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## *November meeting! Rencontre de novembre!*

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It was quite pleasant to see a large attendance again at our November meeting!! It is fun to see the enthusiasm generated by our new members!

Vianney Leduc did a quick overview of bonsai tools followed by another quick presentation on easy to maintain tropical trees. His choice of easy tropical trees was not unanimous!

We then followed by an interesting discussion led by Mike O'Connor on the design alternative for his famous collected cedar. We all had the opportunity to see the tree up close and figure out the design possibilities for this tree which has only two branches.

Barney Shum then described the design possibilities for a Japanese dwarf Juniper that he will style at the January meeting!

### **Notes from your steering group.**

The Nov. 17 2003 Steering Group Meeting was not typical of such meetings. Much of the planning had already been done at an earlier, special planning meeting.

It was decided that our January 2004 meeting would include a live demonstration by Barney Shum. He will be transforming the donated juniper that was on the show table at our October 2003 meeting. Mr. Shum's design alternatives are partly limited by the tree itself (there are no low branches and the tree seems to have been grown in a slanting style). However, Mr. Shum has a keen eye for design and a quick draw with the clippers. He may come up with a surprising design, but whatever he decides is guaranteed to generate some discussion. It is also instructive to observe an expert working on a tree. This demo should not be missed.

There was some discussion of ordering trees from Gros Bec Errant for the Bonsai Development Workshop in the spring. If this beginner workshop is in fact limited to 12 participants then it may make sense to have pre-registration, including a financial commitment, prior to the club purchasing trees for this purpose.

We also discussed possible outside bonsai experts to run an intermediate workshop in the spring. Over and above the fee for bringing in such an expert is the cost for travel. Mr. Shum has agreed to make inquiries about who might be available and at what cost. Certainly, David Easterbrook of the Montreal Botanical Garden has been a popular bonsai expert for such activities in the past but we need information on his availability and that of other experts before a decision can be made.

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## Ottawa Bonsai Society Events Calendar



**The next meeting will be on January 19 at 7:30.**

Barney Shum will do the styling of a slanted Japanese dwarf Juniper!! This will be a live demonstration of applying a chosen design to a tree! We will see the dramatic transformation that can take place when styling and repotting a tree!

You will also have the opportunity to see the type of Juniper that will be used for our spring design workshop.

### Upcoming Bonsai Courses!!

In response to member requests, the Ottawa Bonsai Society might be offering a second course on the fundamentals of Bonsai Design and Technique .

The Bonsai Development Workshop will provide a practical, hands-on session to develop your own bonsai, using provided material. These courses will incur extra expenses to be recovered by a reasonable fee.

#### **Bonsai Fundamentals**

**Content:** This seminar will follow the Bonsai Design – Level 1 course as developed by Barney Shum and Lyne Edmonds, and covers topics such as: Bonsai as an Art Form; Classic Bonsai Criteria; Bonsai Styles; Suitable Plant Material, Tools, Supplies and Growing Medium; The Bonsai Development Process; and General Care and Maintenance. On completion of this one day (5-6 hour) seminar you will have the essential knowledge required to begin to develop bonsai appropriate for our climate zone. Lecture notes will be provided.

**Date:** To be determined.

**Registration:** Those who want to attend the course should register with Yvon Bernier by phone (819) 684-0586, by fax 684-7365 or by E-mail at [ycberner@infonet.ca](mailto:ycberner@infonet.ca) no later than Friday, November 28.

**Cost:** \$15.00, to be paid at the start of the course.

**Bonsai Development Workshop**

**Content:** Using the knowledge gained in the first session we will begin to develop our own bonsai using suitable nursery-grown stock. All plant materials, pots and supplies will be provided. Club members with some experience will provide assistance and tools as required.

**Date:** This seminar will take place on a Saturday in early spring to ensure the availability of suitable plant material as well as the well being of the bonsai being developed.

**Cost:** **\$55.00** Attendance will be limited to 12 participants.

**Registration:** To be determined following the lecture session.

Picture from our **Bonsai Fundamentals** course given on November 29!



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**NEW MEMBERS / NOUVEAUX MEMBRES**

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

*Don and /et Isobel Jones*

*John Price*

*Kevin Gallinger*

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**Special Note / Note spéciale**

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**Aux résidents de la nouvelle ville de Gatineau:** Depuis juillet, nombre de rues ont changé de nom dans la nouvelle ville de Gatineau et les noms Aylmer, Hull, Buckingham et Masson-Angers sont disparus des adresses postales. Si votre adresse est différente de celle apparaissant sur l'enveloppe de ce bulletin, veuillez m'en faire part:  
Yvon Bernier: 684-0586, télécopieur: 684-7365, ycbernier@infonet.ca .

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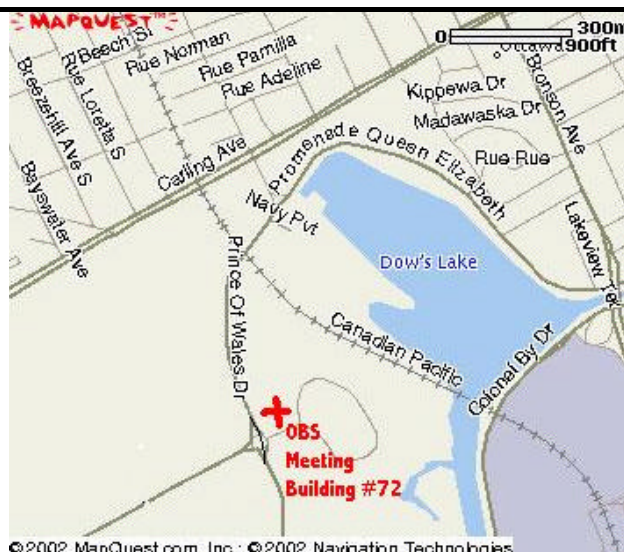
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**Meeting Location / Lieu de rencontre**

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 «Friends of the Farm»). 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".