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Notes from your Steering Group

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The June Membership Meeting began with the business of the OBS 2009 Annual General Meeting. Members were pleased to hear from Yvon Bernier that revenues in the past year exceeded expenditures by almost \$1,100 and the OBS is in a sound financial position for the coming year's activities.

John Gummesson and Brian Ure volunteered to join the Steering Group for the coming year and Sasha Saint-Aubin volunteered to replace Vianney Leduc with publishing the Newsletter. A warm welcome you three volunteers!

The evening program began with a presentation by Paul Lauzon on the tropical species *Lantana camara* (common names Red, Yellow, Wild Sage or Spanish Flag).

Paul had already purchased a small plant with a view to developing it into a bonsai composition when the October 2008 issue (117) of *Bonsai Focus* featured an article on this species. We learned from Paul that the species is somewhat controversial but quite appealing to bonsai enthusiasts.

In locations where *Lantana camara* grows wild it is considered a nasty weed. It is so invasive in hardiness zones 11 to 8a that it is banned in some Southern States of USA. The plant is toxic to animals and the unripe fruit is also toxic – but hardly serious problems for OBS Members.

On the other hand, the species offers major attractions for us. The flowers of *Lantana camara* are prolific and stunningly beautiful. It blooms continuously unless it is too damp. Ramification develops fast as new growth turns woody quickly, and there are few pests.

It was nice to see Paul's own plant developing well. Thanks Paul, most of us had no knowledge of *Lantana camara* before this Meeting.

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.

Your new Steering Group met briefly to schedule a first Meeting for June 25th to discuss the Annual Show, OBS's 25th Anniversary Celebrations, and programs for the coming year.

Annual Show!! Exposition annuelle!!

Our Annual Show for 2009 will be held in the auditorium of the Japanese Embassy, 255 Sussex Drive in Ottawa, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 13. Admission is free for the general public and there is ample free parking inside the gate of the Embassy. In addition to the many bonsai specimens on display, an educational area will also be available to visitors during both afternoons (from 1 – 3 PM).

Notre Exposition annuelle de 2009 se tiendra dans l'auditorium de l'ambassade du Japon au 255, promenade Sussex à Ottawa le samedi 12 septembre de 10h à 16h, et le dimanche 13 septembre de 10h à 15h. L'entrée à l'Exposition est libre pour le public et un stationnement gratuit est accessible à l'intérieur de la grille de l'ambassade. En plus des nombreux bonsaïs en montre, un espace éducatif sera aménagé pour les visiteurs à l'intérieur de l'auditorium l'après-midi du samedi et du dimanche, de 13h à 15h.

Public Demonstration Démonstration publique

As part of the 25th Anniversary celebrations of our Society, Vianney Leduc will perform a public demonstration on a high quality pre-bonsai tree in the Auditorium of the Embassy of Japan on Thursday September 10, from 7 to 9 pm. There is no fee for admission and the demonstration will be open to the general public as well as to OBS members. In previous years, similar public demonstrations by bonsai masters such as Susumu Nakamura and Michael Persiano proved to be great learning experiences and excellent means of publicizing our Annual Show. Vianney - who has been taking master classes with renowned Italian artist Michele Andolfo these last few years – has impressed members with his technical and artistic skills in the art of bonsai. This public demonstration will be an opportunity for him to share some of his knowledge and experience with us. You should not miss it!

Pour marquer le 25e anniversaire de notre Société, Vianney Leduc fera une démonstration publique de mise en forme d'un pré-bonsaï de grande qualité dans l'auditorium de l'ambassade du Japon le jeudi le 10 septembre, de 19 à 21h. L'entrée sera libre, et autant le public que les membres de la Société pourront y assister. Au cours des dernières années, de telles démonstrations publiques par des maîtres du bonsaï tels Susumu Nakamura et Michael Persiano se sont avérées très formatives et furent d'excellents véhicules publicitaires pour notre Exposition annuelle. Vianney, fort d'une formation poussée auprès du grand artiste du bonsaï italien, Michele Andolfo, nous a tous impressionnés par ses habiletés techniques et artistiques dans l'art du bonsaï. Lors de cette démonstration, il partagera avec nous une partie de ses connaissances et de ses expériences. C'est une occasion à ne pas manquer!

Special Event

Saturday **September 12** at 4:00pm

Members who are interested in participating in a walk-around and discussion about the trees on display at our Annual Show are invited to be present at the Japanese Embassy on Saturday, September 12, at 4 p.m., the closing time for the general public. This will be a very informal event during which, for about 30 minutes, members present will have the opportunity of offering constructive criticism of selected bonsais. What better way of improving our ability in the art of bonsai than actually discussing among ourselves the special characteristics of some of the best trees in the region!

Next Regular Meeting

Monday **October 19** at 7:00pm

We will resume our regular monthly meetings on October 19. The topics of discussion will be announced in the October newsletter.

Nos rencontres mensuelles des membres reprendront le 19 octobre. Les sujets abordés lors de cette rencontre seront annoncés dans le bulletin mensuel d'octobre.

NOUVEAU MEMBRE / NEW MEMBER

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

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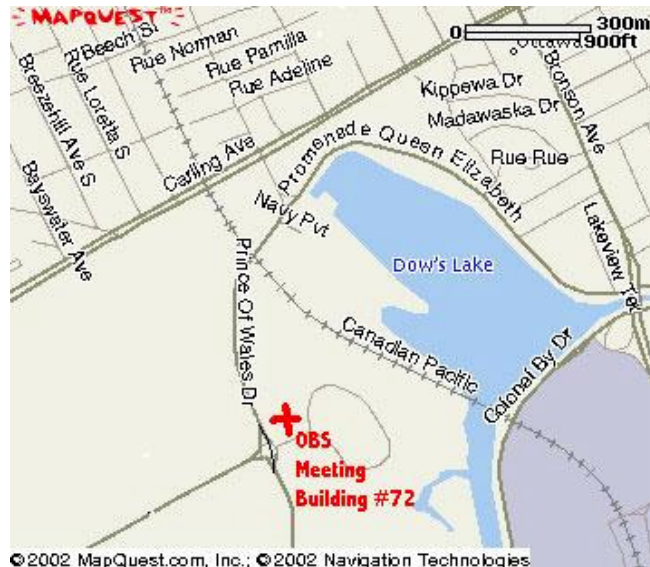
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Nos rencontres se tiennent à l'édifice #72 de la Ferme expérimentale centrale. Pour vous y rendre, prenez la direction sud sur la promenade Prince of Wales jusqu'au rond-point à l'intersection National Capital Driveway et Prince of Wales (qui est aussi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



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".