



**Come Join in the Fun as
Our Summer Outdoor Events continue!**

**The August Event will take place on
Thursday, August 17th, 2023
At 10:00 am,**

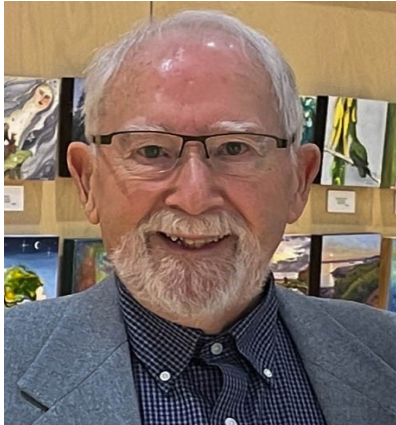
**As we visit Dr. Bee's Honeyland
'Where Nature meets Science'**

17617 Ford Detour Road, Pitt Meadows,



Probus Club of Maple Ridge

President's Message



Sam Lewindon, President

Please Join Us at:
Dr. Bee's Honeyland,
Where Nature Meets Science!
Thursday, August 17th, 2023

Our Summer Outdoor Events are fully underway, and not to be outdone, some of the Special Interest Groups are also taking advantage of the great weather to get outdoors and celebrate! The Discussion Group held a very successful 'Potluck' gathering at Al Kozak's property— did I hear you say, "food for thought"? The Computer Group also conducted a session at the Learning Lab of the London Drugs Valley Fair location.

We are now preparing for our August 17th Outdoor Event - a visit to an exciting honey farm. The **Dr. Bee Honeyland** facility in Pitt Meadows started with just 16 hives and has now grown to a 173 acre operation, with thousands of hives. At the 2019 International Apicultural Congress, 'Apimondia', this honey won a world beekeeping award, placing it among the finest honeys in the world. There is an entry fee of \$9.50 per person for the conducted tour of the Honeyland facilities, and **Noelleen** is collecting the fee and keeping the list of those interested in attending. More details will be forthcoming but make sure you get your name on the list early as space is limited.

Our Annual "Picnic in the Park" was a great success - thanks to Renate and Aline for picking the perfect spot for our July 20th outing. We had 26 members turn out and the weather was just right too. A nice breeze from the river kept the temperature comfortable, and it was so nice to see everyone having such a good time. (See photos on page 6).

Many of the important news items we forward to our members come from the Seniors Network of Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, who's mission is to strengthen the health and well-being of older adults in our communities by advocating for improvements in: seniors' transportation options, seniors' affordable housing, health care, home support programs, mental health and dementia supports and more. Their free newsletter is a good source of important information, contact <https://www.seniors-network.ca>

August Is The Border Between Summer And Autumn. It Is The Most Beautiful Month I Know – Tove Jansson



An Adventure in the Kitchen

By Sandie Banni

I managed to finally pipe almost 2 dozen confetti cupcakes for my Granddaughters 21st birthday. I watched multiple YouTube videos on how to make the roses etc. and it looked really simple and easy.

Unfortunately, no-one on YouTube had any disasters, all appeared to be filmed smoothly and without effort. What they failed to omit was advice and warnings that the top can come off the bottle when you are shaking a “NEW” bottle of orange sprinkles which in my case were tiny round orange pellets that landed all over my kitchen or should I say “flew”. (Note NONE left for the cupcakes.) Also, no-one on YouTube tells you how much it hurts when you accidentally walk on some of them when they are all over the floor and stuck in the groves between the tiles.

Also not pointed out in the YouTube videos is the fact that you need three times the amount of buttercream you expect to use as it doesn't go very far, especially on the roses. On You Tube the video shows multiple bags of various shades of icing with all the different piping nozzles neatly attached and of course that never happened in my case. (Multiple trips to the basement to look for different nozzles)! Also not mentioned was the fact that it really isn't the best idea to work with buttercream in 31C temps because it begins to melt with the heat of your hand as you pipe and that the rose petals won't hold up if the buttercream is too warm.

In the YouTube video the girls' kitchens were spotless not the disaster mine ended up being, and of course they forgot to show you storage options or advise you about the fact that when iced cupcakes have flowers on them that they are taller and consequently the lid of most storage containers is level and thus not suitable. In my case, an hour hunt managed to find 2 containers that would squeeze into my packed fridge and be high enough not to squash the cupcakes because ALL of them had to be in the fridge.

I would do them again but NOT in 31C weather. I ended up dragging myself into bed at midnight too exhausted to even care whether anyone ate them or not !!!!
(Photos show only some of them).



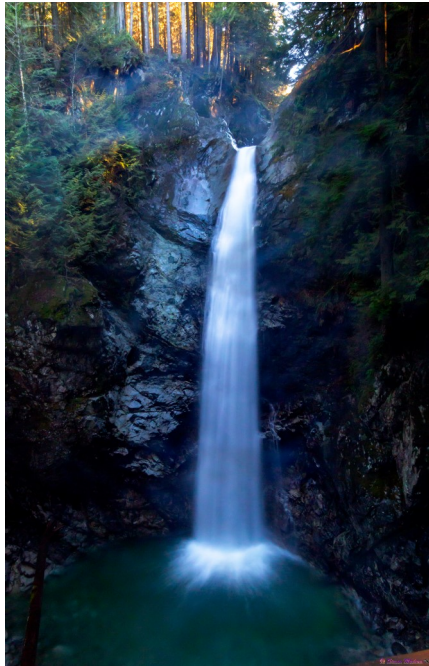
Through the Lens

Curated by Rick O'Doherty

Lakes, Rivers, Waterfalls



Jerry Sulina Park *by Sam*



Cascade Falls *by Simon*



Kanaka Creek *by Sam*



Blue Lake *by Michaela*



Rolley Lake *by Sam*



Cultus Lake *by Simon*



North Alouette River *by Sam*

Member Happenings

The Lowly Recorder.

By Josine Eikelenboom

Did you play the recorder in Elementary School? That little plastic flute with the shrill high tone?

Who would want to play that miserable instrument once you grow up? Well, the recorder once was an essential instrument in musical ensembles, from solo to duets, trio's, quartets and orchestras. Especially in the Renaissance and Baroque time, roughly 15th to 18th century. After that, it became a forgotten instrument, till the 1960's when there was a revival in the interest of this musical period. Since then, numerous contemporary composers have used the recorder as well. And it is not only the little soprano recorders that are played, but a range of sizes, from alto, tenor, bass, C-base and even instruments that are taller than the average person. Of course, the lower the voice, the taller the instrument. And plastic? Good for practicing maybe but musicians will have recorders in ebony, European boxwood, palisander. The density and grain of the wood defines the intensity of the tone.

It was just an co-incident that I became interested in this instrument. On a social evening of the Maple Ridge Choral Society, way back in the 1990's, a trio of recorder players had a little performance, and somehow, I was thinking: so nice to play in a group, instead of the solo piano, I could easily pick that up! And so I did, but "easy" it wasn't: the further you go, the more possibilities, and the harder to play. Controlling of the breath, nimble fingers, mastering all the sizes from soprano to bass, and in general understanding the nuances of the music, it's a field that asks for constant study. So that is what I still do. I take lessons, go to workshops and play in an ensemble weekly. I study every day and I would not want to miss that routine; it has become part of my life. I learn every day and keep my brain working.

One of the members of my ensemble, in her early marriage, was stationed on Bull Island, north of Vancouver Island, where her husband had to take care of the radio station. There were 7 families living on the tiny island. Every week a boat came by for foraging. What do you do all day in such isolation? My friend had brought a bunch of cheap recorders and a pile of simple music, and engaged the island residents into making music together. It was a great success and kept people from drinking away their boredom, so she claimed. My group started playing together close to 30 years ago and by now we are all in our 80s. Some are not quite keeping up anymore but we still get much musical satisfaction and we are, and remain, old friends.

Discussion Group's 'Potluck' Gathering



Annual "Picnic in the Park" July 20th



Monthly Mirth

FIRST RULE OF CAMPING:



PUT UP THE TENT BEFORE YOU START DRINKING



When alcohol performs miracles



What do we learn from cow, buffaloes & elephants?



It's impossible to reduce weight by eating green grass and salads and walking

Messages, Notices and Information

Wanted:

Stories for:

Memory Lane:

Contact Josine at: eikelenboom@telus.net

Photos for: **Through the Lens**

Contact Rick at: micricgoingplaces@gmail.com

Probus in-person 'Coffee Morning'

First Wednesday of the month, at 10am

Next meeting: August 2nd



**Invites us to visit the amazing
HONEYLAND!**

**One of Canada's leading producers
of bee products, on Thursday,
August 17th at 10am**

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Origin of the Phrase:

BARGE IN:

Definition: To be Pushy.

Heavy freight was moved along major rivers in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

Special Interest Groups

Book Club: *Convenor, Carla Reed*

Meets 1:30pm, second Tuesday, monthly

Bridge: *Convenor: Kathleen Spiess*

Meets, 1:30pm First & third Monday, monthly

Camping: *Convenor: Michaela O'Doherty*

Computer/Photography:

Convenor: Simon Modera:

Meets, 10am, fourth Wednesday, monthly.

Crafts: *Convenor, Michaela*

Meets, 1pm second Wednesday, monthly

Dining: *Convenors: Marie Slessor/Carla Reed*

Meets 6pm second Thursdays, monthly

Dine Away: *Convenor, Michaela*

Meets 6pm third Tuesdays, monthly

Discussion: *Convenor, Theo Rathonyi Reusz*

Meets, 10am first Thursday monthly

Lunch: *Convenor. Aline Drew*

Meets, noon last Thursday, monthly

Table Tennis: *Convenor; Michael Buckingham*

Meets, Tuesday and Friday mornings, weekly

Walking: *Convenor, Renate*

Meets 9am Tuesdays, weekly

Wine Club: *Convenor: Sam Lewindon*

Meets, 5pm last Friday, monthly

Word Weavers: *Convenor, Tracey Lewindon*

Meets, 2pm second Monday, monthly

"Groaner" of the Month:

**What lies at the bottom of the
ocean and twitches?**

A nervous wreck.

Probus Club of Maple Ridge



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For the period February 16, 2023 to February 15, 2024

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