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Notes from your Steering Group Le mot de votre conseil directeur

We started the evening by announcing the upcoming trip to Ian's farm and the result of our trip to GosBec where we had four enthusiastic participants. Ian came by to talk to us about the type of material he has in the ground and how to get to his farm. See the details of the visit later in this issue.

Mike O'Connor followed with a presentation on fertilizer cakes. He explained the importance of nutrients and the benefit of using organic fertilizer instead of chemical fertilizer. He showed us a sample of the cake that he had brought and to everybody's surprise, there was no special odor! He explained how to locate the cakes in different areas on top of the soil. There is a bit of the cake that gets washed into the soil at every watering which provides valuable nutrients on a regular basis. He gave us the method to make these cakes along with the recipe and where to get the ingredients. The information was very valuable and very timely.

May is normally our swap sale but this year the only item for sale was a magnificent Japanese maple from Hans Bode. See picture below. Potential buyers can contact Hans at 613-829-3447.

Many people brought trees for design consultation. Myron Mech and Vianney Leduc provided their input into design alternatives. Some participants from the GrosBec trip brought their newly acquired pre-bonsais which lead to interesting discussions.



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Next meeting
Monday June 15 at 7:00pm

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting during which a Financial Statement will be presented and Members will be called upon to elect the Officers of the Society for 2009/2010.

Paul Lauzon will present the **Lantana camara** tree as bonsai material. He will present the characteristic of this tree and will bring one to show people.

You can bring your tree for consultation and get some tips to get them ready for the September show!

Please note that there are no monthly meetings of members in July and August. The next newsletter will be issued in early August and will provide more details about the Annual Show. The next regular monthly meeting will be in October

Annual show

The show this year will be on September 12 and 13 at the Japanese embassy. Get your trees ready to show!

Sale

Johns Clinger would like to reduce his collection of bonsais and pots. He has multiple tree species as well as a large collection of quality Japanese pots. If you are interested, please contact John in Alexandria at 613-525-1953.

NOUVEAUX MEMBRES / NEW MEMBERS

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :

A warm welcome is extended to :

Maria Hernandez & Joey Mercier
Olivier Delcourt

Pictures from our Trip to Ian's Farm!

On Saturday May 30th about a dozen OBS members made the one hour trip to Ian McRea's land near Alexandria. We walked part of the 33 acres while Ian told us his plans for the property and identified many of the trees and shrubs. He spoke of the many pests and diseases and how he would control them through horticultural methods.

Ian and his wife Wendy have started to grow trees for future bonsai and Japanese gardens. A small plot contains many trees where they are experimenting with different growing techniques to build bulk and create trunk movement. Some trees were particularly vigorous and Ian is going to have a full time job keeping the growth in check. It will be interesting to monitor the progress that they make over the next few years as this will be an important source of pre-bonsai material for OBS members.

As a bonus, after visiting the McRea land we went a few houses down the road to where John Clingan lives. John has been a long time OBS member and has a very large collection of bonsai as well as succulents and cactus. John was very gracious in showing us his collection and touring us around his large beautifully landscaped property.

Many thanks to Wendy, Ian and John for inviting us. It was an interesting and enjoyable experience.



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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.

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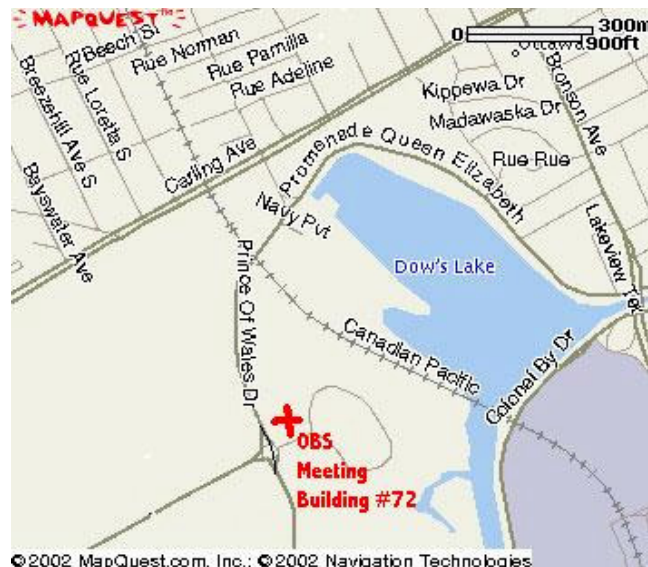
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Feme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi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