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Notes from your Steering Group

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Vianney Leduc announced that plans are progressing for the program with Michael Persiano on August 14th. Members were asked to e-mail digital photos of trees they would like to submit for the design clinic to Vianney and/or to Barney Shum and they will chose the most challenging trees for the clinic.

Members interested in a shopping trip to Bonsai Gros-Bec on June 3rd were invited to sign up.

Members were reminded to sign up for the Development Workshop to be held in Building 72, on Saturday June 10th.

The program consisted of our annual swap shop running concurrently with a tree clinic where senior members advised and supervised work on trees brought in by Members. As usual, a lot of pots, plants, and tools changed hands at very favourable prices. Also good progress was made in styling a number of trees but unfortunately space limitations did not allow for repotting. All in all, it was a very active program and a good turnout of Members, so we deemed the evening another success.

NEXT MEETING

7:00 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2006

The next meeting will be divided in two portions. In the first portion we will have the annual general meeting and our treasurer, Yvon Bernier, will present the financial statement for 2005-2006. In the second part, we will take a first look at the demo tree for the Michael Persiano visit and do an analysis of the strong and weak points of the tree. We will also look at the challenges associated with that collected cedar.

Special event: Michael Persiano in Ottawa on August 14 at the Japanese embassy!

As announced in the last newsletter, Michael Persiano will be in Ottawa on Monday August 14. Mark this date in your calendar! We will have a clinic with him in the afternoon from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for OBS members and he will do a styling demonstration on an old collected eastern white cedar in the evening for the public as well as members.

The format of the afternoon tree design clinic with Michael has been discussed and will be as follow:

1. We prefer that each person who submits a tree should have the undivided attention of Michael for a prescribed period of time. Others present are spectators, unless invited to participate in the discussion by Michael. Between 1 pm and 4 pm we would try to review designs of 6 to 9 interesting trees (i.e. ~20 to 30 minutes per tree).
2. Michael intends to sketch the proposed design. The trees from the afternoon clinic will be displayed in the auditorium along with the sketches to add interest to the evening event.
3. We are looking to find suitable trees (i.e. trees that offer a design challenge). Candidates willing to submit trees should commit by the date of our June meeting. If more than 6 to 9 trees are offered we will need a jury to pick the most interesting trees at the June meeting.
4. Individuals who submit tree(s) for the afternoon clinic will pay OBS \$25 per tree.
5. Observers of the clinic will pay \$10 to participate. Since admission is not acceptable at the Embassy, tickets will be sold in advance. Don't miss out on this special event, buy your ticket soon!

Development Workshop

It was a cold and wet weekend but June 10th was a great day for a bonsai workshop. Eight newer Members guided by 5 of our more experienced Members transformed San Jose Junipers that Gord Williams selected last fall at Richmond Nursery into bonsai, as pictures indicate.

The trunks were all about 1 ½" diameter with nice movement. Most trees were styled as informal upright bonsai, but Tim Page recognized semi-cascade as the best option for his tree. These trees were not pot-bound and most Members chose to take their trees home in the nursery pots, rather than repot late in the season. Only two trees were transferred to training pots at the workshop.

We want to see all of those trees at our meeting at the end of the growing season when proper wintering storage conditions will be discussed. When the trees come out of dormancy in the spring of 2007 we will conduct a follow up exercise on repotting junipers, based on Gord and Duart's Report of David Easterbrook's potting seminar in May 2005.

Pictures from the workshop! / Portraits de notre atelier!



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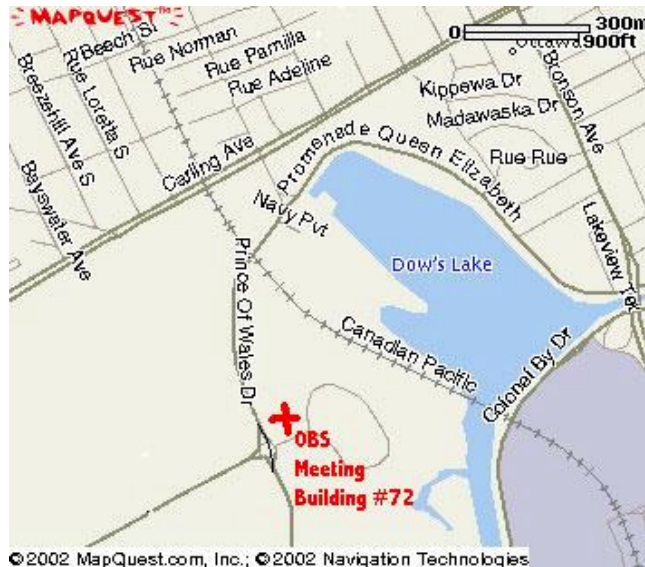
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi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