collected tree for possibly a formal cascade bonsai.

After opening formalities, Michael quickly got everyone up to speed by summarizing the earlier discussions about Ian's tree. He pointed out that the most interesting feature of the tree was the exciting natural deadwood, concealed in part by the first branch that formed a top, or apex. If Michael were to remove the first branch, technically deadwood would become the apex (because it would be the top of the composition); however, Michael 'created an apex' from a live branch below the deadwood to produce the delightful result shown herein.

Our thanks go to Ian for submitting his prized tree and to Michael for countless valuable suggestions and tips and a most pleasant dinic and demonstration on bonsai styling. We very much appreciate the kindness of our friends from *Bonsaï Gros-bec* and the *Société de bonsaï et de penjing de Lanaudière* for doing so much to make Michael's visit possible. And last but not least, we thank our dedicated friends at the Embassy of Japan who may not share fully our interest in arcane aspects of bonsai design but cheerfully supported our events on a lovely summer afternoon and evening. You were wonderful!

Upcoming events

Annual show on September 9 and 10 at the Japanese Embassy

The trees are ready and the volunteers are ready for our annual show on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on Sunday, September 10 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Come and see the trees of our members in their best shape. Come and see the demo tree resulting from Michael Persiano's visit! The trees will have to be brought to the embassy on Friday afternoon at around 3:00pm in order to finalize the display.

NOUVEAU MEMBRE / NEW MEMBER

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

Large Sale at Bonsai Concepts Canada

Due to the huge rise in operating costs, we are reducing our stock significantly enough so that we will not be heating past the 2006 Christmas season. Bonsai Concepts Canada will continue to be a source for bonsai pots, tools, wire, accessories etc. I invite all Ottawa Bonsai Society members and their friends to benefit from this unfortunate circumstance and make an appointment to come down and take advantage of our Make Us an Offer Sale! Example of Sale: \$800 specimens, now \$400. Bonsai pots \$1 per inch. I look forward to hearing from you

Loretta

Bonsai Concepts Canada (613-657-3816) www.bonsaiconcepts.ca

Pictures of Michael Persiano's visit

During the afternoon clinic...



Who would have guessed an upright-cascade style!



Demo tree before

and after...



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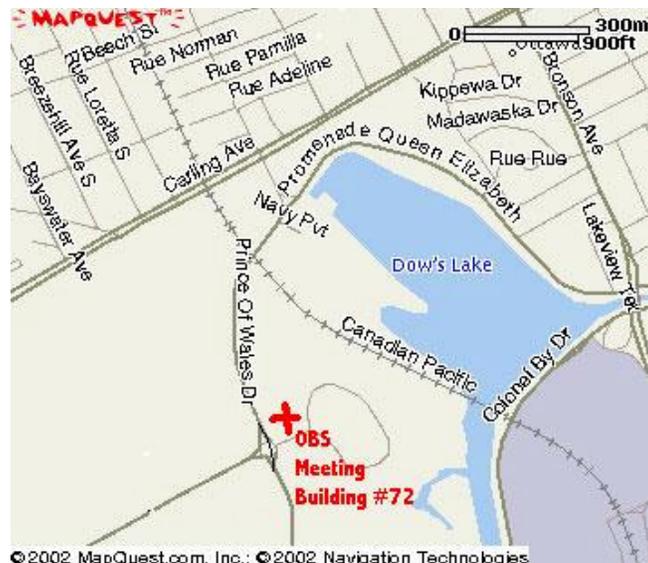
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Feme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi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