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### Notes from your Steering Group Le mot de votre conseil directeur

On Saturday April 19, Members who participated in the workshop enjoyed themselves in the design of their trees! They covered the design challenges, the wiring techniques and the repotting. All trees turned out to be quite nice and there will be pictures in the next issue of the OBS Journal. Some of these participating Members brought their newly styled trees to the April meeting to show us the result of their work. Many thanks to those people.

Vianney Leduc gave a presentation on the different techniques that he would use to style a collected Jack pine. One of the main objectives of the design was to lower the top portion of the tree in order to bring the foliage closer to the focal point of the tree. He explained the role of raffia and quoy wires that he would use to lower the large branches of the upper trunk. He also showed how he prepared the tree by plucking needles in order to allow for the detailed wiring.

The tree was prewired ahead of the meeting in order to concentrate on the styling aspect. With the help of Barney Shum, he started to gradually lower and bend all the large branches and then proceeded to position the small foliage in a way to create the foliage pads.

The attending Members were able to see the early stage of shaping the foliage pads. The tree will require 3-5 years of development in order to fill up the foliage pads to achieve the target design.

Many Members participated in a repot workshop in the second portion of the meeting! Barney did the repot of the raft style tree that he designed at the March meeting and added multiple rocks to the composition to get a natural look. A *Portulacaria afra* (Dwarf Jade) was given a haircut and a few Members left with cuttings. John Gummesson and Myron Mech repotted John's very nice collected cedar that will be later styled into a cascade. We got a bit dirty, but we all had great fun during this repot workshop!

## Next meeting

**Monday May 12 at 7:00pm**

**PEASE NOTE:** The May meeting will be held on the **second Monday (May 12th)** because the 3rd Monday falls on Victoria Day.

In the first portion of the program, we will present information about the different types of fertilizers and how to use them to keep your bonsai healthy. Fertilizing is a critical aspect of bonsai horticulture and sometimes gets confusing. We will cover the different fertilizing requirements based on the development stages of your tree.

The second half of the meeting will be divided into three activities in parallel:

- The annual swap sale where Members can sell bonsai related items from finished trees to pre-bonsai, tools, pots, accent plants and books! The club retains 10% of proceeds from the sales.
- Members can bring their own trees to get help and work on them. Whether it is styling advice, repotting help (bring your soil) or wiring help, experienced members will be able to help!
- **We will raffle the two junipers that were styled in the spring of 2007!**

### **Lecture and Workshop on making deadwood, Saturday, May 24, 2008 in Building #72, Central Experimental Farm, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Brian Donnelly, an expert from the Montreal club, will give a lecture on the different techniques of making deadwood. The lecture will be in the morning and we will be able to accommodate a large number of Members. He will follow with a workshop in the afternoon for 10 Members. The lecture will be free to Members and the afternoon workshop will cost \$35 per participant. We will also allow for 5 observers for the afternoon workshop at a cost of \$10. **To register for the afternoon workshop or to be an observer in the afternoon workshop you need to provide a non-refundable deposit of \$10. For additional information, please contact Yvon Bernier: 819-684-0586 [ycbernier@videotron.ca](mailto:ycbernier@videotron.ca)**

### **Cours et atelier sur le traitement du bois mort, le samedi 24 mai 2008, édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale, de 9h30 à 15h30**

Un expert du club de Montréal, Brian Donnelly, nous donnera un cours sur les diverses techniques de traitement du bois mort. Le cours proprement dit sera donné le matin, et nous pourrions y accommoder un grand nombre de membres. Puis, dans l'après-midi, Brian dirigera un atelier auquel 10 membres pourront participer. Le cours du matin sera gratuit pour les membres, et les frais pour les participants à l'atelier seront de \$35. Pour l'atelier, nous pourrions aussi accommoder un maximum de cinq observateurs contre contribution de 10 \$ chacun. **Pour vous inscrire à l'atelier ou comme observateur, vous devez fournir un dépôt non remboursable de 10 \$. Pour tout complément d'information, veuillez vous adresser à Yvon Bernier : 819-684-0586 ou [ycbernier@videotron.ca](mailto:ycbernier@videotron.ca)**

### **NOUVEAU MEMBRE / NEW MEMBER**

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à :

A warm welcome is extended to :

**Patrick Peloquin**

**Collected Jack pine styled at the last meeting.****Before the styling****Target design****After initial styling**

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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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## Meeting Location / Lieu des rencontres

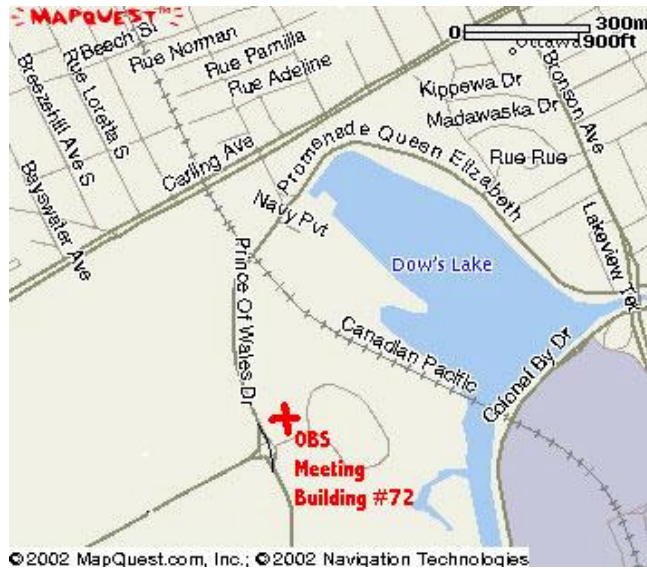
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi 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 «Les Amis de la Ferme» . Le stationnement est situé de part et d'autre de l'édifice.

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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".