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## *The President's message*

*By Art Phelan*

**W**ow, what a fabulous demonstration and workshop by David Easterbrook!! Everyone who came out was impressed with the trees and with David's easygoing style of teaching and explaining. The pictures in the newsletter tell the story far better than I could ever do.

With some sadness and some satisfaction I am writing my last "President's Message". A small ad in the Ottawa Citizen, 7 years ago proclaiming the Bonsai Show, caught my attention and brought me out to the show and into the Society. I took the course being offered, bought a few small trees and got hooked as it were. Every year I tell myself I will spend more time developing the trees I have and less time looking for new ones. The thrill of starting a new tree never grows dim. I was thrilled by the pines David brought to the workshop, I'm thrilled by the occasional tree I find in the wild and by trees I buy through the normal commercial nurseries, as I said I am hooked.

Being President has been a great opportunity to meet many of you, and talk to people in the community who are interested in the art of Bonsai. Some simply have a tree that needs attention and they are looking for guidance, some want to know where to buy a tree as a gift and some join the Society and get hooked as I did. Thanks for the chance to be President. Although I am moving away, I will keep in touch and am always interested in any collecting trips, demo's or workshops. One of my goals is to find a location where we can collect Pitch pine in the wild.

If and when I do perhaps we can arrange a collecting trip for the Society?

The usual mundane requests for help follow. I say mundane because they don't generate much response. I understand many members feel uncertain, are too busy or have concerns about the amount of knowledge required. The Society runs on volunteer involvement. It is a challenging, fun and yes at times frustrating experience. Like other things in life though, you get out of it what you put into it. We need a President, Vice President, Secretary, Librarian and Director. We may need an Editor for the newsletter, depending on Andre's situation next year. If you are interested call me, at 834-1134. The Annual General Meeting and election of a new executive is Saturday June 15 at 5:15 pm, or as soon as we can shoo the public out of the Show, followed by a wine and cheese party and review of some of the trees.

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## The Ottawa Bonsai Society Meeting

*Please take note the OBS meetings will resume in September  
We will provide details about the date, location and time in the  
September Journal.*

## Your way to the Ottawa Bonsai Society 2002 Show

*(Sandy Hill Community Center, 250 East Somerset, Ottawa)*



- People who would be interested to receive the Journal through e-mail instead of mail are welcome to ask and send a note to me at [Aylmer58@videotron.ca](mailto:Aylmer58@videotron.ca)
- Les personnes intéressées à recevoir le bulletin sous forme de e-mail sont bienvenues de le demander et de m'envoyer votre demande à [Aylmer58@videotron.ca](mailto:Aylmer58@videotron.ca)
- Suggestions on topics and subjects that you would like to see appearing and discussed in the Journal will also be welcome and well appreciated.
- Les suggestions sur des points précis et sujets que vous aimeriez voir traités et discutés à l'intérieur du journal sont encore une fois bienvenues et seront bien appréciés.

## *The Ottawa Bonsai Society 2002 Show & General Meeting*

### *The Countdown is on !!*

Yes, it's coming quick now! The OBS 2002 show will take place this week-end on June 15th & 16th at the Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset East, Ottawa (See map on previous page).

Please remember the schedule for the Show as previously published:

Friday June 14th in evening: Set up the display tables

Saturday June 15th: All plants and materials shall be delivered as early in the morning as possible.  
We would like to be set up when the doors open.  
The doors for the show will open for visitors from 10:00 TO 17:00

Sunday June 16th: Doors will open for visitors from 10:00 TO 17:00.  
Bonsai can be removed as soon as possible after the close.  
Dismounting of the displays and tables.

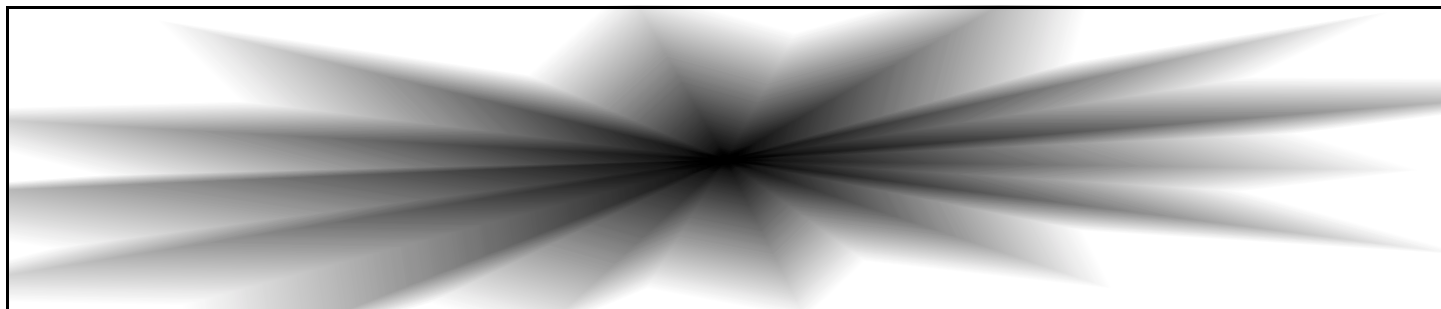
We now hope that members have volunteered or will this week to help set up the tables, for guided tours and at the door.

Don't forget about the Annual General Meeting on Saturday June 15th 2002 at 17:15 (There was a mistake in the last newsletter). As pointed out by Art, we need people to join the Society executive to help maintain the continuity of the OBS. We need people willing to get together once a month to plan and organize the program and have some fun.

Let's have a great Show!!

### *\*\* Classifieds \*\**

Small used Japanese Bonsai pots for sale ; \$10 to \$50 some up to 10 inch.  
Call R. McFarlane, 741-7703  
New Edinburgh  
(no answering machine, after 3 rings fax machine picks up, send a fax or call later)



## *The workshop by David Easterbrook...*

*By André Pedneault*



This well awaited workshop led by David Easterbrook, the curator of the Japanese and North American collections at the Montreal Botanical Gardens was a true success and a great learning experience for the participants.

On the Friday evening, David performed a demonstration on one of the trees he brought for the workshop. Those were very nice Austrian Pine, Hornbrook (*Pinus Nigra Hornbrookiana*) in 5 gallon pots. The Hornbrook is a dwarf cultivar with twisted branching structure. The trees were very nice in shape, presenting lots of possibilities. I must admit that most of us were somewhat afraid by the challenge of working on such sizeable trees, with trunk diameter ranging from about 2 to 4 inches!

Very generous with explanations about the tree and the techniques he would use, David went through the tree transformation in less than 3 hours.

Passing on details, the picture on the left shows the tree

when he started the work and the picture on the right was the final result. Quite a change! This was impressive work considering the time allocation and given the fact David spent time explaining in details the transformation process and answering the members' questions.



Came Saturday morning with the draw for the trees...I ended up with the thickest trunk tree, showing a very nice root-age. Again, David managed to make everybody comfortable, guiding each of us in the decision and execution of the work throughout the day. The workshop lasted the whole day, until about 5 PM. I guess we all went away a bit tired but happy by the learning experience and the tree we were bringing back home.

The next page speaks for itself with pictures of participants with their tree.

We shall thank the OBS Executive for arranging the workshop and also Matthew Yakabuski for helping in finding a location.



