



BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

PROBUS BUZZ

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President's Message:

Greetings and salutations!

Calling all fans of Spring - we made it, and I know there's still a tiny chance of more of the S word (not sayin' it), but bulbs are coming up and green is starting to happen. Can we all breathe a sigh of collective FINALLY. Ahhhhh

Yes, it's time to get outside again, for all those non-Winterers (new word), before the bugs. I love to wander around and try to figure out what the heck is that coming up that I must have planted last year. Hmmmm... We will soon find out! The season rolls quickly and before we know it, we're complaining about the heat. It's a Canadian thing.

April's meeting is "Bring a Friend" month, so please do! Any member bringing a non-member friend, will have their name entered into a draw for the chance to win a little token of our appreciation. Thanks for spreading the word about our club! Don't forget to pick up some of our bookmarks.

Our speaker last month, Amina, wanted me to pass along her appreciation for the wonderful cameras donated for Cameras for Girls. Feel good about that! This month's speaker is Dr. Amy Barron - for anyone with us since October, 2024, our first official meeting, we enjoyed Dr. Amy's presentation on Agatha Christie and archeology. She's back with a new topic - we love her sense of fun - she's a great speaker. You don't want to miss her presentation!

All the latest here - enjoy the read! This is your reminder of our meeting next Wednesday. I'll see you at the Hall.

Debra

BRING A FRIEND TO APRIL MEETING

MEMBER GETS ENTERED TO WIN A PRIZE!!

IF YOUR FRIEND JOINS THEY PAY \$25 FOR A ONE TIME MEMBERSHIP FEE PLUS \$23 (50% OFF ANNUAL RENEWAL RATE) = \$48

BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS CLUB

Upcoming Speakers



Wed. April 15, 2026 – *The Dawn of Writing in the Ancient World with Dr. Amy Barron*

How did mankind first learn to record his thoughts in writing? And why? These are some of the questions we will look at in this whirlwind tour through 4000 years of history as people of the Middle East developed the first forms of communication. Join us as we travel from clay tokens to Mesopotamian cuneiform and Egyptian hieroglyphics, and eventually, thank goodness, the alphabet that we use today. Something to think about next time you sit down with a good book, or perhaps an e-reading tablet that is not so different than our ancient ancestors.

Dr. Amy Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in the field of Mesopotamian history and archaeology. Her doctoral thesis is entitled “Late Assyrian Arms and Armour: Art versus Artifact”. She has excavated in the Middle East and elsewhere and has travelled widely studying the archaeology of various remote parts of the world from Peru to China. She has also worked in the museum field for almost thirty years. Amy has taught ancient history and archaeology at the University of Toronto, classics at the University of Guelph, and presently leads the post-graduate museum studies programs at Fleming College.



Wed. May 20, 2026 - *The Future is Now: AI (Artificial Intelligence) with Rob Smythe*

Google, Alexi, and Siri are mere infants compared to today’s AIs. Discover the ways AI is being used by seniors every day. You’ll see how AI works, the features of the most popular AIs, and how to get started. Amazement guaranteed!

Rob Smythe was a secondary school teacher of science, mathematics, computer science, and music, with a special fondness for physics. He has written several textbooks, including the astronomy unit for Ontario Grade 9 science, and six novels that, he says, few people have read.

He has performed in such musical stage productions as *Damn Yankees*, *West Side Story*, and *The Marriage of Figaro*. He has directed close to a dozen high school musicals, and conducted bands and choirs. He is an enthusiastic movie lover, enjoying thrillers, musicals, mysteries, historical epics, and science fiction. Rob has hosted multimedia presentations to audiences in venues ranging from homes, to auditoriums, to cruise ships, and during COVID, on Zoom.

We enjoyed Rob’s presentation last year on movie nostalgia, and we now get to enjoy his presentation on AI - something we need to know more about!

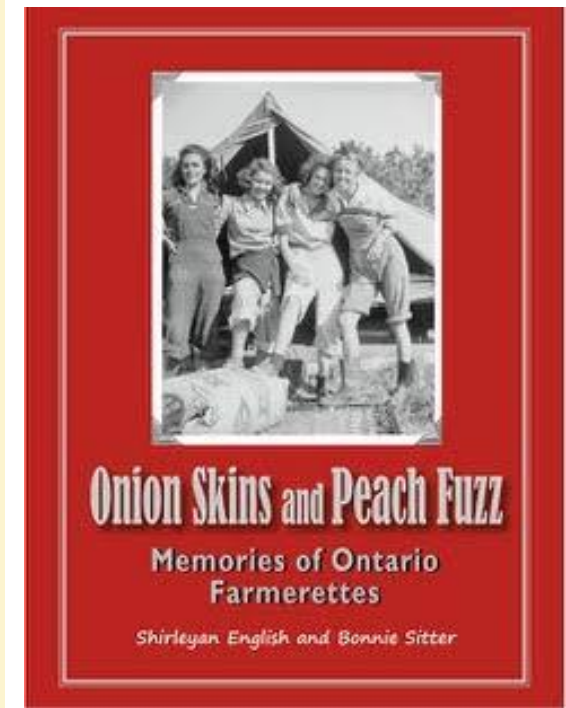


Wed. June 17, 2026 - *Farmerettes* with Bonnie Sitter

Bonnie Sitter makes her home in Exeter, Ontario. Since retiring in 2008 she has co-authored 2 books "The Beauty and Bounty of Huron County" and "Agriculture Today: A Portrait of Family Farms in Ontario". More recently she self published a book titled "On the Wright Track: Memories from CPR School Car #2".

Discovering a tiny photo in January of 2018 resulted in her doing research and writing a magazine article for The Rural Voice about Ontario Farmerettes. A popular book titled

"Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz Memories of Ontario Farmerettes" followed which was then developed into a highly successful play that was performed 35 times on 2 Ontario stages in 2024. Her campaign to obtain a Canadian Postage Stamp to recognize the Farmerettes was successful in Oct. 2024. Senator Rob Black helped push it across the finish line. Now the 50-minute documentary "WE LEND A HAND: The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes has won 10 awards and been accepted into 27 film Festivals. In the past year it has been screened more than 135 times. She recommends checking out <https://welendahand.ca/> to watch the trailer, read the bios of the Farmerettes interviewed, view upcoming events, read media and testimonials etc. Bonnie continues to collect Farmerette stories, newspaper articles and photos.



Interest Groups Update

TO SIGN UP FOR ALL INTEREST GROUPS:

1. Visit us in person at the Interest Groups Table during General Meetings or-
2. Email by clicking on this link: [Interest Group Chair](mailto:interestgr.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com) (interestgr.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com)

Typically, there is no charge to join an Interest Group (although some groups may have a fee to pay for the use of the venue and/or instructor). You must be a member in good standing of Brock-Georgina PROBUS Club to join an Interest Group. If you have an idea for a new group or want to join one of the existing groups, please contact us.

There is no limit to the types of Interest Group activities organized by members! All it takes is a coordinator. Some new interest groups have started and there will be signup sheets at the Interest Groups table at the February meeting.

Currently Active Interest Groups:

The Page Turners (Book Club)

When: Meets 4th Thursday of each month at the Beaverton Public Library. Next meeting is Thursday April 23 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm to discuss the book "Vladimir" by Julia May Jonas.

Coordinator: Janet Bedford

“Wine Not” Book Club

When/Info: Next meeting is Tuesday May 12th at 2pm at the home of the coordinator to discuss the book "The Stone Angel" by Canadian author, Margaret Laurence. A great book about a stubborn 90-year-old woman looking back on her life, and trying to live the rest of it her way.

Where: Coordinators home (members will receive an email from the Co-ordinator with the address)

Coordinator: Karen Hewitt

Dinner Club

When/Where: TBD

Coordinator: Don Wilson

“Lunch Bunch”

When: After our general meetings.

Where: Belvedere in Pefferlaw

Coordinators: A show of hands at the General Meeting

Lunch Group

When: Next outing is Thurs. April 23 at 12:00 noon at the Golden Dragon Restaurant at 958 Lake Drive East, Jackson's Point. The May outing will be at High Street Bistro in Sutton on Tues. May 26.

Coordinator: Susan Caswell

Latin Dance Lessons

When: April 27, 2026.

Where: Udora Hall

Cost: \$15 per session and \$20 per person per month for hall rental.

Coordinator: Jennifer Watson

“Crafty Crafters” (Handicrafts)

When: We met on March 24, 2026 and did some decoupage. Lots of laughs! Next meeting TBD.

Where: Home of Coordinator

Coordinator: Lynne Davidson



Hiking/Walking

When: TBD

Coordinator: Sheila Massey, Karen Panfili

Interest Groups Not Active/Resuming Soon:

Cigar Group

When/Where: Resuming in May 2026

Coordinator: Wesley Delnea

“Birdie Juice” (Golf)

When: See you in May.

Coordinator: Don Dalzell

With the Masters coming up and spring arriving, it is time to get those clubs out and cleaned up for a new year of fun golf. It is anticipated that our first outing this year will be in May, weather cooperating. More information to come. If any of the Golf Interest Group members have any changes/improvements to recommend for 2026, please feel free to contact the coordinator. Any Probus members interested in joining our fun group, please sign up at the next meeting.

“Pedal Pushers” (Cycling)

When: See you in the Spring!

Coordinator: New coordinator needed

“Kutie Cubes” (Rummikub board game)

This is a fun tile-based game, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong.

When: Temporary hiatus

“Smooth Moves” (Tai Chi)

When: TBD

Where: Udora Hall

Coordinator: Suzy Weatherston

Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

When: See you next winter!

Where: Coordinators will advise

Coordinators: Lillian Lahe and Judy Prophet

Coordinators NEEDED!!

Do you have an idea for a new interest group and want to be a coordinator? Bridge, euchre, board game, gardening, pickleball, pole walking, photography, theatre, explorers, movie night ... so many ideas and opportunities.

Let's Get Social –Events

TO SIGN UP FOR ALL SOCIAL EVENTS you must sign up to reserve your spot by one of two ways:

1. In person at the Social Events Table during General Meetings,
2. By emailing info@brockgeorginaprobust.ca

Next - you must pay either

- a) by e-transfer to social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com or
- b) by cheque payable to “Brock Georgina Probus Club” at a meeting,

NO CASH PLEASE - Cheques & E-Transfers Only!

You must be a member in good standing (or guest of a member) of Brock-Georgina PROBUS to attend.



FRIENDLY REMINDER! IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A SOCIAL EVENT AND CANNOT MAKE IT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE AT info@brockgeorginaprobust.ca. WE OFTEN HAVE BOOKED A RESTAURANT AND HAVE HAD SEVERAL NO SHOWS.

Wednesday April 15, 2026 – National Film Day

Come join us at the Ramara Library (Ramara Centre) to watch “Score: A Hockey Musical”, a 2010 Canadian coming-of-age musical comedy that blends ice hockey with song and dance, following a sheltered teen who becomes a star in a violent junior hockey league. Movie was written and directed by Michael McGowan and stars Noah Reid, Allie MacDonald, Olivia Newton-John, Marc Jordan, and Nelly Furtado. We will have an early dinner (4pm) before the movie at Wild Wing in Brechin.

PLEASE NOTE: *We have obtained 13 tickets for this event. If you signed up and can no longer make it, please contact us at info@brockgeorginaprobust.ca.*

The poster features a background of film reels and a large film reel on the right side. In the top left, the text "NATIONAL CANADIAN FILM DAY" is written in red. In the top right is the Brock-Georgina Probus Club logo, a blue circle with a yellow 'P' and the word "PROBUS" below it. The main title "WATCH WITH US A GREAT CANADIAN FILM" is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, a paragraph describes National Canadian Film Day (CanFilmDay) as a massive, coast-to-coast salute to Canadian cinema. Two red-bordered boxes with white backgrounds and red borders contain the date "APRIL 15TH" and the event details: "RAMARA LIBRARY (RAMARA CENTRE) @ 6PM SCORE: A HOCKEY MUSICAL EARLY DINNER AT 4PM WILD WINGS BRECHIN". At the bottom, the text "BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS CLUB" is written in white on a dark red background.

NATIONAL CANADIAN FILM DAY

WATCH WITH US A GREAT CANADIAN FILM


National Canadian Film Day (CanFilmDay) is a massive, coast-to-coast salute to Canadian cinema!

APRIL 15TH

**RAMARA LIBRARY
(RAMARA CENTRE)
@ 6PM
SCORE: A HOCKEY MUSICAL
EARLY DINNER AT 4PM
WILD WINGS BRECHIN**

BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS CLUB

Tuesday May 12, 2026 – Richters Tour and Lunch at Annina's, Goodwood




Brock-Georgina Probus Club

Join Us

Richters Herbs Tour

Enjoy a cup of herbal tea and a behind the scenes experience of how they sow seeds and propagate plants.

10 am



Lunch 12:15 pm at Annina's, Goodwood

Tuesday May 12, 2026

Free Tour. Registration Required

Thursday June 11, 2026 – OPP Museum Tour and Lunch at Kelsey’s in Orillia


Brock-Georgina Probus presents

 **MUSEUM
TOUR**

777 MEMORIAL AVENUE, ORILLIA

JUNE 11 - 10:00 AM FREE ENTRY

LUNCH (12:15 PM) AFTER TOUR
AT KELSEYS IN ORILLIA



July 2026 ... Stay tuned for Car Rally details!

Other Brock-Georgina Probus News and Information

❖ **PHOTO RELEASE NOTICE** – When you become a member of our Club you are giving consent to the Brock-Georgina Probus club to use your image, either alone or with others, on our web site, other social media and in our newsletter. If you would like to revoke this consent, please let us know.



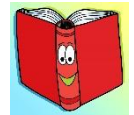
❖ **MAKING CONNECTIONS** - Do you know a member who has been experiencing an illness and/or is hospitalized? Please reach out to our Membership Chair, Jeanette. Member respect and privacy will be first and foremost.



❖ **MEMBER AMBASSADOR** – Have a question about our club and Probus? Reach out to Gail who will be at the Ambassador table at our meetings. Pick up one or more of our new “bookmarks” advertising our club and give to friends/neighbours/family etc.



❖ **BRING A BOOK ... TAKE A BOOK!** – Books should be current and in good condition. They should be the kind of books that you have enjoyed reading and would like to share with a friend. If you bring a book, please take another book home! Puzzles are also welcome.



❖ **LUG A MUG** – Don’t forget to bring your mug to our meetings. Refreshments will be served. Donations appreciated for refreshments.



❖ **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Ctrl +Click to follow the link! [Brock-Georgina Probus Club | Facebook](#). Then click **Join Us!**



❖ **BRING A GUEST/FRIEND** - Tell your friends to come check us out! Guests are always welcome. If you bring a friend in April you can win a prize!

From Your Management Team

In order to continue growing and providing exciting events and activities, consider being a volunteer. A strong and vibrant club is built on volunteerism. You can be involved in many ways such as helping set up for our meetings, making refreshments, being a coordinator for an interest group, joining the Social Committee to help plan our social events, or even stepping in a role on our Management Team. Whatever your interest or availability, there is a place for you to contribute and to help make a difference in the continued life of our club.



Get connected by volunteering! Lend your time, share your talent, and help build our club.

Community News

Do you have an upcoming event in the area you would like to share! Let us know and we can include in our newsletter!

- April 11th-12th – Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival - Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival – April 11-12, 2026.
- Monday April 13th – Georgina-Brock Garden Club meeting with presentation by Paul Oliver, “Creating Habitat for Hummingbirds and Orioles” at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall. Guests Welcome!

Creating Habitat for Hummingbirds & Orioles

Paul Oliver from Urban Nature Store presents how to host hummingbirds and orioles, what habitat and materials they need for nesting, food, and preparation for fall migration. A few simple practices will make your home yard habitat more attractive and help ensure they thrive during their seasonal visit.

Come Early and Join Us for Our Welcome to Spring Dessert Party

Enjoy a few sweets and great conversation. Don't forget to Lug A Mug.

Monday, April 13, 7:00 pm
Pefferlaw Lions Hall
38 Pete's Lane

Everyone Welcome

Annual Memberships
\$20 single, \$25 family

Georgina-Brock garden club
Sharing the Beauty

- Saturday April 18th, Earth Day activities. Beaverton (10am – 1:30 pm).

BEAVERTON LIONS CLUB
EARTH DAY
APRIL 18th EVENTS & BARBECUE
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR PARKS & COMMUNITY!

Minor Ball Bottle Drive
10:00 - 12:00

Diabetes & Scrap Metal Drop-off
10:00 - 12:00

Terry Clayton Pavilion
Free Community BBQ and Plaque Dedication
12:30 - 1:30

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 18th
EVENT TIMES: 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

PARK CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS!
COME BY TO ENJOY:

- FREE BARBECUE (at the Pavilion)
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- PLAQUE DEDICATION

All ages welcome! Thank you for your hard work!

HELP US KEEP BEAVERTON CLEAN & VIBRANT!

BEAVERTON LIONS CLUB

**EARTH DAY
COMMUNITY CLEANUP**

DATE: APRIL 18TH

CLEANUP DAY!
volunteers working

FREE GIVEAWAYS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

FREE COMMUNITY APPRECIATION BARBECUE!

FREE BBQ at the Pavilion starting after cleanup (Approx. 12 PM)

LIVE MUSIC

DIABETES DONATIONS
DIABETES CANADA

E-WASTE & SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

BOTTLE DRIVE
BEAVERTON MINOR BALL

HELP US KEEP BEAVERTON CLEAN

www.beavertonlions.ca

- Thursday April 23, 2026 – Beaverton Garden Club Meeting with presentation by Anna Mizyn, “Rock Gardening A to Z” at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Beaverton.

Beaverton Garden Club Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2026 7:30 pm

Rock Gardening A to Z

Anna Mizyn, Owner of

Anna’s Perennials



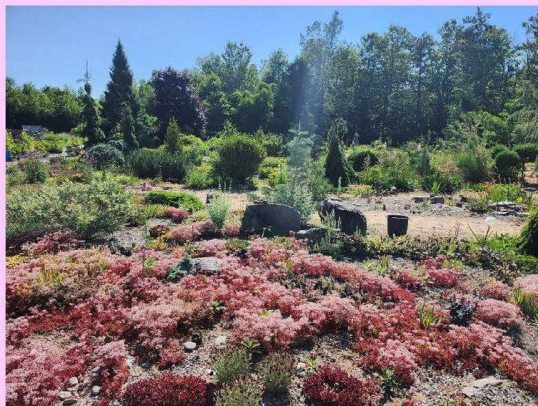
We dig gardening
www.beavertonhorticultural.com



Anna will have plants from her nursery available for purchase at the meeting.



Beaverton Garden Club is thrilled to welcome Anna Mizyn, Owner of Anna’s Perennials in Lindsay to share her expertise in rock gardening. Anna’s nursery rock gardens demonstrate the infinite possibilities achievable with unique plants and imagination.



We meet at:
St. Paul’s Anglican Church
383 Osborne Street, Beaverton
Everyone is welcome!
Light refreshments will be provided. Join us for social time. Doors open at 7pm.
Contact: Judy Mitchell-Wilson
705-323-0099

- Friday April 24-25 – Quilt Show Tea and Sale, Trinity United Church, Cannington

East Lake Simcoe Quilters



April
24-25
2026

QUILT SHOW
TEA & SALE

Trinity United Church
50 Laidlaw St. N. Cannington

Come join us for tea!

Friday April 24 1-5pm
Saturday April 25 10am-4pm

Refreshments served both days
Lunch available Saturday from 11am to 2pm

Vendors, demos & door prizes

Admission \$10. at door
Cash or e-transfer only



- Monday April 27, 2026 7:30pm - Doors open 6:30pm. Cannington Horticultural Society meeting with presentation by Julia Tchervova & John Caswell – “Mushrooms: Wild & Wonderful”. Cannington Baptist Church, 60 Cameron St. W. Cannington.

CANNINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MUSHROOMS
Wild & Wonderful

Julia & John
TCHERVOVA CASWELL

April 27 7:30pm

Learn the art & science of mushroom foraging. The fascinating world of fungi that form vast "wood wide web" networks supporting plant & animal life, produce medicines & help to restore damaged environments.

Plus: April Flower Show-entries in place by 7pm

all welcome

Cannington Baptist Church, 60 Cameron St. W.

www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.org

[learn.grow.enjoy](#)

- Brock Community Health – Free Wellness Programs - Yoga, Gentle Fit, Line Dancing, Indoor Walking, Meditation, Drumming, etc. – Registration Required. [Community Wellness Programs - Brock Community Health Centre](#)
- Brock Community Health – Community Speaker Series – Cameron Street, Cannington – No Cost, Light Refreshments. Registration required.

Brock Community Health Centre

Healthy Aging in Brock: Community Speaker Series

Brock Community Health Centre
39 Cameron St. W., Cannington

Coming This Spring!

Tuesday March 24	Wednesday April 29	Thursday May 21
Aging in Brock	Seniors' Safety	Planning for the Future

Watch our website and social media for more information!

705.432.3322 | www.brockchc.ca | acanavan@brockchc.ca

Also, check out these event lists for Georgina, Brock and Uxbridge by clicking on the link:

- Events in Georgina - [Events Calendar | Town of Georgina](#)
- Brock Township Events - [Events – Choose Brock](#)
- Events in Uxbridge - [Events in Uxbridge - Discover Uxbridge](#)

Meet new people, make new friends, discover new interests!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 15!

DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG FOR REFRESHMENTS

Donations for Refreshments Always Appreciated.

Thank you 😊

Spring is here!



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