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**Notes from your Steering Group  
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In the afterglow of our Annual Show the Ottawa Bonsai Society kicked off a new season on October 16<sup>th</sup>; a meeting with great anticipation and seven new Members.

Vianney Leduc announced that the Japanese Embassy will be celebrating Japan Day 2006 on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Museum of Civilization. He indicated now is the time for new Members to register for the OBS Beginners Course, scheduled for Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>. Vianney also mentioned that five Members were set to leave on a field trip to collect larch from the wild on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

More about Japan Day and the field trip may be found in this issue, on the following pages.

Vianney started the evening's program with a timely discussion on actions Members should soon be taking to prepare their bonsai for the Ottawa winter. He covered specific recommendations for five groups of plants from the most sensitive tropical plants to the most hardy indigenous trees and provided a 5-page handout that will be a handy reference for newer members who will be preparing those junipers from the May Workshop for dormancy.

The presentation stimulated some interesting discussion. (i.e. Q. Is it possible to overwinter a hardy bonsai in Ottawa on an apartment balcony? A. Yes, if....).

As requested a number of participants from the May Workshop brought their trees to the meeting to show the progress made in the growing season and discuss specific concerns. The trees all looked quite healthy. Suggestions were made to remove tight wiring immediately and to get heavy wiring done before they are dormant and a warning to avoid keeping juniper roots too wet (in cold rooms) to avoid root rot.

A potting session will be held at a spring meeting for those trees still in nursery pots.

Our thanks to Vianney for his presentation and leading the juniper discussion. We are looking forward to an eventful and interesting year for bonsai enthusiasts.

## Next meeting

### Monday, November 20 at 7:00pm: Larch from the wild

In October five OBS Members trekked more than 1300 km to collect stunted larch from peat bogs in the rain. Vianney will deliver a first-hand account of our excursion at the November meeting that I'm sure will convince attendees that the warm hospitality of our hosts, the *camaraderie* of the group, and the exquisite beauty of the collected larch made our efforts worthwhile, and the 1300+ km return trip home, 'a breeze'.

We will bring some of our collected specimen for discussion and we will cover the technical aspect of such a collecting adventure! See pictures below of two of the collected trees. Don't miss this presentation on November 20<sup>th</sup>!

#### NOTA BENE:

The Journal of the OBS will not be published in December 2006, nor will there be a monthly meeting in December. Our next issue of the Journal will be that of January 2007 and our next regular meeting of members will be held on Monday, January 15, 2007.

Le Journal de la SBO ne sera pas publié en décembre 2006, non plus qu'il n'y aura de rencontre mensuelle des membres en décembre. Le prochain numéro du Journal sera celui de janvier 2007 et la prochaine rencontre des membres sera tenue le lundi 15 janvier 2007



## Japan Day 2006

The Embassy of Japan invited the Ottawa Bonsai Society to participate in Japan Day festivities on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Hall of the Museum of Civilization. A dozen organizations interested in Japanese culture from floral arrangement to martial arts made exhibitions and/or gave demonstrations. Paul Lauzon, Duart Crabtree, and Eric Langlois attended an exhibition of bonsai from the OBS.

The event was very well attended and OBS's exhibit drew interest from hundreds of visitors, including the Japanese Ambassador and his wife who have shown great interest in bonsai and the OBS in the past. The program on the main stage throughout the day was spectacular and Rogers TV included a nice film clip of the OBS's exhibit in their coverage of Japan Day festivities that aired on Channel 22 on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Yonehara later told us they were very pleased with Japan Day 2006 and expressed the appreciation of the Japanese Embassy for the contribution of the OBS to its success.

## BONSAI COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

In response to numerous requests, particularly from new members, the OBS will be conducting a bonsai course for beginners this Fall to be followed in the Spring by a workshop during which participants will have the opportunity of developing their own bonsai using provided material. The theoretical course on bonsai fundamentals will follow the *Bonsai Design – Level 1* course developed by Barney Shum and Lynn Edmonds and covers such topics as: Bonsai as an Art Form; Classic Bonsai Criteria; Bonsai Styles; Suitable Plant Material; Tools, Supplies and Growing Medium; The Bonsai Development Process; and General Care and Maintenance. On completion of this one day course (5-6 hours), participants will have the essential knowledge required to begin to develop bonsai for our climate zone. Lecture notes will be provided. Cost of this course is set at \$20 per person for OBS members and \$25 for non-members, to be paid at the start of the course.

**DATE:** Saturday, November 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Building #72, Central Experimental Farm

**REGISTRATION :** No later than November 22

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## COURS SUR LES BONSAÏS POUR DÉBUTANTS

Suite à plusieurs demandes, plus particulièrement de nouveaux membres, la SBO donnera, cet automne, un cours pour débutants, lequel sera suivi, au printemps, d'un atelier au cours duquel les participants auront l'occasion de créer leur propre bonsaï à partir d'un plant de pépinière. Le cours théorique repose sur les enseignements du manuel *Bonsai Design – Level 1* écrit par Barney Shum et Lynn Edmonds. Ce cours d'une journée (5-6 heures) fournira les éléments de base qui permettront à ceux et celles qui le suivront de commencer à former et à entretenir des bonsaïs dans nos conditions climatiques. Le manuel de base est écrit en anglais et le cours sera donné dans cette langue, mais l'instructeur principal, Vianney Leduc, se fera un plaisir de fournir des explications en français au besoin. Le prix de ce cours est fixé à 20\$ par personne pour les membres de la SBO et à 25\$ pour les non-membres, payable au début du cours

**DATE:** Le samedi 25 novembre de 9h30 à 15h30, Édifice #72, Ferme expérimentale centrale

**INSCRIPTION :** Au plus tard le 22 novembre

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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.

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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".