

FORUM



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President's Message:

Summertime



As the summer solstice arrived we marked the official beginning of summer. Hockey is not over but winding down. On la Fête national du Québec, (I still call it Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day), les Canadiens secured a place in the Stanley Cup finals. What a treat it would be for them to win. The Covid numbers are down and we can finally hug our family and friends. We have so much to be thankful at this time.

Wear your red and white to show how proud you are to be enjoying freedom in such a beautiful country. I plan on adding a little extra red from those delicious Ontario strawberries to my shirt.

What an exciting time in our club. We are starting to plan for in-person get togethers once again. Diane Comstock and her team have been working hard preparing us for our new Wild Apricot software - imagine having all of the club's information at our fingertips in one easy to use location. See what, where, and when activities are happening and whom to contact. If practice makes perfect, we will be off to a great start.

We have had a few setbacks with no club picnic this year or other outdoor activities, but we are all looking forward to turning off our media devices and getting together again. We do not know what the rules will be or when it will happen but it is in the near future. Be prepared with hair and beard trimmed and with all the sunshine some hair may be bleached blonde again. Wishing you and yours a great Canada Day and hope to see you soon. Take care and be safe!

— Wayne Herder

Annual Dues

After many difficult months we can finally contemplate meeting in person, in some manner, in the foreseeable future. Several of you have asked about your membership status and payment of annual membership dues. The Management Committee has deferred collection of dues for the past year and all members remain in good standing.

As noted by Vice President Diane in last month's Forum, the Club is moving with the times and will be implementing a management system to streamline many functions including notification and collection of dues. We expect that in August you will receive the first email notification that dues for 2021-2022 are payable. The fee has remained the same since our inception in 2013 but due to increasing costs the renewal fee will be \$55.00 for the upcoming year. Stay tuned to General Meetings and the Forum for further details.

If you have any questions please email me at pennymcilw@gmail.com.

— Penny McIlwain, Membership Chair

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Escarpment Photo of the Month

This month we have Snail on an Itoh yellow Peony, a great garden photo by Christy Babcock.

Send your photos to david@bosscommunications.com and I will select one for inclusion each month.



ACTIVITIES

Do I Hear Step 3?

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

We are seeing a gradual lift in public health measures and can be hopeful that we are going to see the end of our lockdown soon!! We are rescheduling our Eye Spy Scavenger Hunt to Tuesday, August 10th. Stay tuned for news of our rescheduled date for Play Day!

Check out the articles on the Scattergories and Trivia events that recently took place! First place Scattergories winner was Barb Chliszczyk who won a \$20 lottery gift card! Trivia winners this last round won an assortment of Lottery Tickets! Congratulations to all! More Trivia is coming to you on Tuesday, July 20th.

We had our finale for our General Meeting contest with our theme being recognition of Canada Day. Beth Barnes won with her show of Canadian patriotism! Congratulations Beth and enjoy that bottle of Casillero del Diablo wine! A special thank you to all those who have participated in the monthly contest these last few months and brought laughter and smiles to our faces! I appreciate your participation!!

JULY ACTIVITIES:

Zoom – One More Time!! It’s Trivia Night!! - Tuesday, July 20th at 7 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

Let the laughter continue one more time this summer with Zoom Trivia! Join us on Tuesday, July 20th at 7 pm!

We will be using the same interactive technology and again have planned some fun that you can participate in from the comfort of your home! You can join us for a Trivia Night by yourself and even if you are a “couple” you can plan individually.

What you will need: Zoom (on your computer or tablet), and a cell phone or tablet as your game device to input your answer. Once you have joined the Zoom call, we will give you instructions on how to access Kahoot! This is a multiple choice trivia game so you have a shot at getting the right answer!!!

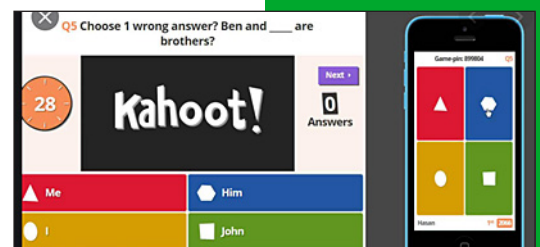
At the start of our evening, you will be given a PIN to enable you to join the game. You will then SPIN to get your pseudonym name. Questions will be shown on the screen and you and/or your team will have 30 seconds to select the correct answer to the question. Points are awarded for the proper answer as well as for the speed with which you answer. There will be a prize for the top three players.

Email kmground@gmail.com or gagnonruth@gmail.com to register!

Please note that any activity we plan will adhere to any provincial guidelines and restrictions due to COVID.

Activities Committee
Members:

Ruth Gagnon
Anne Gibbard
Kelly Ground
Irene Hiebert
Joanne Millichamp
Ron Millichamp
Dawn Ross



AUGUST ACTIVITIES:

Eye Spy Photo Scavenger Hunt – Tuesday, August 10th, 2:00 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

Here we go again! Let's see if we can make this happen!!! Come on out and join your Escarpment PROBUS members for a little fun! We will be meeting at 2 pm at Victoria Park to check in and start the Eye Spy Photo Scavenger Hunt. Whether you go "hunting" by yourself, with someone in your "bubble" or make a team, come on out and see a few friendly faces as we explore Old Milton. See what you can accomplish in two hours!! Remember to practice social distancing and bring a mask with you! Kelly and I will be waiting for you in Victoria Park to see what you accomplished!!

We are working on heading out to an outdoor terrace for a happy hour drink so stayed tuned on that. For those of you that registered for the last "planned" date, I will be reaching out to you to confirm that you are available this time around. Please let us know you are coming and if you are "hunting" on your own, in a "bubble" or "team" – email kmgound@gmail.com or gagnonruth@gmail.com.

TRAVEL

Islands of the Mediterranean

by Joanne Millichamp

After a couple of postponements due to Covid, we are optimistic that our trip will happen next year from May 26th to June 8th, 2022.

Sicily is the largest island in the Med, and Catania the second largest city, where we will stay for three nights. Visits in Sicily include cities large and small, seafront drives, beautiful vistas and visits to ancient temples, theatres and cathedrals. A highlight will be a visit to Mt. Etna, Europe's most accessible volcano where we will also enjoy a wine tasting.

We travel to Malta by high-speed catamaran and stay in the capital Valletta for four nights. We will tour the main sights, such as the cathedral, Grand Harbour, and the three cities built by the Knights of Malta. Built in medieval times, the town of Mdina, with its narrow alleyways, will be a full day visit. We will also enjoy a cruise on a Turkish Gullett and visit the two surrounding islands, Gozo and Comino, and the Blue Lagoon. And guess what, we have another wine tasting.

A short flight takes us to the island of Cyprus, the 3rd largest in the Med, where we stay for the next four nights. Cyprus has been divided into two areas since 1964, the Turkish area in the north and the Greek area in the south, with UN peacekeepers separating the two. We will have a full day excursion to Nicosia, the capital, which is the only divided city in Europe. We will tour both areas, visiting a cultural centre, cathedral, and a caravanserai. We also visit Famagusta and its mosque, Salamis, and Curium.

We have a morning flight to Athens, where we will enjoy a full day tour including Constitution Square, Presidential Palace, Plaka and many others. We visit the Acropolis with its many monuments including the amazing Parthenon. Our final dinner will be held at a roof top garden with panoramic views over Athens.

There is an optional 2 night/3 day post tour in Athens.

Prices are \$6,090 per person and the single supplement is \$1,590. This includes all flights, accommodation, and ALL gratuities. Not included is the airport tax, currently \$730. This trip is first come, first served for club members only at this time.

Please ensure you have travel insurance that covers you for medical and trip cancellation.

Brochures are available, with daily itineraries. For further information, please contact Joanne Millichamp at 289/878-2969 or jmillichamp@hotmail.com.

MEETING: JULY



Glenn Gould: His Life, His Cottage, His Orillia

Dr. Chris Decker was born in 1952 in Toronto. After graduating from U of T Medical School in 1978, he went to Calgary, Alberta, and did residencies in Family Medicine and General Surgery. He returned to Ontario in 1987 and practiced General Surgery in Orillia, Thunder Bay and Parry Sound. He retired from full practice in 2016; lives in the Orillia area, and still works assisting in the ORs there.

He is a great lover of history and enjoys researching exceptional persons who have passed through the environs of central Ontario. He gives presentations on selected people who have added some colour to those communities.

JULY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Activities				
Executive Meeting	July	14	7:00 PM	Zoom
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	July	21	9:30 AM	Zoom
Zoom Trivia Night	July	20	7:00 PM	Zoom
Clubs				
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only			
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	July	1	2:00 PM	Zoom
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	July	6	1:00 PM	?
Board Games (Yahtzee) - <i>Bee Gees</i>	July	13	3:30 PM	Zoom
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	July	14	1:00 PM	Zoom
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	July	12	1:00 PM	Zoom
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	July	12	7:00 PM	Zoom
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	July	15	2:00 PM	Zoom
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	July	15	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's
Friendship Club	July	28	10:00 AM	Zoom
Board Games (Farkle) - <i>Bee Gees</i>	July	28	1:00 PM	Zoom

Convenors and anyone else intending to use the Escarpment PROBUS Zoom account for an event:

The account allows the operation of one event at a time with up to 100 participants. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please contact our Zoom coordinator Lorrette Shermett (lorrette@sympatico.ca) before planning your event.

If you need help with the Zoom program, check out our Zoom page at <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom>. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games - <i>Bee Gees</i>	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Stephen Comstock	905-876-4909	scomstoc@sympatico.ca
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Board Games - <i>Jokers</i>	4th Wed. - 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>First Edition</i>	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	paullelencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Happy Bookers</i>	4th Thurs. - 12:30 pm	Judy Wallace	905-878-3374	lollipop@sympatico.ca
Book Club - <i>Ravenous Readers Recycling</i>	3rd Wed. - Probus meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paullelencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - <i>Sequel</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Carolyn Rumley	905-302-0442	carolynrumley@sympatico.ca
Book Club - <i>Trilogy</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	klgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bid Euchre</i>	3rd Thurs. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - <i>Bridge</i>	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Jeanne Reid	289-878-9920	jreid345@cogeco.ca
Cards - <i>Canasta</i>	4th Mon. - 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	Tues. after the 2nd Mon. - 1:30 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - <i>Euchre</i>	3rd Tues. - 1 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	4th Tues. - 1:30 pm	Michael Hooker	905-878-8953	mhooker10@bell.net
Club <i>Français</i>	2nd Wed. - 10 am / 11 am	Anne-Françoise Gibbard	905-854-3781	anne@gibbard.net
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	3rd Thurs. - 10:30 am	Christine Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Dining - <i>Appy Hour</i>	Last Sat. - 6:30 pm	Mary Cousins	416-628-6275	mlecousins@outlook.com
Dining - <i>Lunch Bunch</i>	3rd Wed. - noon	Bonnie Lennox	416-899-7727	bblennox@live.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	1st Fri. - 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh 'N' Natter</i>	2nd Fri. - 5:30 pm	Gillian Reynolds	905-878-1636	gilliana@cogeco.ca
Dining - <i>Nosh@Nite</i>	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paullelencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	1st Sat. - 6 pm	Anna Strachan	905-878-0812	annastrachan1945@gmail.com
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	3rd Thurs. - 6 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Dining - <i>Supper/Dinner Club</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Friendship Club	4th Wed. - 10 am	Judy Krauss	289-878-8194	judyckrauss@gmail.com
Movie Club - <i>Oscar Nights</i>	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Theresa Spano	416-618-2955	1tspano@gmail.com
Probus Info Exchange - <i>PIE</i>	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	2nd Tues. - 4 pm	Michelle Tschirhart	416-668-9083	mltschirhart55@gmail.com
Sports - Bowling - <i>10 Pin</i>	Last Wed. - 4 pm	Michelle Tschirhart	416-668-9083	mltschirhart55@gmail.com
Sports - Golf - <i>Pin Seekers</i>	TBA	TBA		
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	4th Thurs. - 7 pm	Pete Shermet	905-878-1293	peteshermet@gmail.com
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	strachan.chris1944@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	1st Mon. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	1st Thurs. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - <i>Grapenuts</i>	2nd Wed. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Travel - <i>Annual Trip</i>	<i>Scheduled by convenor</i>	Joanne Millichamp	289-878-2969	jmillichamp@hotmail.com
Travel - <i>Wanderlust</i>	2nd Thurs. - 7 pm (bi-monthly)	Gloria Pennycook	905-659-7789	gpennycook@icloud.com
Walkers - <i>Trail Walkers</i>	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	Ronald Flannagan	905-332-6310	rflannagan@cogeco.ca

Ned Devine's

By Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

For the last 10 months, "Skip the Dishes" has been supporting local restaurants and meeting on zoom.

With COVID rules being relaxed a little, this month we will be heading to Ned Devine's Irish Pub located at 575 Ontario St. S (corner of Derry and Ontario) on Thursday July 15th at 5 pm.

The patio at Ned Devine's has been reserved for our PROBUS group. The menu can be viewed at www.neddevines.ca. As there will be many of us the manager has requested we pre-order.

The orders have to be placed with Lorrette by July 11th. Please send your order to lorrette@sympatico.ca.



RECENT EVENTS

June Meeting

Our June Zoom General Meeting was held on June 16. Here's the link to the recording of the meeting and guest speaker David Chandross, who spoke about the impact of artificial intelligence.

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Scattergories

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

The laughter was plentiful at our last game of Scattergories with 21 members joining in the fun! The challenge was great and we learned that Martin should never be asked to pick a letter!! “Y” – really? Not to be outdone, Barb chose “K”!

The competition was fierce in a jovial manner. Yes we had duplication – in addition to our competitive nature – but we also had creative responses! “Nookie” seemed to be a popular response for a number of items. The weather must be getting to some of you!! Some of you had some interesting “pet” names, with Nancy and Richard zoning in on “pumpkin”, Martin and Norma preferring “pet” while Marg and Frank went for “pussy cat”.

The winner for the evening was Barb with 48 points! Other top scores go to Patrick and (cold nose) Margaret Murphy with 46 points. And I must say that Margaret never fails to disappoint!! Tying for third place were Marg Jones and Frank Dawe and Cliff and Liz Read with 44 points. The first place prize was a \$20 lottery gift card. Congratulations Barb!!!



Trivia

by Kelly Ground, Activities Committee

triv·i·a /'trivēə/ noun meaning pieces of information of little importance or value.

That's the definition that the 28 players agreed upon. We had 14 teams, 100 questions and one hour of play. Thirty-two of the 100 questions were classed as difficult. One such question was:

In acceptance speeches at the Academy Awards, who has been thanked the most times?

Steven Spielberg, God, Martin Scorsese, or Harvey Weinstein

The questions gave us lots to think about and only thirty seconds to do so. The game was led primarily by “Smart Iguana” but they lost the lead in the last ten questions to the Winners “Glowing Squid”. The neat thing about using Kahoot is that the speed with which you respond is a major factor in determining the winners, as you will see in the results below.

Marg Jones and Frank Dawe, aka Flying Crane, came in third place with 63 out of 100 questions answered correctly with 55,799 points.

Andrea and Walt Ruediger, aka Smart Iguana, were second with 67 out of 100 right answers with 57,085 points.

The big winners for the evening were Chris and Anna Strachan, aka Glowing Squid. They correctly answered 64 out of the 100 questions and had total points of 57,744, beating the second place Ruedigers by only 659 points!

It was great to see different people on the podium this time around! Our next trivia night is July 20th so if you are at all interested in playing please do so. It is always lots of fun!

[The answer to the above trivia question is Steven Spielberg.]

Clubs: Food and Drink

Last Zoom meeting?

by Anna Strachan, Correspondent

Once again the Nosh @ Nite group got together via Zoom. One of the main questions of the day was: have we all had our second jab? Important since we are all anxiously awaiting the time when we can get together in person. After all this time, Zoom does not cut it anymore. It was nice to have available when there was no other option but we are more than happy to give it up. Still, we enjoyed seeing each other, and even had visits from a couple of grandkids, a couple of dogs, and a cat, how cute is that.

That very evening we had heard that the restriction had been lifted to allow all people with two vaccinations the ability to meet in person without masks and social distancing. We discussed the opportunity for having our July meeting be an in-person meeting. Since all of our group were not available it is still up in the air but we are all so looking forward to getting back to normal. Maybe the next Forum article will contain pictures of smiling Nosh @ Niter's once again happy to be in each other's company.

Yours truly was responsible for selecting the appetizer for the month. Not being known for my culinary skills, I usually rely on M&M or Costco for my appetizers, so I kept it very simple.

Cream Cheese and Smoked Salmon Bites

Ingredients:

Crackers or toasted bread (you could also use a bagel or an English muffin).

Cream cheese

Smoked salmon

Garnish - a sprig of dill, capers, or olives

Take a cracker and cover it with cream cheese, as much as you want. Place a piece of smoked salmon on top and add the garnish of your choice.

Bon appetit!



Wheat beers

by Cliff Read, Correspondent

The beer tasting group had a virtual meeting Thursday June 24th to sample a variety of wheat beers. This style of beer has become quite popular recently.

Wheat beer originated in Germany during the Middle Ages and contains between 30 and 70 percent wheat malt. Characteristically they have a tangy flavor, a pale hue and strong aromatics. Wheat beers are fermented in the bottle causing them to be bubblier than other beers and making them appear naturally cloudy.

We sampled three different beers – Paulaner Hefe Weissbier, Belgian Moon, and Side Launch Wheat Beer. Our members enjoyed all three of these beers and the results were surprisingly close. In the end Belgian Moon was the favourite of the group by a slim margin.

If you are in the mood for a change this summer try one of these wheat beers – we think you would enjoy it and find it refreshing.



Clubs: Books, Hobbies, Games

Beartown

by June Leach, Correspondent

The Sequel Book Club met on Wednesday June 9th via Zoom to discuss *Beartown* written by Fredrick Backman.



Beartown is a small town situated in a remote location, surrounded by trees, in Sweden. Hockey is virtually everyone's passion. The story unfolds around their junior team that has made it to the national semi-finals. There is great excitement and hope that their little town will once again thrive and be recognized for their talented team and one player in particular. The whole community is supportive and involved in one way or another. Unfortunately, an incident occurs at a celebration party of team members and other teenagers that threatens to pull the community apart.

Our Book Club members mostly gave the book an 8 out of 10 placing. We had a very thoughtful and robust discussion with several sidelines and opinions expressed. The overall feeling was that it was a good novel, well written and extremely thought provoking.

There is a sequel to this book called *Us Against You*. There is also a series on HBO (only in the US apparently) and also on CRAVE.

Nine is Pat's Number!

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent

Six BeeGees played Yahtzee on Tuesday, June 9th. Pat had an excellent day, scoring in all categories, including the Yahtzee bonus for rolling a second Yahtzee. Lorhel also had a great day, rolling her first ever Yahtzee in our games. Looking over the monthly scores, I could not help but notice that whenever we played on the 9th of the month, Pat was the winner (Feb., Mar., and Jun.)!



On June 23rd, six BeeGees played Farkle. Pat started on the first round along with Diane. In the second round, Diane rolled "Four of a Kind with a Pair" twice for a score of 3000 points. In the third round, she followed that up with a "Five of a Kind" roll (2000 points). But alas, she fell behind, with five farkles. Barb, Pat, Marg, and Beth all were able to capitalize on Diane's roll to increase their scores by 2450, 3250, 2550, and 3750 respectively. Pat continued to roll high scores with several free rolls to ultimately win the game with a final score of 10300.



Anyone interested in joining our dice games, drop me an email (meljenscc@sympatico.ca).

American Jazz / Spanish Flamenco

by Michael Hooker, Convenor



Asoka Yapa treated us staid Mozartians to a literal “wake up”, an “Evening at the Cotton Club – Harlem, New York”, as it was in 1936; one of the high spots of Black Jazz and Swing. Here’s what we listened to:

- Roy Eldridge, the King of Swing, with his Big Band. Eldridge was second only to Satchmo as a trumpet virtuoso, and led a wicked swing band that rocked joints all over America.
- Ella Fitzgerald – What’s there to say? Just listen to her. Here’s a taste – “Old Devil Moon”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHZb8F97FhE>
- Joe Williams, the Prince of the Blues, with Ben Webster and his Big Band.

After that, to paraphrase a singer from a later generation, we were “All Shook Up”!!!!

For our second June Zoom, I presented a 100% Spanish program by composer Manuel de Falla (1876 to 1946). Much of his music was strongly influenced by the Andalusian tradition of Southern Spain (think: “Flamenco”). Three masterpieces:

- “El Amor Brujo” (Love, the Magician), an orchestral suite, with soprano in three of the sections.
- “Nights in the Gardens of Spain”, for piano and orchestra. Falla’s musical interpretation of three beautiful formal gardens, including the Generalife Gardens, the jasmine-scented gardens surrounding the Alhambra Palace in Granada.
- The ballet, “The Three-cornered Hat” – a comedy about a Miller and his beautiful wife, and how they got the better of the lecherous old town magistrate. We watched and listened to the complete ballet, with a top-class Spanish Dance Company and great orchestra, complete with lots of castanets and foot-stamping. A treat for both the eyes and ears!

Here’s a 4-minute Manuel de Falla YouTube treat: Ritual Fire Dance, from “El Amor Brujo”.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDxBSb_BUvc

Clubs: Travel

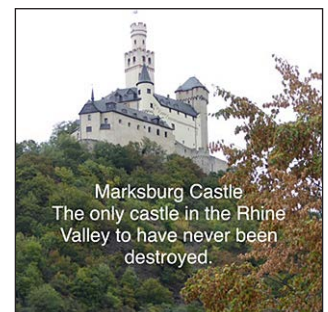
River cruise

by Gloria Pennycook, Convenor

Ellen and Paul Crawford shared their wonderful Viking river cruise trip from Budapest to Amsterdam along the Danube and Rhine rivers. Viking was excellent in their service on board as well as excursions and guides. This trip is full of beautiful scenery, architecture and history. Paul said that one of the excursions they took (and he wasn’t sure he would like), a Mozart symphony concert in Vienna, turned out to be one of their best experiences! The pictures were great and many included notes about the subject. Of the 25 people who tuned in, many thought a river cruise would be a great next adventure!!



Wanderlust meets again on August 12th at 7:30 pm.



In-Person Meeting Foiled by Rain

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On Tuesday, June 8th, the Piece Makers gathered together on Zoom for their monthly quilting meeting. We were hoping for an outdoor meeting – but due to COVID restrictions and the rain – we yet again had a Zoom meeting. Carol Ann started the Show and Tell with her version of a Disappearing Four Patch using fabric she retrieved from Barb's stash. She plans to quilt it herself using free-motion. Judy showed us a picture of her grandson still loving the Fox Face quilt she made several years ago. She bragged about the birth of her newest nephew and showed us the Elephant quilt she will be gifting. She has plans to sew a String quilt to use up some of her stash. Dawn was once again busy in her garden but hopes to have a new block done for next month. She has several projects in mind and can't wait for the fabric stores to open for in-person shopping. Diane was busy with management tasks so only had time to add one more panel to her grandson's quilt.



We had a discussion regarding the possibility of a road trip once restrictions are lifted and vaccinations are achieved. We are all aching to visit fabric shops. Diane talked about Barn Quilt Trails in Ontario. Barn Quilts Trails inspire rural communities across Canada to appreciate and market their assets via barn quilts. This eye-catching folk art attracts visitors and helps rural communities put themselves on the map.



Quilting Terms of the Month:

Barn Quilt – Eight-foot square (and larger) painted replicas of actual fabric quilt blocks installed on barns. Barn quilts draw attention to Canada's disappearing rural landscapes, timber frame barns, and the family farm.

- Barn Quilts tell a story
- Barn Quilts draw attention to unmarked historical places
- Barn Quilts make a trail
- Barn Quilts can create a themed route
- Barn Quilts lead visitors from one site to the next
- Barn Quilts are rural eye candy glimpsed as we roll down our rural highways.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday July 6th. Again, we are hoping for an in-person meeting.

Anyone interested in quilting, whether it is large bed-size quilts or small table runners, consider joining the group or just join us in the Zoom meetings.

Summer BBQ

By Megs Shellard

Now that Summer is here it's time to consider what can be made for a barbeque. I am including two recipes, one for BBQ spare ribs, which could also be used for chicken wings, together with a fiesta salad. It is quite possible that you already have your favourite recipes, but how about trying something new. The ribs are cooked in the oven to be used right away or stored for later use.



BBQ Spare Ribs

3 or 4 pork ribs	1 medium onion, sliced
2 tbsp vinegar	2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
2 tbsp salt	2 tbsp brown sugar
½ tsp paprika	½ tsp chili powder
¼ tsp black pepper	¾ cup ketchup
¾ cup hot water	

Mix all ingredients together. Place ribs on a baking sheet and cover with sliced onion. Bake at 300°F for 2½ hours or until meat is ready to fall off the bone.

Cut into serving pieces of two or three ribs. Crisp on the BBQ right away or reheat and crisp at a later date.

Fiesta Salad

1 pkg. mixed salad greens, with romaine	1 cup fresh or frozen corn
1 can black beans, rinsed, well drained	1 small onion, sliced
¾ cup radish slices	1 ripe avocado, peeled and chopped
1 large red pepper, chopped	Salt and pepper
½ cup feta plus extra crumbled for plates	

Dressing:

¼ cup fresh lime juice	¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup red wine vinegar	1 tsp minced garlic
2 tbsp finely chopped fresh cilantro or parsley	

Mix dressing ingredients in a small jar, until combined.

Put all salad ingredients into a bowl, adding avocados when ready to serve. Toss with dressing, sprinkle plates with extra feta cheese.

Bon appetit!

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