

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

### **BOOK BUDDIES: Coordinator: Gerri Martin**

Book Buddies will reconvene in January 22, 2026. We will discuss The Waiting Hours by Shandi Mitchell the next time we meet. Our group continues to be active. It offers interesting subjects of discussion and presenters who prepare their assigned book recommendation. We are entertained and extended hospitality each month by one another. We really enjoy being together.

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 (Dec 11th) 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**

On hiatus until the spring.

### **EUCHRE: Coordinators: Gail Prentice and Lynn Moore \*GROUP RETIRING\***

To all things, there is a season, and Euchre's season has come and gone. Low attendance over the past several months has meant a wind-down to our group. Thanks to all those who played over the years!

### **GARDENING GURUS: Coordinator: Sally Kotsopoulos**

The Gurus will resume when the weather says "Now!"

This group usually meets on the first Thursday of the month.

### **GENIAL GENEALOGISTS: Coordinator: Bernie Beales**

This month, we discussed the Golden Rules of Genealogy. Still looking for a personalized gift for that hard-to-buy-for family member? This is the best time of year for discounts on DNA kits! It was decided that with our busy schedules, the December meeting will be skipped. Our next meeting will be on January 15.

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**

Our new wine-tasting group "Grape Minds Think Alike" had a thoroughly enjoyable time "socializing" and tasting wines from South Africa in November and are looking forward to our December meeting where "Wines from France" will be sampled. If anyone is interested, we can welcome a few more members to the group.

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

### **KITCHEN BRIDGE: Coordinator: Anne-Marie Sacco**

The group is for both men and women. We are a social group vs duplicate. Kitchen Bridge meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00.

### **KNIT OR NOT HANDICRAFTERS: Coordinator: Wanda Laing**

Hello from the "Knit-or-Not" Handicraft interest group for like minded ladies or gents who like to craft or knit/crochet with others.

I hope you are enjoying the lovely snowy winter days. It sure gets us in the mood for Christmas don't you think? It made me think about our next gathering on Dec 3rd and making ornaments. So what I did was fall down the google rabbit hole and found a simple ornament that we'll make with just paper and glue. A little ribbon to hang and we have a cute Christmas ornament.

As most of you know, I do not run workshops. However I love to present ideas. And if in my wheelhouse of knowledge, I would be more than happy to help you with your craft. And even provide you with the supplies from my overabundance craft space

We are all about camaraderie and cookies! So come on out and enjoy both. Don't forget your \$3 to cover the cost of the yummy treats.

The next meeting is on Wed Dec 3, followed by our last of the year on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. This group usually meets at 1pm on every first and third Wednesday of the month.

### **LADIES BRIDGE CLUB: Coordinators: Margaret Langlands and Caren Narver**

Ladies Bridge enjoys meeting at the homes of several of the members. The number of tables will vary depending on the month.

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

### **LAUGHING MATTERS: Coordinators: Amber D'Aguiar & April Gilkinson**

On hiatus until next spring.

This group usually meets on the third Monday of each month from 1:30 -3:00

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

Let's Eat Out experienced Fico Fusion in Port Perry this month and the reviews were excellent. We had a big crowd- close to thirty- join us, and we were impressed with the food and the service. They have a very eclectic menu, spanning several cultures.

We are skipping December, but will re-visit 9byTin in January.

Merry Christmas!

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

### **LIT HAPPENS: Coordinator: Jen Thorson**

Having attended Blue Heron's Book Drunkard interview with Clare Leslie Hall in mid-October, the Lit Happens crew were excited to read her novel Broken Country for our November discussion. Is it possible to love two people at one time? This and other iconic dilemmas were explored in our (always) lively chat. At the conclusion of our meeting, each member donated her copy of the book to the Uxbridge Public Library as part of a new book club set.

December will see us meet socially, with resumption of our regular format in January.

Happy holidays, all!

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

### **LOCAL EXPLORERS: Coordinator: Susan Hillar**

### **MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH: Coordinators: Betty Bignell & Joy Freemantle**

The Monday Lunch group enjoyed lunch together in November at the Swiss Chalet in Uxbridge. The group meets on the last Monday of each month, but because of the Christmas Gala we will meet next on January 26, 2026.

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

## **REDUCING MY FOOTPRINT: Coordinator: Brian Keeling**

Join us for always-lively and informed conversation. Our Monthly Tip, below, is our gentle (or sometimes not-so-gentle) reminder that change is always possible!

### **Monthly TIP:**

Want to save some money this Christmas? Instead of buying expensive wrapping paper and ribbons, only to have them tossed into the garbage, why not repurpose old tea towels, bed linen or scarves or newspapers, used Christmas wrap, calendars, maps, or paper bags/kraft paper, even glass jars or packaging boxes? These can always be decorated with stencils, or hand drawings. You can embellish them with interesting pasta shapes, cinnamon sticks or sprigs of herbs or pinecones. Use your creativity and save on your pocketbook. Ho! Ho! Ho!"

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.

There will be no December meeting. Next meeting will be January 22nd.

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## **SMALL TOWN THEATRE: Coordinators: Steve Fryzuk & Peggy Kennedy**

In December we do not have a theatre event. In November we went to see a play at the Whitby Courthouse Theatre. We had lunch at the 12welve restaurant before the matinee performance.

Small Town Theatre members go to matinee performances at theatres in the Durham and York region. We organize a lunch before the performance.

## **TAKE A HIKE: Coordinators: Carol Fraser & John Willcock**

The Hiking Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 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!

December hikes are scheduled for Thursday December 4 and December 18. Hike details are emailed to our members.

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## **TOO PAR GONE (GOLF): Coordinator: Albert Fintelman**

On hiatus until the greens re-open.

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

This group meets each Monday except for holidays from 3:00 to 4:00. There is a fee of \$15.00 each week.

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

WALKS will continue to meet on Monday mornings to start the week off with a fun walk and then a refreshing hot beverage somewhere warm. With sidewalks and trails getting slippery, we're migrating like the birds. We'll meet at the Elgin Park bandshell parking lot and enjoy some exercise on the maintained paved trails through the park. Coffee and more conversation at a nearby coffee shoppe is always an option afterwards. We meet every Monday but the last one each month at 9:30 to walk for an hour. The LAST MONDAY we meet at 10 for a 30-40 minute stroll.

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