



# Beaver Valley Probus Club The Grapevine

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## Current Activities

by Viv Alper

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- Book Club Chapter One
- Book Club Chapter Too
- Book Club Chapter Three
- Canasta
- Casual Dining
- Computer
- Cooking Together
- Cue Sports
- Digital Photography
- Dining About Town
- Euchre
- Euchre 2
- Gourmet (not really)
- Marsh Street Painters
- Scrabble
- Singles Gourmet
- Ski Legends
- Snowshoeing
- Stitch & Bitch
- Table Tennis
- Travel
- Wood Carving

Remember that the activity groups are self sustaining, which in essence means that when you join one, then it is up to you to help ensure that the group flourishes. By so doing you will get the most out of that involvement.

*"Please be advised that all events and activities of the Beaver Valley Probus Club are organized for the benefit and enjoyment of its Members. Individuals who participate do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety".*

## This Month's Meeting – The Activity Fair

1.00 to 3.00pm Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The regular Probus Meeting on Tuesday, March 26 will be replaced with the Activity Fair. This is your opportunity to sign up for any of the groups you want to participate in for the coming year.

It is strongly suggested that New Members take the time to review the descriptions of each group on our website before the Fair, as well as speaking with the Activity Coordinators on the 26th, before signing up.

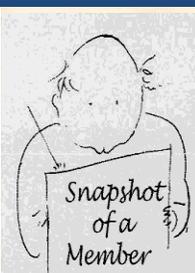
We are an extremely active and diverse Club resulting in the nearly 30 groups run by volunteer members and, of course, that doesn't include social activities like our theatre outings and golf tournaments. So before signing up do find out what the schedule is for each group, and consider how busy you like to be – or not! We have groups where more than 100 members sign up at the Activity Fair, but in reality only 20-30 ever attend.

Having said that don't let this deter you from 'trying' a new activity! Do sign up for it, but if, for any reason, you find it's not for you, just advise the coordinator who will then take you off their list.

One last thing we do have a sign-up sheet for suggesting new activity groups, but be aware we will be asking for you to co-ordinate it, or find someone who will!

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A MEMBERS-ONLY MEETING. WE THEREFORE ASK THAT YOU NOT BRING ANY GUESTS NOR ANYONE ON THE WAITING LIST. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS; NEW MEMBERS TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

*Viv Alper, Activity Convener*



This month we welcome our new President Peter Armstrong, To get to know more about Peter and his wife Mary, both of whom have been extremely active in the club please [click here](#)

In future months we hope to profile the new members of the Management Team.

## What's The Secret Behind Those Swinging Doors?

Come give a look see and discover what's brewing in the kitchen.

If it's not, that's the reason we're looking for male or female hands to help set up our monthly meeting goodies.

If you're available and would like to participate in this essential program, even just once, contact Joanne Vivona, Director at Large.

No experience necessary just a desire to make someone happy!

## Upcoming Club Events

[\[details\]](#)

Aug. 14, 2013 @ 2p.m.- Johnny and June, a Tribute, King's Wharf Theatre in Penetang - contact Vicki Kellar  
October 1 Fiddler on the Roof at the Festival Theatre in Stratford – check the details - contact Stella Zahradnik

### Message Board

#### AN APOLOGY

*The entertainment at the AGM was good, performed by an accomplished singer; however we acknowledge that for some the sound was perhaps too loud, which made conversation difficult. Also as a result of the settings for the sound system, Oh Canada blasted out before it could be adjusted. For this we sincerely apologize.*

### Bits and Pieces of our Rich Local History

***“What local hiking/biking trail officially opened in 1996?”***



The Georgian trail is a 32 km walking and cycling trail linking Collingwood and Meaford, Ontario through the Town of the Blue Mountains and Thornbury along the railway line that was completed in 1872 and continued for rail transport until officially abandoned by CN in 1984.

The founding President of the Georgian Cycle and Ski Association was Anne Bennett. Anne and the Association volunteers worked intensively with CN, government levels, local supporters, at public meetings and on publicity fundraisers etc. to accomplish this dream. The trail joins Meaford, Thornbury and Collingwood through the Town of the Blue Mountains and St. Vincent Township along the previous railroad track and is now owned by the municipalities.

The 1st section was opened Oct. 31, 1989 and finished in 1996 and is enthusiastically used by hikers, cyclists, and cross country skiers. Many Probus members supported this initiative including one of our newer members, Wally Anderson, who worked with the original committee.

### President's Message

What an impressive turn-out for our AGM held Feb. 27. The Morgan's, whose estimates are well qualified, put the attendance at 250 plus! As greeters, Mary and I really enjoyed meeting so many enthusiastic new members, as well as regular members, several of whom go back to our beginning twelve years ago. The real strength of our Club is so well reflected in this impressive turnout- long may it continue!

I especially want to thank, once more, Vicki Kellar for her strong leadership over the past year as well as the outstanding support of the outgoing Board members. The new Board consists of several returning members along with 3 new Board members. I look forward to working with this group in the year ahead.

All of us can make a real contribution to the Club and I would especially recommend to our new members that they keep this in mind at our March Activity Fair. There are over 30 Activity groups to choose from. The more you participate, the more you will enjoy the Club. I would also like to thank the Activity Coordinators who give so much of their time and energy to these programs. This is a big part of what makes our Club so vibrant. I look forward to seeing you March 26.

*Peter Armstrong*

### 75<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY

**EVERYONE BORN IN 1938 WILL BE  
THREE QUARTERS OF A CENTURY OLD THIS YEAR.  
LET'S CELEBRATE NOW IN CASE WE DON'T MAKE A  
CENTURY.**

**IF YOU ARE A PROBUS MEMBER AND BORN IN 1938  
PLEASE EMAIL JOHN DICK**

**FOURTEEN NAMES ARE NOW ON OUR LIST.  
WHEN WE HAVE ALL THE NAMES WE CAN DECIDE  
HOW AND WHEN TO MARK THIS MOMENTOUS  
OCCASION.**

## Do you have a Lucky Horseshoe?



How would you like to help yourself or others become lucky? We're setting up a small group to rotate looking after our Share the Wealth 50/50 draw at our 8 regular monthly meetings. This is your opportunity to participate and have some fun.

Please contact Margaret Morgan.

## March Garden Tips

### The Master Gardener's Corner

*Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call John.*

#### Things to do in your garden in - **March**

- Start tuberous begonias and caladiums in pots.
- Plant brassicas (cabbage family) and hardy annual seeds for April-May planting in your garden.
- Start tomatoes, lettuce and other fast growing seeds late March to early April.
- Order summer flowering bulbs.
- Check and repair gardening tools. Find them first. Sharpen spades, shovels, etc.
- Apply combination dormant spray to fruit trees and pest prone shrubs when non-freezing weather permits. Especially good against scale.
- Start forcing branches of spring-flowering shrubs and lily-of-the-valley root pips after buds start to swell.
- Prune summer-flowering shrubs and vines.
- Loosen up packed winter mulch and press back perennials heaved by the frost.
- Plan to add a few native berry plants that will attract birds this summer.
- Visit local nursery greenhouses to smell the coming spring.
- Check date for annual garden shows.

## Cool Websites

Here's another mystery of nature:

*A Vimeo video, posted by Sophie Windsor Clive*

*Submitted by Seija Wolf [click here](#)*

## Activity Group Diary

### Gardening Group

After many years of excellent leadership, John and Carol Hethrington have decided to retire. Thus you have a new group of three coordinators, Louise McFarlane, Barb Thompson and Marie Berrington. We will all be at the Activity Fair on March 26th, so please come and join us.

For those returning members as well as new members, it is necessary to sign up with your email address. You can do this at the Activity Fair or by contacting one of us by email or telephone.

We have been working on a calendar of activities which should be available at the Activity Fair.

### Singles Gourmet

Our next dining experience is back to the 6pm time. The date is Mar24th to avoid Easter conflicts. The challenging theme is Thai cuisine and our hosts are Brenda Ratkay, Bev Johnston and Bev North. Our recent eastern European theme produced Hungarian, Bulgarian, Polish and Ukrainian dishes that were delightful.

### Ski Legends

The last month has been a busy one for our group. We had our annual Dinner, Dance at TSC with great music from Louis Lefaive and the Kings of Swing. Next was a great Ski Trip to Steamboat, Colorado. We had ski days at both and Osler and Craigleith Ski Clubs and our Luncheon, Après Ski at TSC with music supplied by the ever popular Regal Jazz Band.

Still to come as our season winds down, a ski day at Georgian Peaks and our last trip of the season to Silver Star Ski Resort in beautiful British Columbia.

### WEB NOTES

*By Sharon Black*

The management page of the website has been updated to reflect our 2013 Management Team and photos from the AGM..... [click here](#).

New photographs have been added to the [Snowshoeing](#) and [Dining About Town](#) sections

## The Marsh Street Painters Group

ART SHOW AND SALE

April 3 to April 28, 2013

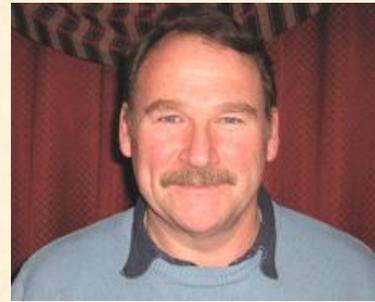
In the Meaford Arts and Cultural Centre,  
12 Nelson St. E.

## April's Speaker

### Bob Duncanson

Executive Director of the Georgian Bay Association (GBA).

Bob will be speaking on **Great Lake Water Levels**. He will share his insights on challenges facing the Georgian Bay environs and what can, should and is being done to address these issues.



The GBA is a largely volunteer umbrella group representing 20 community associations along the eastern and northern shores of Georgian Bay with over 3,200 property owners and 18,000 residents. GBA engages on public policy and involves itself in issues that are of interest to its members. Water levels, water quality, aquatic and terrestrial invasive species, forest health, boating safety and fisheries are all active files at GBA.

Bob has recently served on the panel of advisors to the Canadian Government as they renegotiated the Binational Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement with the US. He also serves on the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Water Protection Committee and is a public appointee on the Board of the Ontario Professional Foresters' Association.



Congratulations to  
**Terry & Vicky Kellar**

Our February's Quiz winners

Answer to last month's quiz

- A. Criminal Minds B. Mentalist  
C. Cold Case D. Law and Order E. NCIS

Good luck with this month's quiz.

Submitted by  
Margaret Morgan

Can you Identify these buildings?

Enter for a chance to win a gift certificate.

[Click here](#)

### Support Group

**Do you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period? Please don't hesitate to call:**

**March: Joan Uglow**

April: Mary Armstrong

or any one on the Management Team

### A Note from the Editor

*Taking on a new assignment is always a challenge, especially when one has to fill the shoes of one's predecessor. Sharon has done a splendid job over the past years, as did her predecessor Seija, for which we are exceedingly grateful. I can assure you that I will strive to live up to that exceptional example. However the success of this publication is totally dependent upon the material submitted by the members, so please help me to keep up the good work.*

*David Morgan*

### Newspaper Team

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David Morgan

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welcome

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Look forward to seeing you at our  
next meeting

**Activity Fair on March 26th**

starting at 1pm

### *The Last Word*

Submitted by Past President John Berrington

**"The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off." – Abe Lemons**