



Beaver Valley Probus Club

The Grapevine

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Current Activities

by Viv Alper

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Activity Groups for May, 2013
(Viv Alper, Activities Convenor)

Back roads Cycling
Birding
Book Club Chapter One
Book Club Chapter Too
Book Club Chapter Three
Canasta
Canoe/Kayaking
Casual Dining
Computer
Cooking Together
Cue Sports
Digital Photography
Dining About Town
Euchre
Euchre 2
Gardening
Gourmet (not really)
Hiking
Marsh Street Painters
Nordic Pole Walking
Recreational Cycling
Scrabble
Singles Gourmet
Ski Legends
Snowshoeing
Stitch & Bitch
Table Tennis
Travel
Wood Carving

"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".

President's Message

From Peter Armstrong

First of all, I want to thank Vice-President Catharine Pepper for doing an excellent job chairing last month's meeting when I was under the weather. From all reports, our April speaker, Bob Duncanson, gave a very informative and well received talk on the Georgian Bay Water Level Issue. We had a near record attendance of over 190 members which attests to the importance of this subject.

This month our own Ron Hartlen will speak about the Realities of Wind Power, again an important issue that most of us look forward to having a better understanding of this, and the issues surrounding it.

By now, many of our outdoor activity groups are well underway and I look forward to hearing, especially from some of our newer members, how they are enjoying their experiences.

Now, let's all of us get out and enjoy this marvelous sunshine. It's been a long time in coming! I look forward to seeing you on May 28.

Activity Group Diary

Beaver Valley Probus Garden Group

Our activities for the summer will start with the opening party on Tuesday, May 7th.

Our annual plant sale will be held at the May Probus meeting where all members can purchase plants for very reasonable prices!

We encourage everyone who is dividing plants this spring to pot some up to sell at the plant sale. We use the proceeds to pay speakers and subsidize some activities for the garden group.

Plants should be well labeled with the botanical name as well as the commonly known name, light requirements: sun/shade or partial, as well as the approximate growing height, and watering needs. Bloom time and colour!

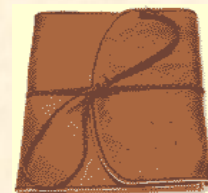
Pot at least by May 12th and bring to the May 28th meeting by 11:30 for pricing. Remember to water well and keep in a shady location!

Dining Around Town

On April 20, over 30 members enjoyed a casual dinner at the Harbour Street Fish Market in Collingwood. Our final Dining Around Town event for the 2012-13 season will be on June 12 at Lora Bay Golf and Country Club. Members can sign up for this event at the May Probus meeting. The co-coordinator for the event is Joan Uglow.

Singles Gourmet

We had lovely food for our French theme even though there was a flurry of reorganizing close to the date. Our theme for May 26th at 6pm is SEAFOOD. Two of the 3 hosts are Peter Norwood and Marg Nattress. This has always been a real treat in years gone by. Definition of "home cooking"where many men think their wife is.



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

Quick & Useful Tip

By Barb Thompson

Probus Centre-Canada Insurance Offer

All of us at some time or another need **Health or Travel** Insurance. Probus Centre-Canada has arranged for group rates from Johnson Inc.

For more information check www.johnson.ca/probus or call Lisa Hansen, toll free, at 1-888-412-8822. Identify yourself as a Member of Probus and give the name of your Club [Beaver Valley Probus] as well.

Message Board

What's Brewing in the Kitchen?

Newcomer Catherine Sinclair is thanked for her help in setting up for refreshments for the April meeting. Joanne Knight will perform the same duties for the May meeting.

Joanne Vivona is still learning the ropes and solemnly promises that the tea urn will be on the boil with cups aplenty to be filled for our thirsty Probus members in the future.

Joanne

Cool Websites

Submitted by David Morgan

Do you want to know where you are in the universe in respect to the other bodies in the solar system, well try out this really cool interactive website – www.Faustweb.net-Solar System Simulator You can zoom in and out to view the entire Solar System, or just the inner planets. By pressing the STOP button a text entry box allows you to enter new values for the date.

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If you have small children who may use your computer or if you just want a screening filter which will get rid of malicious scams, phishing messages and other nasty stuff why not look into this free software.



<http://www1.k9webprotection.com/support/overview> .

Support Group

Don't forget to let us know of anyone of our members who encounters any kind of difficulty or distress (accident, illness). We will offer sympathy and support on your behalf. *Carol Hethrington, convener*

If you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period?

Please don't hesitate to call:

May: Marg Nattress

or any one on the Management Team

Master Gardener Tips for May:

- Prepare containers and pots and fill with a mixture of compost and potting soil. Be creative in plant choice. Mixtures of plants such as herbs, perennials and annuals can be quite successful as long as they have the same sun and water requirements.
- Harden off seedlings for at least a week before planting. Find the last frost date for your area, and allow at least 2 weeks more before planting tender transplants such as tomatoes and corn. This year, probably into early June.
- Plant beans directly into the garden as they quickly germinate and grow as long as the soil is warm.
- Cage peonies.
- Monitor for the presence of slugs, cutworms, earwigs and tent caterpillars.
- Control weeds in the lawn by hand pulling. Use nematodes to control grubs which eat the grass roots leading to brown patches in the lawn.
- Add 3" to 4" of mulch to beds and shrubs to conserve moisture. Shredded cedar bark is best, but expensive.
- Prune roses according to type.
- Dead head faded tulips and daffodils and other spring bulbs but do not cut the leaves until they are brown.
- If you have any fritillaries or lilies (day lilies are beetle free), now is the time to watch for the red lily beetle (adult, larva and eggs). So far, removal by hand is the best way to reduce the problem.

Speaker for the May meeting *Ron Hartlen*



Ron Hartlen graduated from Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia Technical College, in 1962, as a Mechanical Engineer, and from University of Toronto with a PhD in 1968. The largest part of Ron's research experience was twenty-three years with Ontario Hydro's Research Division. The final years of his working career involved private specialist consulting to Utilities, Industry, and Research Organizations in Canada and abroad.

Much of Ron's technical work was to help resolve unique technical issues in design, start-up and troubleshooting on first-of-a-kind plant systems and equipment at Hydro's Nuclear Stations. Many of these opportunities fell squarely into Ron's specialty of unsteady aerodynamics and the resulting vibration and sound, which, of course, are very relevant in the context of Wind Turbines.

A few years back, Ron noticed a pervasive and unsettling lack of technical understanding; widespread misconceptions; and confusion, about Wind Power. Since then, he has been writing and speaking to help friends, neighbours, and the Public to better understand the unavoidable technical realities and limits of Wind Power, specifically in the Ontario context.

The subject of his talk is "*The Realities of Wind Power in Ontario*"

Looking ahead to June our speaker will be *Kristen Martyn*

Kristen Martyn is a Birder, Naturalist, an expert in Ecotourism and a Bird Feeding Specialist. Her strong passion for the natural world, led her to pursue a BSc. in Zoology and complete a Post-Graduate course in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management. Kristen is the Owner of Natura Tours Inc. a bird watching and nature tour company. She is also an owner of Wild Birds Unlimited Barrie, a backyard bird feeding and nature shop. Kristen greatly enjoys teaching people about our natural world and how we can be better stewards of wildlife and our natural world.

*On a gravestone in a
Ribbesford, England,
cemetery:*

Anna Wallace

The children of Israel wanted
bread,
And the Lord sent them
manna.

Clark Wallace wanted a wife,
and the Devil sent him Anna.



Correct answers to April's quiz
submitted by
Murray & Doreen Lamont who will be
entered into the draw.

For the answers [click here](#)

This month's quiz is something
really different. If you [click here](#)
You will see a picture that could
be a painting or a photograph, try
to guess where it is, what time of
year, what he was doing and if you
really are knowledgeable, who is the
man in the picture, at least you
might know that he is related to
someone we all know.

E-mail your answers, [best guesses]
to the editor.

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ANNUAL GOLF EVENT

Shelburne Golf and Country Club

Monday, June 17, 2013

All Probus Members are invited. We will play 18 holes with a power cart
and have coffee and muffins to start and lunch and prizes after your
round. We will make up the mixed foursomes for the best ball format.

A shot-gun start is scheduled for 9:00am.

The cost for this fun, one of a kind day is \$67.00.

Contacts: Bob Smithson or Stella Zahradnik

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being
discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly
gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his
feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.
After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the
elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of
her hospital gown.'

Not submitted by any ex nurse that is a Probus member, but could have been

Tell it to the Grapevine: Murray Lamont suggested that we should run letters
from members which would be of interest to the rest of us. This sounds like an
excellent idea. Good idea Murray. Now let's see who writes in.

Look forward to seeing you at our
next meeting

May 28 at the Community Centre
Starting with Fellowship at 1-1:30

The Last Word

submitted by
Vicky Kellar

Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90%
of how you react to it.

Charles Swindoll