



BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Greetings and salutations! Welcome to our first edition. What a wonderful thing it is to have a newsletter for our club. Many thanks to our new Newsletter Editor, Lynne Davidson, for offering to put our news together and get it out there to you!

It is hard to believe that our club is already eight months into its first year - and we've almost doubled in number of members since our charter meeting on September 18, 2024. That is so heartening for the Management Team that have worked hard to get our club up and running.

I hope you are enjoying our monthly meetings, as we stretch and learn, finding out what our member interests are. We are all volunteers, and the more people we get involved, the more we can do. Our little club is gaining momentum – won't you consider becoming involved? How about a gardening interest group to welcome Spring?

Our Social team has planned some great outdoor activities for the season, I hope you join the fun. Some of our Interest Groups will be starting up again to take advantage of the warm weather. We have some fabulous speakers lined up for the year. Lots for us to do!

Join us at our meetings for some social time and join in some of the fun social events coming up, won't you? We love to see your smiling faces!

All the latest here - enjoy the read! This is your reminder of our meeting Wednesday May 21 at 10am. I'll see you at the Hall.

Debra

Upcoming Speakers

Wed. May 21 - "Sibbald Point at a Glance" with Laura McClintock, Senior Park Naturalist, Sibbald Point Provincial Park, Town of Georgina

Explore the stories that shaped Sibbald Point Provincial Park during this talk on the Sibbald family and history of the property. The Sibbald's owned the estate (1835-1951) that would become Sibbald Point Provincial Park; and left behind artifacts, stories, and legacies that remain today. Join us as we look at the personalities, social values, and events that influenced the history this corner of Lake Simcoe.



DID YOU KNOW? With your library card you can get a day pass for Sibbald Point and other Provincial Parks! Check it out....

- [Ontario Parks Day-Use Permit Lending Program - Georgina Public Library](#)
- [Ontario Parks Passes are available at your Library! – Brock Township Public Library](#)



Wed. June 18- "A Century of Famous Movies and Quotes" with Rob Smythe.

An entertaining, multimedia, audience participation presentation. Rob invites you to join him with a nostalgic, entertaining look at the most influential movies of the past century.



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.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). 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?

Birdie Juice (Golf)

When: Mondays, likely once a month in the afternoon

Meets: Various local golf courses as suggested by members.

The Golf group met for the first time on Monday May 12 in the afternoon at Cedarhurst Golf Course. It was a beautiful, sunny day for a round of golf.

Coordinator: Don Dalzell



Book Club

When: Meets 4th Thurs. of each month at Beaverton 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 will be "Never Cry Wolf" by Farley Mowat, the amazing true story of life among the Artic wolves.

Coordinator: Janet Bedford



Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Meets: Winter

When: Wednesdays, 10AM

Where: Coordinators will advise

Coordinators: Lillian Lahe and Judy Prophet
This group had a good first season for both snowshoers and X-Country skiers. We visited different trails including Pfefferlaw Tract, Cedarhurst Golf Club and Sibbald. There were a few weather challenges and our winter season is officially wrapped up. Looking forward to next year, and hoping for new members.



Cycling:

When: Thursdays, once a month - First ride was Thurs. May 8

Coordinator: Karen Panfili

Handicrafts

When: Start date to be determined. Likely once a month on a Friday morning.

Where: Beaverton Public Library

Coordinator: Lynne Davidson



Hiking/Walking

When: meets 4th Tuesday of the month. Tuesday May 27 will be cancelled due to conflict with Carden Alvar walk. Next hike is June 24.

Where: Various trails. Our first walk was at Bendor and Graves Tract of York Regional Forest on Apr.22, a beautiful day.

Coordinators: Sheila Massey, Lil Madden, Karen Panfili



Latin Dance Lessons

When: Starting after May

Where: TBA

Coordinator: Jennifer Watson

Lawn Bowling

When: Coming soon. Come give it a try for free at the Cannington Lawn Bowling Club Open House on Saturday May 24th or 31st from 10am to 1pm. Wear flat shoes and bring a smile!

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

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 in Spring

Where: Udora Hall

Coordinator: Susan Weatherston

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 – Upcoming 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.

Tuesday May 27 – 10am to 1 pm - Spring Flowers in the Carden Alvar

Hike to view spectacular spring flowers in the beautiful Carden Alvar, with renowned naturalist Bob Bowles. The Carden Alvar is a rare form of grassland habitat home to a range of uniquely adapted species.

Meet at the Prairie Smoke Reserve Parking lot on Dalrymple Lake Road.

Bring hat, good walking shoes, pack a snack, water, camera and a smile!

COST: \$10 for members and \$15 for guests

NOTE: FULL – WAIT LIST



Prairie Smoke

Tuesday June 10 – 12pm - Old Flame Brewery Tour and Lunch, 135 Perry Street, Port Perry

Tour 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.

COST: No cost for Probus members (\$5 for guests) but must preregister at social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com.

Buy your own lunch.



Wed. July 23 – 10am -12pm – Come on Out and Car Rally

Leaving from Udora, have some fun on this scavenger hunt rally.

Lunch will follow (restaurant to be determined).

COST: To be determined. Members only.



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. 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



Other News and Information

Do you have an idea for a catchy Newsletter name? Submit your name at our May meeting. The winner will be selected by the Management Team and you will receive an arm's length of tickets from the Share the Wealth Draw at our June General Meeting.



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 – no small coins please. 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.



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HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY MAY 21!

DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG!

BRING A GUEST! (Guests permitted maximum 2 times)

Happy Victoria Day on May 19! In addition to honouring the "Mother of Confederation", Queen Victoria, it is unofficially the start of the summer season. Enjoy! Be safe!