

CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS:

TO SIGN UP FOR ALL INTEREST GROUPS:

1. **Visit us in person** at the **Interest Groups Table** during General Meetings **or**
2. **Email us** by clicking on this link: [Interest Group Chair](#)

Typically there is no charge to join an Interest Group (although some may have a minimal fee to pay for the use of the venue).

You must be a member of Uxbridge PROBUS to join an Interest Group.

If you have an idea for a new group or want to join an existing group, please contact us!

AGE GETS BETTER WITH WINE: Coordinator: Anne Gavreau

This month our wine club will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm.

The theme is "Wines of Portugal". Those who have been to Portugal: please bring any photos, stories or memorabilia to share! Food will be graciously provided by Marion and Sharon. Looking forward to seeing you then.

This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.

BOOK BUDDIES: Coordinator: Gerri Martin

On May 28th, the Book Buddies will be discussing The Phoenix Crown. This is a collaborated effort of two very prolific writers - Kate Quinn and Janie Chang. Our group of book lovers draw one another into their perspective of the material we all read. The discussion is always lively and varied. That's what makes it so interesting.

This group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30.

CANASTA CREW: GAMES & LESSONS: Coordinator Amber D'Aguiar

Canasta is a fun and challenging card game played in groups of four. We play on the 2nd Thursday of the month (May 14) in the afternoon. Lessons are held from 1-2pm for new players and for those who need practice, and then we continue to play from 2-4pm. All are welcome.

This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

COURT JESTERS (PICKLEBALL): Coordinators: Alan James and Bill McMahon

It was April 21 a brisk opening day
After being pent up all winter
These Jesters were most anxious to play
Twas a very cold chill in the air
Donning hats and gloves
Sweaters & garments layer on layer
After outlasting the long winter layoff
Yet these hardy court warriors
still managed some flashes of flair

This group meets every Tuesday and Friday morning at 10.

CREATIVE WRITING AND MEMOIR: Coordinator Kathy Clulow

Our Creative Writing and Memoir group meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon. We write from prompts, something as simple as 'What simple thing brings you joy?' We all write for 10 minutes, on what ever path your mind wanders. This is a safe and encouraging place to write. We have room for a few more; come and join our fun group. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 2pm.

GENIAL GENEALOGISTS: Coordinator: Bernie Beales

At our April meeting, we investigated the new Scribe AI feature being offered on MyHeritage. This app will translate foreign documents, identify date and location of old photos, describe the history of family crests and iconology on gravestones as well as transcribe handwritten documents. Amazing! We also had a surprise visit from Linda Boyd, the president of the Uxbridge Genealogy Group, who discussed what their group has in store! Join us for our next meeting on May 21 as we continue to share our genealogical joys and frustrations.

This group usually meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30-3:30.

GRAPE MINDS THINK ALIKE: Coordinators Melissa Harding and Caren Narvet

"Go To" Wines was our theme this month. We shared our favourite wines and why we like them, while partaking in lively conversation and delicious treats. Everyone enjoyed the various wine choices and discovered some new favourites! Our group meets on the third Wednesday of the month. We do have space for a few more members if you're interested in joining us.

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

KITCHEN BRIDGE: Coordinator: Anne-Marie Sacco

Kitchen bridge is held the first Thursday of the month and both men and women are welcome. We play socially; that is, we are not duplicate.

KNIT OR NOT HANDICRAFTERS: Coordinator: Wanda Laing

The Knit or Nots meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at my house. We will continue through the summer with camaraderie and cookies. Weather permitting we will do some outdoor workshops. Stay tuned and watch for a sign up sheets at the meetings. This group usually meets at 1pm on every first and third Wednesday of the month.

LADIES BRIDGE CLUB: Coordinators: Margaret Langlands and Caren

Narvet^{SEP} We play the second Tuesday of every month, travelling home to home, playing anywhere from 1-3 tables each month.

This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00.

LET'S EAT OUT: Coordinators: Gail & Chuck Heroux

Our April Let's Eat Out was a return pilgrimage to The Twisted Fork, an eclectic eatery in Mount Albert that offers original dining ideas combined with excellent service.

Sixteen of us enjoyed the fellowship and the meal very much.

This group meets on the third Tuesday or Thursday of the month.

LIGHTS, SNACKS, ACTION! : Coordinators Amber D'Aguiar and Mary Freedman

So many great new releases to choose from this month- stay tuned for the next pic pick!

LIT HAPPENS: Coordinator: Jen Thorson

Lisa Genova's meticulously researched novels are learning opportunities, and Left Neglected taught us all about a little-known medical condition. Great discussion, as always! Our next read will be completely different, set in ancient Egypt and written by a local author. Looking forward to talking about Feather of Ma'at!

This group meets at 1:00 on the fourth Thursday of the month.

LOCAL EXPLORERS: Coordinator: Susan Hillar

An outing to feed the Lynde Shores chickadees had to be postponed due to inclement weather, but May will feature a plant-based pasta-and-sauces cooking class in Aurora.

MAH JONGG: Coordinators: Mary Freedman and Amber D'Aguiar *NEW*

Welcome to American Mah Jongg! We will be hosting 4 introductory lessons in May, beginning on Tuesday the 5th and running each Tuesday after that. They will run from 2-4pm. **It is highly recommended that all beginners attend all 4 lessons.** Following the lessons, we will play once a month on the first Tuesday of the month.

MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH: Coordinators: Betty Bignell & Joy Freemantle

The Monday Lunch Bunch met in April to enjoy dining at the Hyland Family Restaurant in Port Perry. The group will meet again on May 25.

This group meets on the last Monday of each month.

REDUCING MY FOOTPRINT: Coordinator: Brian Keeling

Join us for always-lively and informed conversation on how WE can make a difference to the health of our planet. We cover a huge range of topics, and never leave a meeting without having learned something new.

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10.

R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out) : Coordinator John Willcock

This group usually meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at noon to solve the problems of the world over lunch.

Next meeting will be May 28th.

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SMALL TOWN THEATRE: Coordinators: Steve Fryzuk & Peggy Kennedy

On May 2nd we attended a matinee performance of Arsenic and Old Lace at Theatre Aurora. We gathered for lunch before the theatre.

Small Town Theatre members attend matinee performance on the weekend at theatres in the Durham and York regions. We plan a lunch before the theatre event.

TAKE A HIKE: Coordinators: Carol Fraser & John Willcock

The Hiking Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the morning (9:30). Our Goodwood/Uxbridge area has a wonderful series of trails through a variety of forests and meadows, some quite flat, some with gentle hills. We explore these forest trails near Uxbridge in the Durham and York Regions for 1 ½ to 2 hours. Join us for lively discussions, interesting views and leisurely treks!

May hikes are scheduled for the 6th and 20th. Hike details are emailed to our members.

The Hiking Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30.

TOO PAR GONE (GOLF): Coordinator: Albert Fintelman

"Too Par Gone" played our opening round of golf at Golfer's Dream GC on April 27th. 16 members of the group experienced a sunny spring morning. The course was in good condition considering all the rain that we have had. We are playing every week now - our next outing is at Spring Creek GC on Monday May 4th!

TWO RIGHT FEET (LATIN DANCING): Coordinator: Anne-Marie Sacco \$15 fee

Latin Dance "Two Right Feet" is held each Monday from 3:00 to 4:00. There is a fee of \$15.00. Pairs are not necessary however more men would be an asset to this group.

W.A.L.K.S. (We All Like Kinetic Strolling): Coordinator: Nancy Melcher

WALKS continue to start our weeks with some fresh air, exercise, and great conversations as we explore some of the parks and trails in Uxbridge for an hour, then enjoy snacks either picnic style or in a coffee shop. Join us at 9:30 every Monday. Locations TBA each week.