



The Ottawa  
Bonsai Society

Société de  
bonsai d'Ottawa

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# NEWSLETTER – BULLETIN

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Dedicated to promoting interest and understanding of bonsai.

Faire mieux connaître et comprendre l'art du bonsai.

## Steering Group Notes – Le Mot de votre Conseil Directeur From the October program.

**Announcements:** Mitsugi Kikuchi will donate a number of bonsai pots to OBS. Paul Lauzon will arrange to collect the pots at a public exhibition of the Ohara Ikebana School to be held at the Embassy of Japan on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. These pots will be made available to OBS Members at a 'swap shop' in 2012. Arrangements can also be made to view bonsai and pre-bonsai plants at Mitsugi's home by contacting Duart Crabtree at 613 235-8059.

The Steering Group has been discussing the need to replace damaged structural pieces used to display bonsai compositions at OBS annual exhibitions. A prototype design will be on display in the garage of building 72 for inspection at the November Meeting.

**Evening Program:** Vianney Leduc opened the evening program

with our annual discussion on preparing our bonsai for winter. Vianney covered essential aspects for the five categories of plants from tropical to hardy, with his detailed handout for newer Members. Each year there seem to be new challenges brought forward by Members and novel solutions and advice to take away.

In the second part of the evening program, Vianney suggested tasks that can be done through the winter months:

- Tropicals are growing slowly so it is a good time to wire branches, but with caution as they are more brittle.
- Larches have lost needles, making it much easier to remove and replace wires on branches and safer to perform detail wiring on foliage pads.
- For those with cold rooms all dormant bonsai can come

out for wiring, work on dead wood, and design or redesign planning for several hours at room temperature with no ill effects. Vianney brought a Pine with a slim trunk and a thick first branch and a Yew with a thick trunk and slim branches to illustrate opportunities to address design challenges.

- Some species, such as Yews even tolerate radical pruning.

Very useful and timely information, Vianney!

*Duart Crabtree*



**NEXT  
MEETING**

Join us on  
Monday  
November 21,  
2011 at 7 p.m.

**PROCHAINE  
RENCONTRE**  
Le lundi  
21 novembre  
2011 à 19 h

## THIS MONTH - CE MOIS-CI

The process of choosing a design for our trees can be challenging!

We will look at a method to evaluate the potential of pre-bonsai and raw material; and the process to follow, to come up with design alternatives.

We will use this method on nursery trees, a collected larch and a trident maple to come up with design possibilities.

*Vianney Leduc*

### NEW MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

### NOUVEAUX MEMBRES

Il nous fait grand plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres suivants :

Militza Jimenez & Denis Marcheterre  
Gaétane Payeur  
Jean-Louis Peterlini  
Paul Ritchie  
Peggy & Harry Wareham

### REMINDER — RAPPEL

November's meeting will be the last one for 2011.

Stock-up on reading material from the OBS Library selection!



La rencontre du mois de novembre sera la dernière pour l'année 2011

Faites le plein de lecture parmi la sélection de livres de la Bibliothèque SBO!



### Ottawa Bonsai Society meeting calendar

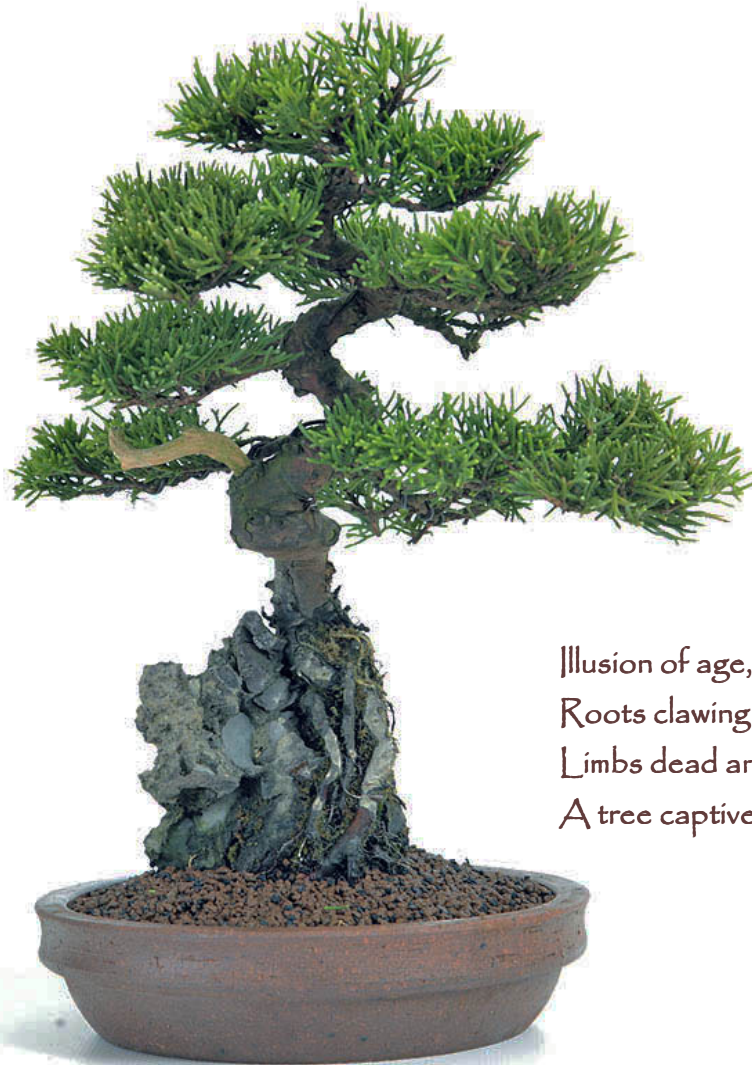
Third Monday of the Month, 7 p.m.  
No meetings in July, August, September and December

### Calendrier des rencontres de la Société de bonsaï d'Ottawa

Le troisième lundi du mois, 19 h.  
Relâche pour les mois de juillet, août, septembre et décembre.

### 2011-2012

November	21	Novembre
December	--	Décembre
<i>No meeting / Relâche</i>		
January	16	Janvier
February	20	Février
March	19	Mars
April	16	Avril



## *Juniperus chinensis*

Illusion of age, twisted with wire and pruned to conform,  
Roots clawing down for life over rock;  
Limbs dead and living framing allegory and emotion,  
A tree captive in a clay pot....bonsai.

Bryan Douglas Cook  
October 2, 2011

**Juniperus chinensis** (Chinese juniper) root over rock style: courtesy Artistic Bonsai Circle

<http://www.artisticbonsaicircle.co.uk/es012td.htm>

### **Context for Juniperus chinensis**

At a TREE Seed Workshop (<http://www.treereadingseries.ca/workshops>) given by Mike Buckthought, I learned the beauty and purpose of classical Greek epigrams. This is my attempt to write one such epigram in this style on our passion... bonsai.

The classical Greek form epigram is 4 lines with 6,5,6,5 emphases. Hope you enjoy it.

*Bryan Douglas Cook*  
<http://cprcook.blogspot.com>



## Bonsai Gros Bec

Et si un bonsai touchait votre coeur?

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

We give a 10% discount to Ottawa Bonsai Society members on pots, tools, wires, accessories and soil.

We are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call for an appointment to visit us. Guided visits are available at \$6 per person, which is refunded if you buy for \$50 or more. We now accept payment by debit cards as well as by MasterCard and Visa.

We have bonsai of all sizes, a large selection of pre-bonsai, as well as pots, accessories, tools, wire and soil.

We look forward to sharing our passion with you all!

Dans la belle région de Lanaudière au nord de Montréal, nous vous invitons à venir visiter nos installations et nos collections de bonsaïs et de penjings importés de Chine, de Corée, du Japon et du Canada.

Aux membres de la Société de bonsai d'Ottawa, nous offrons un rabais de 10% sur les pots, les outils, le fil à ligaturer, les accessoires ainsi que le substrat à bonsai.

Nous sommes ouverts du mercredi au dimanche de 10h à 16h. Si vous comptez nous visiter, il est préférable de nous en prévenir par téléphone. Des visites guidées sont disponibles à 6 \$ par personne sur réservation. Ces frais vous seront remboursés si vous achetez pour 50 \$ ou plus. Nous acceptons maintenant les paiements par le service de débit Interact ainsi que par MasterCard et Visa.

Nous avons des bonsaïs de toutes les tailles ainsi qu'un grand choix de pré-bonsaïs, de pots, d'accessoires, d'outils, de fil à ligaturer et de substrat.

Au plaisir de partager notre passion avec vous!

*Suzanne Piché & Robert Smith*

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### Meeting Location

We meet at the Experimental Farm, (Central), in building #72.

Enter at the traffic circle located at the intersection of the NCC scenic drive and Prince of Wales drive, the main entrance to the Arboretum.

Where the road divides, turn left, and follow to Building #72 (a short distance).

Parking is available on the north and south sides of the building. The building entrance is on the east side, i.e., the road side.

### Lieu des rencontres

Edifice #72, 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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### Map to OBS meeting in building #72

Carte routière menant aux rencontres SBO à l'immeuble N° 72

