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The steering group met in mid-March to plan some activities. We are happy to report that we have arranged to have four Monday evenings in April and May for members who would like to work on their trees, and to practice, or enhance, some of their techniques with advice from senior members.

The dates are April 26, May 3, May 10 and May 31. Both April 26 and May 10 will be for intermediate-level members, while May 3 and May 31 will be for less-experienced members. This is a great opportunity to get hands-on practice with the help of senior members.

For our March program, I gave a styling demonstration of two junipers. Each tree was analysed by members for its quality and unique characteristics.

The first tree had a trunk with a nice S shape, with a branch positioned perfectly outside the major bend. The perfect position of this branch influenced the tree's design.

The second tree also had a trunk with an S shape, but it had a very pronounced bend in the trunk line.

We analysed the design options to make that pronounced bend stand out as much as possible since it was the focal point of the tree. The design that best displayed this focal point was a semi-cascade form.

By removing all unnecessary branches, the shape of the tree emerged. In order to further enhance the cascading branch, a guy (i.e., a wire) was put in place. Then with the help of Yvon, and a branch-bending tool, the cascading branch was lowered to the desired position.

This evening certainly created anticipation for spring in us all.

Vianney Leduc

The First Year—1985

Spring 1985

The spring months of May and June finally provided the club with opportunities for outdoor activities. Along with meetings, which were instructional, it was important to create activities that would bring members together as a social group.

On May 19, a trip took us to a member's country property near Kingston, where maples, pines, beech, hemlock, birch and juniper were available for collecting. This was a great chance to collect free trees for the upcoming workshop. The day turned out very well as members, with their picnic lunches, left Ottawa to share the experience.

Novice collectors, digging up trees, then ball and wrapping them in burlap, with the help of more experienced members, was a treat to be seen. This type of activity helped fulfill the social dimension of our club purpose.

The first workshop was held on May 23, as part of the May meeting. The workshop was open to all members. People brought their own trees and pots; the club supplied instruction and individual help. Soil and wire were for sale.

We selected two styles: formal upright and group plantings. We distributed excerpts from Deborah Koreshoff's book describing the two styles. Yet, this workshop turned out to be chaotic, as a dozen members worked away surrounded by their colleagues, and all commenting and giving instructions—within a room the size of a classroom.

The June meeting was our year-end, according to our constitutions, and we were required to hold the Annual General Meeting.

However, we decided to combine the AGM with a display of members' bonsai. We requested that people bring a tree for the display tables to create our first club bonsai show. The AGM was held at the RA Centre on Riverside Drive.

Program

6:00–6:30 p.m. Viewing members' bonsai display

6:30–7:00 p.m. Business session with reports on membership and financial status; presentation of slate of officers of 1985 to 1986

7:00–8:00 p.m. Sit-down buffet dinner

8:00–8:10 p.m. Break

8:15–9:00 p.m. Guest Speaker, Mr. René Giguere, Vice President of the Montreal Bonsai Society

9:00 p.m. Wrap-up

The show was fun and exciting for members, since it was their first time to publicly display their work for comments and criticisms. All remarks were given and taken gracefully.

Since the friendly and constructive discussions removed some of the inhibitions about displaying trees, the show provided an atmosphere of openness for an exchange of ideas.

I think this is how shows should take place today, given how in the past, and at that first show, comments proved friendly and helpful, so that newer people could, without embarrassment, exhibit trees in progress or trees less than perfect. Indeed, beginners could be given a display table of their own.

Myron Mech

NEW MEMBERS /

NOUVEAUX MEMBRES

A warm welcome is extended to:

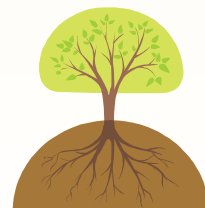
Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :

Sébastien Benoit Molgat

Satish Thakrar,

Chaula Thakrar

and Pujan Thakrar





NEXT
MEETING
Join us on
Monday
April 19
at 7 p.m.

PROCHAINE
RENCONTRE
Le lundi
19 Avril
à 19 h 00

Bonsai Development Workshop
Saturday, April 17, 2010
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
In Building #72
Central Experimental Farm

This workshop is specifically for those who have taken the Beginners' Bonsai Course given last October 31st, or for those who have taken a beginners' course in the past.

Participants will receive assistance from experienced OBS members to begin developing their own bonsai using nursery-grown garden junipers. The team of instructors will provide the plant material, suitable pots and supplies, and, for those who don't have their own, the necessary bonsai tools.

Participants and instructors should bring a lunch; the room is equipped with a fridge and a microwave oven.

Maximum enrolment is fifteen participants.
The cost of this workshop is \$80 per person.

To register you must provide a non-refundable deposit of \$25. For additional information, please contact Yvon Bernier at 819-684-0586 or ycbernier@videotron.ca

Atelier sur la formation d'un bonsai
le samedi 17 avril 2010
de 9h30 à 15h00
édifice #72
Ferme expérimentale centrale

Cet atelier s'adresse principalement à ceux et celles qui ont suivi le cours pour débutants du 31 octobre dernier ou un autre cours pour débutants dans le passé. Durant cette session, les participants recevront l'aide de membres chevronnés de la SBO pour procéder à la formation de leur propre bonsai à partir d'un plant de genévrier. Ce plant, un pot approprié de même que le terreau et le fil pour ligaturage seront fournis. Les instructeurs mettront leurs propres outils de bonsai à la disposition des participants qui n'auraient pas les leurs.

Autant les participants que les instructeurs devraient apporter leur lunch—l'endroit dispose d'un frigo et d'un four à micro-ondes.

Le coût de cet atelier est de 80 \$ par personne.

Quinze places sont disponibles pour cet atelier. Pour vous inscrire, vous devez fournir un dépôt non remboursable de 25 \$.

Pour tout complément d'information, veuillez contacter Yvon Bernier : 819-684-0586 où ycbernier@videotron.ca

Our Next Meeting

April is a great time to start repotting your trees, so we will dedicate our program to this activity.

Part one of the program will be a presentation on the technical aspect of repotting.

Part two will be a repotting session for those who want to repot their own trees.

Bonsai soil will be available to members who need to buy some. Experienced members will be on hand to help out and to guide members through the repotting process.



OBS meetings regularly include demonstrations and lots of hands-on opportunities for members to learn by doing.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

BONSAI PUBLICITY PAGE

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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 have a large selection of pre-bonsai, as well as pots, tools, wires and soil.

We have Bonsai of all sizes—
Juniperus sargentii
Ulmus parvifolia
Serissa foetida
and
Ficus microcarpa

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 10h à 17h.

Si vous comptez nous visiter, il est préférable de nous en prévenir par téléphone.

Nous acceptons maintenant les paiements par le service Interact ainsi que par Mastercard et Visa.

Des visites guidées sont disponibles à 5 \$ par personne sur réservation.

Au plaisir de partager notre passion avec vous!



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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

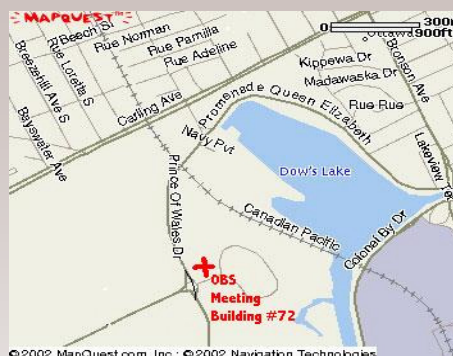
Edifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale—

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.

Map to OBS meeting in building #72



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