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### Steering Group Notes /

### Le Mot de votre Conseil Directeur

### From the January program

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We had an excellent turnout for the January meeting, and Vianney Leduc opened with best wishes for members in the new year with their bonsai-related activities.

In the first half of the program, Vianney gave a thought-provoking presentation on the position of the first and second branches—often referred to as the primary and secondary branches—and their impact on the overall tree design.

He first reviewed the standard tree ratios in bonsai design, as presented in the Beginners' Course.

He then discussed different locations and ratios of these key branches, based on the thickness (or power) of the trunk and its taper, and on the creation of thick, or sparse, foliage pads to match the style and overall design.

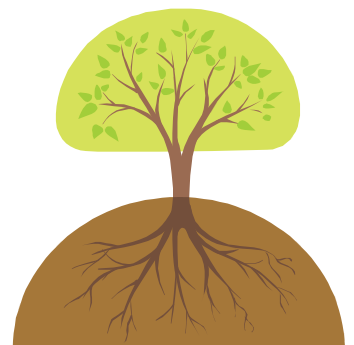
Throughout the presentation, members were encouraged to express their opinions and to comment on the many pictures used to illustrate the different points presented.

During the break, members had an opportunity to assess a line of bonsai tools that a local merchant proposes to make available to clients later this year.

They were also reminded about the Bonsai Development Workshop to be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. People were encouraged to pre-register, and pay the deposit, as soon as possible to ensure they will have a spot.

In the second half of the program, there was a healthy exchange of views regarding the design of the three pre-bonsais brought in by Vianney, which members had been invited to examine closely during the break.

As Vianney so rightly said, such good-natured expression of contrasting ideas and perspectives about bonsai can only help us sharpen our skills about this fascinating art.



Paul Lauzon



NEXT

MEETING

Join us on

Monday

February 15

at 7 p.m.

PROCHAINE

RENCONTRE

Le lundi

15 Février

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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:ycbernier@videotron.ca)

## Our next meeting

Come out to join us as we discuss the concept of a "focal point," exploring how to use a focal point to increase the beauty of our bonsai.

Vianney will bring some trees to illustrate this concept.

We look forward to seeing you.



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

## PAGE PUBLICITAIRE

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**

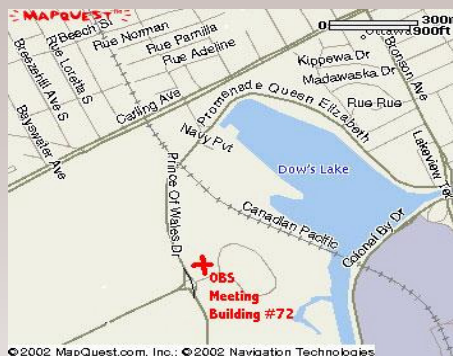
Edifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale—

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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