

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 vaccinated 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!

BANNED BOOK CLUB: Coordinator Camille Scarlett

After a summer break we will meet September 17, 2024. We will be reading *The Covenant*, by James Michener.

This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30.

BOOK BUDDIES: Coordinators Gerri Martin & Kelly Keilty This group has a wait list

On Thursday, September 19th we look forward to meeting again after our summer break to discuss *The Massey Murders* by Charlotte Gray. It's a novel based on true facts with a very unlikely outcome. Our members always delve into the material and it makes for very lively discussions.

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

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

Canasta is a fun and challenging card game played in groups of four. Lessons will be held on September 12th from 1-2pm with games to follow from 2-4pm. Come see what all the fuss is about!

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

COURT JESTERS (PICKLEBALL): Coordinators Gerry Bignell & Alan James

This charming picture illustrates the "Youth of Today attending to Youth of Yesteryear". When George Hirsch had a stumble during Pickleball, his bumps and scrapes were quickly attended to by Ella, a Summer Camp staffer who happened to have a kids' camp in the park that day. Her mother named her after Cinderella, which by coincidence is the name of George's cat. In addition to bandaging scrapes she offered to walk George back to his



George's

High five to today's youth!

EUCHRE: Coordinator Carolyn Hicken

Next gathering will be on September 3rd at 10 a.m.
This group meets at 10:00 on the first Tuesday of the month.

GARDENING: Coordinator Sally Kotsopoulos

The gardening group will be meeting on Thursday Sept 5 at member Anne Linkruus' garden. Last year we visited Anne's garden in the early spring so this year seeing it in the fall will be a whole new experience. Anne has also offered for members to bring their clean trowels and empty pots to take home treasures for their own gardens.

In August we were hosted at Heather Hales' garden. What an absolutely delightful morning appreciating the beauty and hard work that can be seen in Heather's gardens. Yes, that is plural as there were many interesting and beautiful spots to take in. We learn so much from each other! Thank you Heather for welcoming us.

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

GENIAL GENEALOGISTS: Coordinator Bernie Beales

The group reconvenes on Sept. 19. The free version of Ancestry is available at any public library so no excuse not to continue researching! There is room for new members so if you want to begin your family tree, sign up now and we can get you started before the group meets later this month.

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

HANDICRAFTS: Coordinator Sally Kotsopoulos

The Handicraft Interest Group will resume on Friday September 20 from 1-3 pm. I am looking forward to seeing your projects. There will be a special fall craft to work on - more news in our members' email. Please plan to get back together with your fellow crafters!

This group meets from 1-3 pm on the third Friday of the month.

KITCHEN BRIDGE: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

Our next game is Thursday September 5 at 1:00. Location to be determined.
This group meets on the first Thursday of the month.

LADIES BRIDGE CLUB: Coordinator: Caren Narvet

Ladies Bridge has adjusted plans for the new year and will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month going forward.

The group includes a wide variety of skill levels in the game and game play is informal. The group enjoys animated chatting while enjoying the game.

New members are welcomed. And if anyone is interested in learning the game, please let us know.

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

LATIN DANCING: Coordinators Anne-Marie Sacco \$15 per session

The group will begin dancing again in September 2024. It isn't necessary to join as a couple. This is a Joint Interest Group with members from the Uxbridge and the Port Perry Clubs.

This group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

LAUGHING MATTERS: Coordinators Amber D'Aguiar & April Gilkinson

Tall or Small, Improv is for you ! You will laugh, enjoy fun with friends and practice thinking on your feet. It is a great way to build confidence and learn to trust your instincts as there is no right or wrong. This month we will be meeting on September 23rd from 1:30 - 3:00. All are welcome !

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

LET'S EAT OUT: Coordinators Gail & Chuck Heroux

In August, the group enjoyed a meal that Lucy Maud Montgomery might have cooked in the Leaskdale manse. Afterwards, we got to meet LMM's actual grandchildren, Kate and Deke McDonald who also attended the play "Maud of Leaskdale".

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

LIT HAPPENS: Coordinator Jen Thorson This group has a wait list

On Tuesday, September 24th (re-scheduled due to date conflict with Probus Picnic), our amazing little group will be celebrating and digesting? dissecting? (forgive the pun) Grant Us Tomorrow, by our very own Dr. Jennifer Wilson.

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

MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH: Coordinators Betty Bignell & Joy Freemantle

The Monday Lunch Bunch will meet again on September 30. In August, the group enjoyed lunch and conversation at the Hyland Family Restaurant in Port Perry.

The group meets on the last Monday of each month.

MULTI-DAY TRAVEL OPTIONS: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

The Newfoundland 2025 trip is fully booked, but a wait list is being maintained.

REDUCING YOUR FOOTPRINT: Coordinator Brian Keeling

This group meets at 10:00 on the third Wednesday of the month.

SCRABBLE: Coordinator Judy Fink

The Scrabble group will meet on Wednesday September 11th, following the general meeting.

Please feel free to bring your lunch and arrive around 12:30.

This group meets at 12:30 on the second Wednesday of the month.

SMALL TOWN THEATRE: Coordinators Steve Fryzuk & Peggy Kennedy

In September we have our first theatre event for the 2024-2025 season. On September 22nd we will be attending the Curtain Club in Richmond Hill to see the matinee performance of Halfway House. A lunch has been organized before the matinee performance.

Members of Small Town Theatre attend matinee performances at theatres in the Durham and York Region.

TAKE A HIKE: Coordinators Carol Fraser & John Willcock

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!

Hikes are resuming in September on the 5th and the 19th.

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

TOO PAR GONE (GOLF): Coordinator Albert Fintelman

We have played every Monday in August at either Golfer's Dream or Spring Creek GCs, with 12-15 golfers weekly. We are planning on playing golf every Monday morning in September.

WINE CLUB: Coordinators Sherrill Burns & Anne Gauvreau **This group has a wait list**

After an evening in August exploring wines of the Niagara region, we are off to France in September to experience the wines of the Loire and Languedoc regions.

This group meets at 7:00 on the second Wednesday of the month.