



BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

PROBUS BUZZ

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President's Message:

Happy August and our summer rolls on. Aren't we fortunate to call home areas that many visit for vacation time. A little cool-down is welcome, at least to me, and I don't want to spoil anyone's time outdoors, but my poor gardens would also welcome some rain.

I'm staycationing and enjoying my surroundings. Country living is my preference, surrounded by nature. And bird songs - I love to sit on the porch to watch and listen. Confession time: I am cheating this year - I've discovered the Merlin Bird ID app. While I can identify many birds by sight, their songs are a different story. This app allows you to record bird song in your area and identifies who is singing! Fantastic! I am finding out about some of the birds I hear, but can't identify. And for my fellow bird nerds, I've got Indigo Buntings here - I see them every summer and now I can ID their song.

Our summer has been very dry, with water bans in place - good timing for our August speakers who happens to be the Brock and Georgina Fire Departments, to talk to us about fire prevention. An important topic that we can all use a little reminder about, including indoors and outdoors at this time of year!

It sounds like the many who participated in the Car Rally had a wonderful time. So happy to hear that - maybe we can convince organizers to make it an annual event. What do you think?

This is your reminder of our meeting next Wednesday August 20. I'll see you at the Hall.

Debra

Upcoming Speakers

Wed. August 19 – “Fire Safety for Seniors”

We will be joined by Madison Bath, a Fire Prevention Officer from Brock Fire Department to discuss our safety and fire prevention for seniors. Officer Bath will be joined with the Georgina Fire Department as well for a joint presentation. A learning experience and an important message for our August meeting!

Wed. September 17 – AGM, 1st Anniversary Social/Games and Optional Lunch – No SPEAKER

Wed. October 15, 2025 – “An Adventure on the High Seas and the Journey Within”

While in their early 50s, Sue Williams, without an adventure-seeking bone in her body, and her husband David, without any real blue water experience, left their three sons, cast off in their 37-foot sailboat from Hamilton Ontario, and headed east; destination the North Atlantic Ocean. Sue has written a compelling memoir, “Ready to Come About” (Dundurn Press), of their improbable, often perilous, ocean adventure.

She will read from her book and, with David, will present a slide show of their life-altering journey. A Q & A will follow.



Current 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.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com) (interestgr.brockgeorginaprobus@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, and a group of individuals who enjoy getting together to share lunch or dinner one day, then gather with others to play cards, games, ride a bike, hike, walk, discuss books on another. How about a round of golf or bird watching?

Some new interest groups have been suggested and there will be signup sheets at the Interest Groups table for pool/billiards and a breakfast club.



To all Probus Club members who are members of Interest Groups: PLEASE REPLY "yes" or "no" to your coordinators if you will or will not be attending the next Interest Group meeting. The coordinators put a lot of effort into these meetings. If you decide you no longer wish to be in a certain Interest Group, let the coordinator know so your name may be crossed off the list. Thank you!

"Birdie Juice" (Golf)

Birdie Juice has over 20 members.

When: Mondays, once a month in the afternoon. Nine golfers braved the heat and played at Cedarhurst Golf Course on Aug.11 at 2:30. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed a much-needed cool drink afterward. The next golf game is being planned for September.

Meets: Various local golf courses as suggested by members.

Coordinator: Don Dalzell



The Page Turners (Book Club)

When: Meets 4th Thurs. of each month at Beaverton Library. Due to the library closure the last week of August, we will meet Aug.21 at 2:30 at the Beaverton Public Library

Topic: We have enjoyed reading "The Lost and Found Bookshop" by Susan Wiggs, "Presumed Innocent" by Scott Turow and "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. May's book was "Never Cry Wolf" by Farley Mowat. June's read was "The Circle" by Katherine Vermette.

July's read was "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton. The August read is "All the Quiet Places" by Brian Thomas Isaac.

Coordinator: Janet Bedford



Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Meets: See you in the Winter!

When: Wednesdays, 10AM

Where: Coordinators will advise

Coordinators: Lillian Lahe and Judy Prophet

“Pedal Pushers” (Cycling)

When: Thursdays, once a month

Coordinator: Karen Panfili

Dinner Club

When: Tuesday August 19 at 6pm

Where: The Twisted Fork Restaurant at 62 Main Street in Mt. Albert ([Home - Twisted Fork Restaurant Bar](#))

Coordinator: Don Wilson

Our first event was at Jackson’s Bistro in Jackson’s Point. The dinner club numbers continue to grow. Our dinner on August 19th has twenty-two members joining us. For our September 16th outing we have found another hidden gem, The Golden Dragon Restaurant in Jackson’s Point, serving a delicious variety of Chinese and Asian cuisine. They also serve Canadian food for those less adventurous souls. Hope you will come and join us. If you have signed up you should receive an email and asked for confirmation of attendance at the next event. Anyone else interested in joining is welcome to sign up at the Interest Group table.

“Crafty Crafters” (Handicrafts)

When: 2nd Friday of Month at 10:15 to Noonish.

Next Meeting is Friday September 12th.

Where: Beaverton Public Library

Coordinator: Lynne Davidson

At our August meeting Wendy Rhead lead a paper craft workshop (see pictures of the cards). Six participated and made some lovely cards. For our September meeting we plan to discover what mono-printing is all about. Warning....it is addictive!!



Hiking/Walking

When: meets 4th Tuesday of the month. Not meeting in August but plan another hike in September if the weather is not too hot!

Where: Various trails.

Coordinators: Sheila Massey, Lil Madden, Karen Panfili

“Wine Not” Book Club

When: Starting in September

Where: Member homes

Coordinator: Karen Hewit.

A casual get-together for book lovers that will meet in homes. There may be a book discussion or there may not be! Wine may be involved 😊.

Latin Dance Lessons

When: Mondays 1-2pm

Where: Udora Hall

Cost: \$15 per session and \$15 per person per month & when the unused balance accumulates to the cost of one month's rental, we will actually have one month free.

Coordinator: Jennifer Watson

Info from Jennifer.... Members of the group are made up of beginners, a few with some experience and some who have been dancing for a few years. We have an excellent instructor who makes our lessons fun and is also very patient. This helps beginners catch up quickly, and with ease. The instructor reviews everything we've learned at every session and teaches us new steps when we are ready. Of course, our instructor encourages us to practice. Do we practice? We'll never tell. As the coordinator of this dance group, I have to say that the enthusiasm of this group is outstanding. Videos will be posted in the future on the website.



Lawn Bowling

When: Pending

Where: 34 Peace Street, Cannington

Coordinator: Barb Moore

“Lunch Bunch”

When: After our general meetings

Where: Belvedere in Pepperlaw

Coordinators: A show of hands at the General Meeting

“Kutie Cubes” (Rummikub board game)

This is a fun tile-based game, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Currently, there are 4 signed up.

When: Play the 4th Monday of the month

Meets: Rotate at members’ homes

Coordinator: Gail Wright

“Smooth Moves” (Tai Chi)

When: Starting again soon

Where: Udora Hall

Coordinator: Susan Weatherston

“Laughing Matters” (Improv)

When: Third Monday of each month from 1:30-3pm

Where: Aspira Douglas Crossing (6 Douglas Road, Uxbridge) in the Horseshoe Room across from the Fitness Centre. Someone will be at the lobby to assist you with check in 15 minutes early.

Coordinator: The Uxbridge Probus Club has invited the Brock Georgina Probus Club to attend their "Laughing Matters" Improv Sessions. Improv is a great way to meet new people. It is all about thinking on your feet and learning that there is no right or wrong answers when you are having fun!

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, dinner, 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 social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com

Next - you must pay either

a) by e-transfer to social2.brockgeorginaprobus@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.

Recent Probus Events:

Tuesday May 27 – Spring Flowers in the Carden Alvar

Members hiked to view spectacular spring flowers in the beautiful Carden Alvar, with renowned naturalist Bob Bowles.

Tuesday June 10 - Old Flame Brewery Tour and Lunch, 135 Perry Street, Port Perry

Members toured the flagship location of the Old Flame Brewery located in a historical building that was originally built in 1874, and began as the Ontario Carriage Works.

Wed. July 23 – Come on Out and Car Rally

The day was bright and sunny, and hot – thank goodness everyone has air conditioning in their cars! All 15 cars were on time to depart the Udora Hall. Sue Hillar was the Official Starter, lining up the cars and sending them off at 2-minute intervals so they were not bunched up. Dianne Bennett checked everyone in, and Chris gave them the clue sheets for the Rally. Off they went!

Dianne went directly to the restaurant, and some of the first teams were already there! Obviously, some over-achievers in the group – good for them. More teams arrived, and we checked all the Tally sheets. There were several who had all the clues correct, so then we checked the actual drive times to get the winners.

First Place went to Valerie Regich and her 3 team members – Congratulations! They got a Hot Wheels Race Car to show how fast they were, plus some Tim Horton's gift cards for their next road trip.



A close second went to Wendy Rhead and her 3 little sheep – well done! They got a Hot Wheels Muscle Car, because they almost muscled in to First Place. And they got Tim Horton's gift cards too. Then – the next prize was not hard to determine. While we were all enjoying lunch, we waited and waited for 2 missing teams. Nancy Briggs and her team arrived, and were worried about being in last place. But we still were waiting for 1 more team to arrive!! Finally, Lil Madden and her team member walked in – of course, to some applause. Apparently, they had missed a very early turn, and had to go back to get on track. But they persevered, and got the Most Leisurely Arrival prize – a Hot Wheels Tow Truck that we almost had to send out to find them.



We then looked at all the marvellous Mascots everyone brought, and had a very hard time trying to decide which ones were the “best” of the group. There were lots of warm, fuzzy critters – some of whom managed to sip some beer – one that went Ribbit – one with big hairy arms and lots of Moxie – a British Beanie Baby whose team wore fascinators – Bobcats with ears - and lots that showed imagination. Sorry we could not give a prize to everyone, but we did award: Biggest Mascot to Sheila Massey – between its size and her tall friend, we are not sure how they all fit into one car! Look at the photo to see what we mean. Next was Dave Wakelin (who was dressed in a very snazzy car shirt) whose monkey played La Bomba and shook his marimbas. Finally, was the smallest – a Canadian beaver with Nancy Briggs and her team.



We presume everyone got home all right, and say thanks for participating in our first ever Brock Georgina Car Rally! *Chris*

Upcoming Probus Events

Wed. Aug 27 – Muskoka Boat Tour High Tea

Visit the Gravenhurst Farmers’ Market and cruise on the Wenonah II. Enjoy a delightful High Tea served in the ship's Dining Salon while enjoying the beautiful scenery of Muskoka on a 1.5 hour cruise. Departing the Sutton Link (20849 Dalton Road) at 9:30 and the Independent Grocer on Highway 12 at 9:55.

COST: \$135

NOTE: SOLD OUT – WAIT LIST.

If you want to join us and provide your own transportation, you can book tickets if any are available still by clicking on the link below. The cost for the cruise and High Tea is \$116.23.

[Steamship Tickets | Muskoka Steamships and Discovery Centre](#)



Wed. September 17 – 1st Anniversary Bash

Don’t miss out on our 1st Anniversary bash, which will include a short AGM, followed by fun interactive games and an optional catered luncheon for \$20.



Friday August 22 at 8pm- "Flashback" - Beaverton Town Hall Players - \$20



FlashBack
Performing on August 22 at 8 PM

Get ready for an electrifying night of live music as Flashback takes the stage, bringing the greatest hits from the '50s to the '90s to Beaverton!

Presented by the Beaverton Town Hall Players, this unforgettable concert will transport you through the golden decades of rock 'n' roll, Motown and classic pop.

TICKETS \$20 **August 22 8 pm**

VISIT: Jack's Place, Beaverton ONLINE: via Eventbrite (credit card)
CALL: 705-426-7734
EMAIL: boxoffice@bthp.ca
BOX OFFICE: on show night (cash)



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Saturday September 27 at 2pm – “Hilda’s Yard” – Beaverton Town Hall Players - \$25

Beaverton Town Hall Players

Laugh, gasp, and embrace the chaos in this sharp-witted comedy

HILDA’S YARD

by Norm Foster



Directed by Jonathan Thompson

Sep 19, 26 @ 8 pm
Sep 20, 21, 27, 28 @ 2 pm

TICKETS \$25 (adults)


VISIT: Jack's Place, Beaverton
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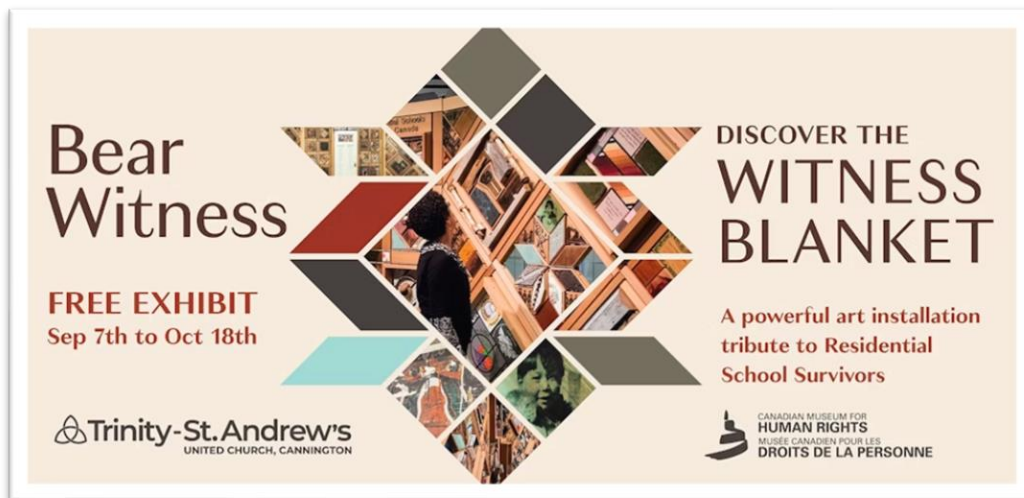
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Tuesday October 12 – 11am - Witness Blanket Exhibit, Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, Cannington - followed by lunch at Pub 12 in Cannington



Other Brock-Georgina Probus News and Information

Winner for the Newsletter name competition was Wes Delnea with Probus Buzz.

Share the Wealth - At every General Meeting there is an optional “Share the Wealth” Draw – 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5, and arms length for \$10. Loonies, toonies, \$5’s and \$10’s are appreciated. The Draw is conducted at the end of the meeting, with half going to your Club to pay for refreshments and the other half split evenly between two lucky winners! Purchase your tickets before the meeting and during the coffee break.



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.



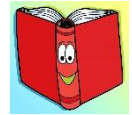
Making Connections - Do you know a member who has been experiencing an illness and/or is hospitalized? Please reach out to our Membership Chair, Jeanette. Member respect and privacy will be first and foremost.



New Member Ambassador – Have a question about our club and Probus? Reach out to Gail who will be at the Ambassador table at our meetings.



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!



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Calendar with Meetings, Social Activities and Interest Groups - COMING SOON!

From the Nominating Committee

The Management Team is busy getting ready for our AGM in September. You should have received an email from Membership with three attachments – President’s Message, By-Laws, and Nominees. Please read these prior to the AGM. If you did not receive these, please let us know.

We are continuing to look for members to complete our 2025/2026 Management Team slate. Some positions to be filled are: Speakers Chair, Interest Groups Chair, Website Administrator, Technology Coordinator and a Member at Large.

Reach out if you are interested. Join this amazing group of volunteers and have a say in the future of our vibrant Probus Club!



From Our Membership Chair, Jeannette Millar

It is hard to believe, but the first year of the Brock-Georgina Probus Club is quickly coming to an end. With it is a double-barreled reality. We made it, even with a few hick-ups and some big learning curves! AND our membership fees are up for renewal at the end of August for all 105 of us. There will be no fee increase for the year 2025-2026, meaning that it remains at \$45.00. What a bargain for all the fabulous speakers, the fellowship, the social activities and the interest groups!



At the end of September, we will be removing any names from the membership list that have not paid their fees, either by e-transfer or cheque at the meeting. Please mark your payment “membership fee” so we can keep all our records straight. We will not be accepting any cash payments.

If you have had a change in your personal information over the last year that you have not shared with me, please email it to me at membership.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com. We do not want to lose you: you are an important member of the 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!

Here are a few/links you might be interested in

- August 16 – Georgina – Field to Table Farm Tour– 10am-4pm [Field to Table | Town of Georgina](#)

- Georgina Farmer's Market at the Link, Sutton – Every Sunday 9am – 2pm until October 6. [HOME | Farmers Market](#)
- Brock Township Events - [Events – Choose Brock](#)
- Events in Uxbridge - [Events in Uxbridge - Discover Uxbridge](#)
- Monday Sept. 8 – 7:30pm - Georgina-Brock Garden Club Meeting – Speaker - Indigenous Plant Knowledge of the Chippewas of Georgina Island. Guests welcome!

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20!

DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG!

BRING A GUEST!

(Guests permitted maximum 2 times)

