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In one way the May Meeting was a continuation of the April Meeting that featured Gord William's presentation followed by supervised repotting. After the intermediate workshop on May 5th, three participants found the root balls of their Holger junipers were quite hard, dry, and root-bound when they transferred their trees from the nursery pots to training pots. A repotting session was quickly added to the evening program of the May meeting to allow intermediate workshop participants (and others) who wanted to repot this year to do so with supervision – the objective being to implement lessons learned after the 2004 workshop by repotting such difficult root balls in two, or more steps.

Some participants in the 2007 workshop decided to wait until spring of 2008 to repot but Paul Lauzon's Holger was repotted at the Meeting with guidance from Vianney Leduc. It turned out that the root ball of Paul's tree was not too hard or badly root-bound so the tree was repotted in one step. Two members who had not attended the April meeting completed the second step of repotting the Pfitzer juniper left over from the 2004 workshop. Members were able to see where new roots had filled in the wedge-shaped passages cut into the hard original nursery root ball in May 2005 by David Easterbrook. This Pfitzer should be ready for a styling demo in 2009.

Duart Crabtree relayed David Easterbrook's general comments on wiring fundamentals at the recent workshop and your Steering Group's intention to schedule more opportunities to develop wiring techniques.

Wiring activities and the annual OBS swap shop scheduled for the May program proceeded concurrently with the impromptu repotting activities.

This year's swap shop was not as large as recent years but sale of Serge Roy's personal collection of pots donated to OBS was a highlight. Proceeds from the sale of Mr. Roy's gift will be used to buy books for the library that will be enjoyed by OBS Members for many years.

Next meeting

Monday, June 18 at 7:00pm

In the first portion of the meeting, our treasurer, Yvon Bernier, will present the annual financial statement as well as an analysis of the member's survey held earlier in the season.

The second portion will be dedicated to a consultation session for members who bring their trees and need to discuss some aspect of it.

In a parallel activity, we will show different density of bonsai soil and highlight their advantages.

We would also like for the April workshop participants to bring in their tree so that we can see how they are doing!

Lanaudière bonsai exposition!!

This is the 10th anniversary of the Lanaudière Bonsai and Penjing Society and they have organized some interesting activities around their annual show. They will have three experts at the show: Michele Andolfo, Michael Persiano and Brian Donnely who will work together at a demonstration to style a very large San Jose juniper. The show will be at the Gros-Bec site. The activities will start Friday, August 10th and will run until Sunday, August 12. Contact Gros-Bec at 450-883-1196 for more details.

NOUVEAUX MEMBRES / NEW MEMBERS

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

**Janet Wormitt
Jennifer Jackson Fevens
Eadie MacCarthy**

**Pictures from our April workshop!
Photos de notre atelier d'avril**



À VENDRE

Une de nos membres, Claire Cloutier, désire vendre quelques bonsaïs et plusieurs plateaux de dimensions variées.

Description :

- Un jade de 12" de haut dans un pot en céramique, prix demandé : 30\$
- Une forêt de 5 mélèzes de 32" de haut dans un magnifique plateau rectangulaire en céramique de 16"X11" : 100\$
- Une plante grasse d'accompagnement dans un pot en céramique : 15\$
- Trois plateaux pour forêts de forme ovale, un en plexi, de 17"X12" : 20\$; un autre en céramique, de 13"X10" : 30\$ et un dernier en céramique, de 17"X13½" : 50\$
- 7 pots en céramique, de 6" à 9" de long, ronds ou rectangulaires : 12 à 15\$ chacun.

Si cela vous intéresse, veuillez lui téléphoner au 819-770-8533 pour prendre rendez-vous

FOR SALE

One of our members, Claire Cloutier wishes to sell a few of her trees and some bonsai pots of various sizes.

Specifically:

- One jade bonsai, 12" high, in a ceramic pot, asking price: \$30
- A five-tree larch forest, 32" high in a beautiful rectangular ceramic forest tray 16"X11": \$100
- A succulent accent plant in a ceramic pot: \$15
- Three oval forest trays, one made of plexi, 17"X12": \$20, two others of ceramic, 13"X10": \$30 and 17"X13½": \$50
- 7 ceramic pots, 6" to 9" long, some round, others rectangular: \$12 to \$15 each.

If you are interested, please contact Claire Cloutier at: 819-770-8533 to make arrangements

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In the beautiful Lanaudière region, north of Montreal, we invite you to visit our greenhouses and our collection of bonsai and penjing from China, Korea, Japan and Canada.

We have a large choice of pre-bonsai as well as bonsai, pots, tools, wires and soil. We have just received magnificent juniperus chinensis shimpaku, ulmus parvifolia, serissa foetida and ficus microcarpa (of all sizes).

A 10% discount will be given to members of the Ottawa Bonsai Society on pots, tools wires and soil. We are open Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Please call for an appointment to visit us. We regret that we are unable to accept payment by credit or debit cards. Guided visits are available at \$5 per person.

We look forward to share our passion with you all!

Suzanne Piché and Robert Smith

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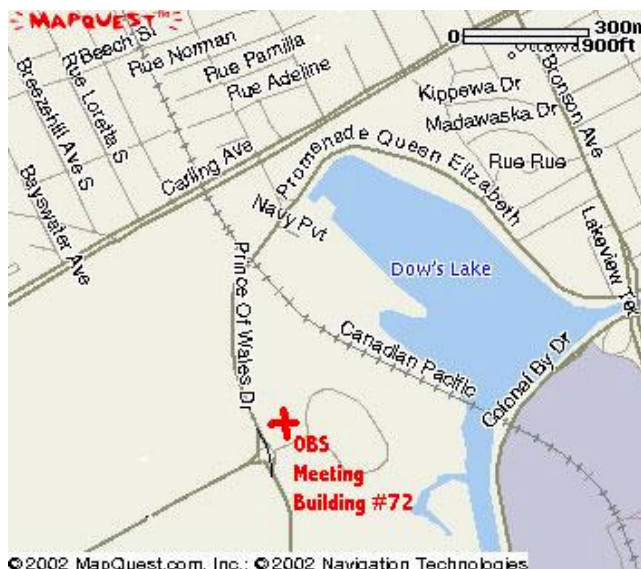
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi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