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**NOTES FROM YOUR STEERING GROUP**

This time of year is always exciting for bonsaists as plants are awakening from their long winter sleep. A new season begins with so many plans and opportunities to improve our own collection of trees and increase our understanding of the art of bonsai. I hope it will be a good one!

The last OBS meeting was well attended with many new faces in the crowd. There were also a few people that we don't see very often. This was our annual "flea market" meeting where members brought surplus cuttings, trees, pots and other bonsai related paraphernalia out to sell. And what great deals!! I know I had no expectation of buying anything before the meeting, but after seeing the high quality pots and trees that needed a loving home, I couldn't resist the give-away prices. After four large pots and three trees, I had to say that was enough and slap the back of my hand!

We raffled one of the trees used in the on-going meeting workshop (Vianney's Group). It was potted up and looked very nice. Lily Chu was the lucky winner!

Vianney Leduc is organizing a spring trip to Gros-Bec, a bonsai nursery to the NE of Montreal. Please contact him (827-3384) if you are interested in going.

Duart Crabtree is looking for a local source of coarse (1/4-1/8" size) Turface or a replacement. Lava rock, which sounded promising, was the wrong size so he is still searching and will get back to us with his findings.

## Ottawa Bonsai Society Events Calendar



### NEXT MEETING

#### Monday May 16 at 7:00p.m.

There will be two main activities. The first will be a demo by Barney Shum on the initial styling of a mugho pine that was acquired in a nursery. The second activity will be an introduction to branch ramification by Vianney Leduc who will give example on a trident maple.

We will also raffle the Juniper that was styled by Mike O'Connor's group at the March meeting!

### Shopping Trip!

Arrangements have been made to visit a bonsai vendor in the Joliette Area on Friday May 20. The vendors are Suzanne Piché and Robert Smith who run La Pépinière du Gros-Bec Errant. They are located about 3.5 hours away by car. The plan is to leave Ottawa at 8:00 a.m. and stopping for lunch along the way, arrive there around 1:00 p.m. We would stay until 3:30 p.m. and then return to Ottawa. Please call or email **Vianney Leduc (827-3384 or [vianney.leduc@nlc-bnc.ca](mailto:vianney.leduc@nlc-bnc.ca))** for additional details, to register for the trip and to make arrangements for car-pooling.

### Obituary

We are sorry to report that M.A. Rahim died April 28th in Elisabeth Bruyère Hospital in Ottawa after a lengthy illness. Rahim was an avid bonsai enthusiast, a Past President of the Ottawa Bonsai Society in the late 90s, and founder of the Bangladesh Bonsai Society in Dhaka in 1989/90.

## **Flea market action at our last meeting!**



### **NOUVEAUX MEMBRES / NEW MEMBERS**

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

**Russ and Teresa Mildenhall  
Nicole Okun and Frank Reiter**

## May Workshop Pictures! / Portraits de l'atelier de mai!



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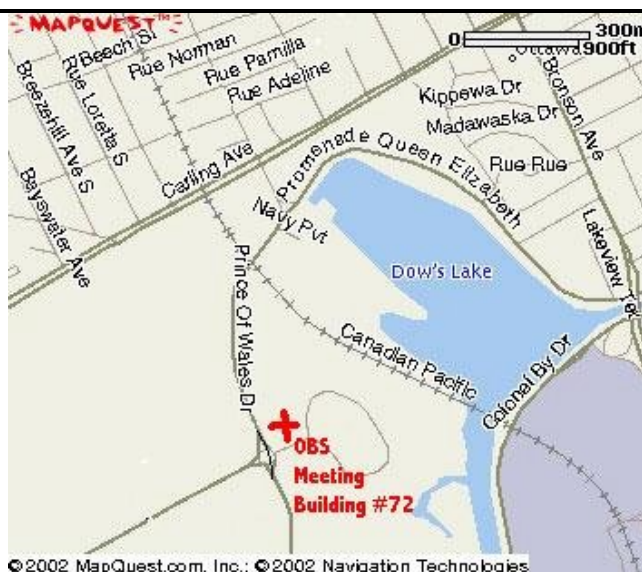
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## Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

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".