

FORUM



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President's Message:

Trying to get back to normal!



Many of the social clubs are meeting in person: restaurant diners, crafters, book readers, film goers, game & card players, noshers, and now golfers. Looks like members are ready to get back to normal routines. But alas our April general meeting had a disappointing in-person attendance. Please consider attending the May general meeting in-person as the speaker, Mark Rector, will be in attendance. He will also have his book available for purchase. We will be restarting the 50/50 draw, Ravenous Readers, and the Lunch Bunch (possibly Swiss Chalet), and Ruth will be taking pre-registrations for her new activities. Just remember, in order to reduce risk, members and speakers attending in-person have been fully vaccinated and have answered NO to the Ontario screening questions. We also have the tables setup with social distancing in mind.

The warm weather is on its way, and so are outdoor activities: Weiner Roast, Garden and Bee Tours, and a Car Rally. Are you ready to travel abroad? It has been a long time coming, but finally the Mediterranean trip is a go! You will be able to follow their adventures via a blog on our website – look for it under “Travel” on the main menu. And now, at our April meeting, Joanne spoke about the September trip to Ecuador (see her article further down in this Forum).

Thanks to all who responded to Marg's poll regarding the Summer Picnic. This will help her plan the day!

Let's continue to foster our friendships and stay safe!

— Diane Comstock

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Photo of the Month

This month's photo was contributed by Sandra Gilbert.

She says: "I was able to capture these photos of Pussy Willows starting to open. They were taken on Laurier just east of Costigan at the roadside of the ravine".

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



Unemployed or Bored?

by Wayne Herder, Past President

Your club needs you! Escarpment Probus is now looking for candidates for the following positions on the management team.

Vice-President: Three-year term (one year each as Vice-President, President and Past President). As we alternate male and female presidents, we are looking for a female Vice-President at this time.

Secretary, Program Chair, and Social Chair: Two-year term

We have monthly management team meetings via Zoom which hopefully will be in-person shortly.

This is your chance to be part of the inside decisions and guidance of your club. A lot of support is offered. For further information contact any management team member. I may be reached at wayne.herder@sympatico.ca or by phone at 416.949.5015

Hope to hear from you soon!

ACTIVITIES

Hope your month is positively aMAYzing!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

This month we have three new activities to introduce and by the time we get to our General Meeting, I'm hoping for a fourth one! As we slowly make our way back to the Connect Centre we will be having advance sign up for **new** activities only. For those that sign up at the Connect Centre, I will register you and send you the invoice from Wild Apricot. As soon as I have registered everyone I will enable sign up for members on Wild Apricot. I have one **Save the Date** for you – Tuesday, July 26th we will be having a walking Scavenger Hunt at 3:00 pm and dinner after.

We have a number of articles this month from past events. Be sure to check them out.

Please remember, in order to participate you must be fully vaccinated and have signed the Waiver Form as well as checked the box in Wild Apricot.

MAY ACTIVITIES:

Kahoot! Trivia LIVE! — Wednesday, May 4th at 5 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

We have played many rounds of Zoom Trivia and now we are bringing it to you live! Join us at Ned Devine's for a couple of rounds of Kahoot Trivia and dinner! Cellphones or iPads are still needed!



There is no cost for this event, but we will be having a preset menu so please make your selection using Wild Apricot. Drinks & Dinner at your own expense.

Orange Snail Brewery – Beer Tasting -- Thursday, May 12th at 2 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Calling all beer tasters, it's time to get out and have a flight of beer and some munchies! Added to this enjoy a 12 oz glass of one of Orange Snail's beers! Enjoy some social interaction with your fellow Probian!



Join us at the Orange Snail Brewery for a tour of their facility and some beer!

Beer will also be available for purchase!

Orange Snail Brewery is located at 32 Steeles Avenue East, #1 in Milton. The cost for this event is \$25/member and is limited to 40 members. Register and pay using Wild Apricot.

Activities Committee
Members:

Ruth Gagnon
Anne Gibbard
Kelly Ground
Irene Hiebert
Ron Millichamp
Jenny O'Brien
Michelle Tschirhart

Weiner Roast at Hilton Falls – Thursday, May 26th at 11 am

Convenors: Jenny O'Brien & Ruth Gagnon

Join us on May 26th at 11 am for a walk at Hilton Falls and enjoy a weiner roast with chips followed by roasting marshmallows over the campfire. Dawn Ross will lead us to the fire pit and the fun will begin! The cost for this event is \$8/member. Don't forget to bring your own beverage! Telescopic "sticks" will be provided. This event is limited to 21 members.



You are responsible for your admission to the Halton Conservation Area located at 4985 Campbellville Road. Park Entrance Fee: \$7.50 + HST for seniors (\$8.47). Register using Wild Apricot!

Meet us at the entrance to the walkway trail.

Please note that you will have to book a time to enter the Hilton Falls Conservation Area as there are only so many spaces available to enter at one time. This may mean that you have to go a bit before 11 am.

If it rains we will postpone the event for another day as no rain dates are permitted with the conservation area.

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens - Wednesday, June 1st at 10 am

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Enjoy this hidden gem on the banks of the Lakeshore!

On Wednesday, June 1st come visit one of Canada's largest public rhododendron gardens, along the lake in Pork Credit, Mississauga. Enjoy the azaleas and rhododendrons surrounded by white pines, perennials, and shrubs. Get your camera's ready as everywhere you turn, you will have very picturesque views!



photo by Irene Hiebert

We will meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot, located at: 666 Lakeshore Rd W, Mississauga. Garden entry and parking is free.

If heading East on Lakeshore, turn right at the lights at the intersection of Lakeshore and Shawmarr Rd.

There is no cost to visit the gardens, but you need to register for the gardens and lunch using Wild Apricot.

After our lovely stroll through this park, we will enjoy a lovely lunch at Snug Harbour, overlooking the water a short 5 minute drive away at 14 Stavebank Rd. South, Mississauga.

Lunch is at your expense. [Click here to see their menu.](#)

We will be monitoring for rain and the blooming stage, as it may be earlier or later than normal. If required, the date for this event may be rescheduled.

Royal Botanical Gardens – Laking Garden - Tuesday, June 7th at 10 am

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

You may have been to the RBG, however have you been to their smallest garden, the Laking Garden, in the spring?

The Royal Botanical Gardens Laking Garden, features lots of fabulous irises and peonies galore! There is a spectacular display of irises--one of the largest anywhere--as well as a large collection of peonies. The colours are simply dazzling!

We will meet at the ticket kiosk of the Laking Garden on Tuesday, June 7th at 10:00 am. Entry fee is payable at the Kiosk and is \$16.50 for seniors 65 and over, and \$19.50 for adults 64 and under. Parking is included in your entry fee. RBG members are free, but you are reminded to put your parking pass on your dash.

There are two parking lots available, and details will be emailed to each attendee.

We will have a short drive to Easterbrook's for lunch at your own expense. This is a great little place that's been there for generations. It's a fun experience, stepping back in time, with thousands of business cards plastered all over the place along with old photos, and pictures of celebrities who have visited. They are known for their foot long hot dogs with numerous toppings, but also serve, veggie dogs, burgers, fries, chili fries onion rings, milk shakes, floats, sundaes and ice cream. Picnic tables are in the back for nice outdoor dining in shady area with trees.

They are located at 694 Spring Garden Road, directly across from RBG's main building.

[Click here to check out their menu.](#)

[Sign up for RBG and lunch using Wild Apricot.](#)

[We will be monitoring for rain and the blooming stage, as it may be earlier or later than normal. If required, the date for this event may be rescheduled.](#)



photo by Irene Hiebert

Backed By Bees – Tuesday, June 14th at 1:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Join us on Tuesday, June 14th at 1:30 pm for a hive tour and tasting. We will tour the bee yards where we will see an open hive and then we will cool down afterwards with a mead and honey tasting. Find the queen bee, workers and drones and hear how things are structured in the hive. We will also get to hear about 'a day in the life of a beekeeper'.



We will then head up to the main building and do a tasting of honey as well as a variety of meads. Lots of things that can be purchased as well – Natural Craft Mead, Raw Honey, Farm Fresh Eggs, Curated local foods and goods.

The cost for this activity is \$46.50/member and is limited to 20 members.

Please note that there is a component of walking along a wood chipped pathway back to the bees that may not be easily accessible for those in wheelchairs or issues with ambulation.

There are washroom facilities on site and the main building is accessible.

Rain Date: Thursday, June 16th at 1:30 pm.

Car Rally – Tuesday, June 22nd at 2:30 pm.

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

It's time to get your wheels in motion. Join us for a fun afternoon that will have you travelling through Milton. Your destination will take you to Ned Devine's for dinner. Your starting point is to meet us at the GO Station parking lot.

There is no cost to participate in this event. However, we want to try something different and are going to ask each one of you - single or couple - to bring a bottle of wine to Ned Devine's. Be at Ned Devine's by 5 pm latest.

Dinner and drinks is at your own expense.



NEW! Historic Victoria Park Square – Tuesday, June 21st at 10:00 am

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Join us as we explore the heart of Milton's civic precinct on this guided tour of the historic Victoria Park Square area. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

The cost of this walk is \$10.50 and is limited to 10 members. This walk will take approximately an hour and a half long. A rain date will be shared shortly. At this time, face masks are recommended.



NEW! Historic Mill and Victoria Streets – Thursday, June 23rd at 10:00 am

Convenor: Kelly Ground

Join us as we explore one of Milton's oldest and most beautiful neighbourhoods on this guided tour of historic Victoria and Mill Streets. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

The cost of this walk is \$10.50 and is limited to 10 members. This walk will take approximately an hour and a half long. A rain date will be shared shortly. At this time, face masks are recommended.



NEW! Adventure Village Mini Golf & Lunch – Tuesday, June 28th at 11:00 am

Convenor: Kelly Ground

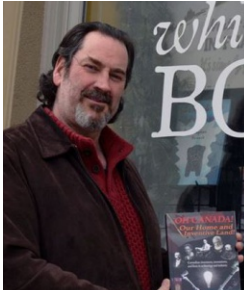
It's been awhile since we have gotten out to play Mini Golf together! Join us for another round of fun! Check in will be at the Lighthouse (mini golf station). Lunch details to follow and will be at your own expense. Please use Wild Apricot to indicate whether you can drive or need a ride. We will do our best to accommodate.

Weather: Only closes if there is going to be a long period of rain.



REMINDER: Please wear your PROBUS badge at events. This will let members know that you are part of our group and will make it easier for us to introduce ourselves to each other.

MEETING: MAY



From Avro to Wonderbra: Mark Rector explores Canadian innovation

Professor Rector is a published author, public speaker, and a recently retired Professor of Electronics Engineering with a specialty in telecommunications. He has written numerous articles, contributed to nationally published textbooks, and just released his first book in the fall of 2018. His book “OH CANADA! Our Home and Inventive Land” is already in its 4th printing and has sold over 2000 copies and is available at over 65 book stores and museums across the country!

MAY CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR
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Activities

Kahoot Trivia live	May	4	5:00 PM	Ned Devine's	Kelly Ground
Executive Meeting	May	11	7:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Orange Snail Brewery - Beer Tasting	May	12	2:00 PM	Orange Snail Brewery	Ruth Gagnon
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	May	18	9:30 AM	Connect Centre	Diane Comstock
Weiner Roast at Hilton Falls	May	26	11:00 AM	Hilton Falls	J. O'Brien & R Gagnon

Clubs

Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	May	3	1:00 PM	Nelson home	Diane Comstock
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	May	4	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherhall
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	May	4	7:00 PM	Dawe Home	Chris Strachan
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	May	5	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Nosh & Natter	May	6	5:30 PM	Cousins home	Jenny O'Brien
Saturday Night Lives	May	7	6:00 PM	Symposium	Anna Strachan
Books – First Edition	May	9	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	May	9	7:00 PM	Zoom until spring	Martin Capper
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	May	10	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Movies - Oscar Nights	May	10	7:00 PM	TBD	Petra Halk
Books – Sequel	May	11	1:00 PM	Zoom	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	May	11	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Cards - Euchre	May	16	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Cards - Bid Euchre	May	19	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	May	19	10:30 AM	CANCELLED	Christine Willekes
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	May	19	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	May	19	5:30 PM	Pretty Rad	Lorrette Shermet
Cards -Canasta	May	23	1:15 PM	Grace Church Hall	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	May	24	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Friendship Club	May	25	10:00 AM	Zoom	Judy Krauss
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	May	26	7:00 PM	Zoom	Pete Shermet
Nosh @ Nite	May	27	5:30 PM	TBD??	Paul Crawford

New information

Temporary change

RECENT EVENTS

March Meeting

Our April general meeting was held Wednesday April 20th. Our speaker, Maria Miserendino of Travelpoint Stouffville, discussed future guidelines and protocols related to travelling now with COVID.

[Click here for a Zoom recording of the meeting.](#) Passcode: feXy&85+

Fred Astaire's Dance Studio

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

It was an afternoon full of laughter as a group of 13 Escarpment Probians learned some new (maybe old) dance moves. Our dance instructors - Joe and Heather - took us through an array of dance moves as we sashayed, danced the merengue and taught an assortment of other dance steps. We saw how much Richard likes to twirl (and do the twist)! It was great to be out and great to hear all the laughter. And it was also a great workout!! Some of us made it to Ned Devine's after for a well deserved dinner and a lot more chatter!



Paint & Cocktails

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Well, it ended up being Cocktails & Paint, but what fun we had! None of us claimed to be Van Gogh but we all displayed uniqueness in our “Open Heart” paintings! Way to go ladies! For those of you that are “gifting” your art, I can’t wait to hear the reactions! Definitely an evening with lots of laughter and fun! For those of you that didn’t make it or those of you who don’t think you have it in you, join us the next time. We are planning to do one in November so we will have art to gift at Christmas (or keep for ourselves)!



Easter Centerpiece at Crawford's

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

On a beautiful Spring morn 16 Probians got together to put together a beautiful Easter Centerpiece to adorn our dinner table, coffee table or other place in our homes. We had a fun time and created beautiful arrangements! It was great to socialize with each other and catch up with some friends that we haven't had a chance to see for a wee bit. We even had time to address Sandy's need for something new ... LOL!



Is Your Estate in Order?

by Diane Comstock, Correspondent

On March 30, our speaker, Sara Hillier, shared pointers on preparing our estates. There were 39 members in attendance that day, all interested in learning how to make our final arrangements or confirming what they have already prepared. My major take-aways were:

- 1 - Make and sign your will, appoint an executor that agrees to the position, and make sure the executor knows where all the important papers are.
- 2 - Put your will and important papers in a safe place and not a safety deposit box (this will be inaccessible until after probate).
- 3 - Sign a Financial Power of Attorney and a Power of Attorney for Personal Care.

After the presentation, eighteen members made their way over to Keenan's Irish Pub. Much of the conversations revolved around the presentation and our own preparations. All in all, it was a great presentation and lunch.



QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME!

Contributed by Ron Millichamp

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Happy Bookers	4th Thurs. - 12:30 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wed. - Probus meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Carolyn Rumley	905-302-0442	carolynrumley@sympatico.ca
Book Club - Trilogy	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	kgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bid Euchre	3rd Thurs. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Cards - Canasta	4th Mon. - 1;15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	Tues. after the 2nd Mon. - 1:30 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Euchre	3rd Mon. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	4th Tues. - 1:30 pm	Michael Hooker	905-878-8953	mhooker10@bell.net
Club Français	2nd Wed. - 10 am / 11 am	Anne-Françoise Gibbard	905-854-3781	anne@gibbard.net
Crafts - Craftaholics	1st Wed - 1 pm	Dana Weatherell	905-875-9064	dweatherell@yahoo.com
Crafts - Knitting - Chicks with Sticks	3rd Thurs. - 10:30 am	Christine Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - Quilting - Piece Makers	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Dining - Appy Hour	Last Sat. - 6:30 pm	Mary Cousins	416-628-6275	mlecousins@outlook.com
Dining - Lunch Bunch	3rd Wed. - noon	Bonnie Lennox	416-899-7727	bblennox@live.ca
Dining - Nosh & Natter	1st Fri. - 5:30 pm	Jenny O'Brien	289-851-8477	jenny0103@rogers.com
Dining - Nosh@Nite	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	paulellencrawford@gmail.com
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	1st Sat. - 6 pm	Anna Strachan	905-878-0812	annastrachan1945@gmail.com
Dining - Skip the Dishes	3rd Thurs. - 6 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Dining - Supper/Dinner Club	Scheduled by convenor	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Friendship Club	4th Wed. - 10 am	Judy Krauss	289-878-8194	judyckrauss@gmail.com
Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	4th Tues. - 1 pm	Pat Vogt	905-877-2495	pvogt@cogeco.ca
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	2nd Tues. - 1 pm	Pat Vogt	905-877-2495	pvogt@cogeco.ca
Games - Jokers	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Games - Jokers	4th Wed. - 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Movie Club - Oscar Nights	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Petra Halk	647-913-6041	petra.halk@gmail.com
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	Shut Down	Looking for new convenor		
Sports - Golf - Pin Seekers	TBA	Roy MacKay	416-953-0633	roy@roymackay.ca
Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	4th Thurs. - 7 pm	Pete Shermet	905-878-1293	peteshermet@gmail.com
Tastings - Whisky - D'Stillers	1st Wed. - 7 pm	Chris Strachan	905-878-0812	strachan.chris1944@yahoo.ca
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Mon. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	1st Thurs. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Tastings - Wine - Grapenuts	2nd Wed. - 7 pm	Jim Tschirhart	647-648-8231	jim.tschirhart@gmail.com
Travel - Annual Trip	Scheduled by convenor	Joanne Millichamp	289-878-2969	jmillichamp@hotmail.com
Travel - Wanderlust	2nd Thurs. - 7 pm (bi-monthly)	Gloria Pennycook	905-659-7789	gpennycook@icloud.com
Walkers - Trail Walkers	Every Tues. - 1:30 pm	Ronald Flannagan	905-332-6310	rflannagan@cogeco.ca

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.

Remember: Under the Escarpment Probus Bylaws Article 2 – Membership – Members must not use other member's email addresses for their own personal use such as fundraising.

Clubs: Crafts

Retreat Ideas

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

Louise Ellis hosted our monthly meeting in her Mississauga home. As usual, members brought their items for show and tell. Judy N showed us her cute grey and yellow elephant quilt that she gifted to her grandson. Judi J brought a sampler quilt depicting various traditional blocks: LeMoyné star with piano key border, card trick, churn dash, to name a few. Carol Ann displayed her flower basket quilt using yellow and purple pansies. Louise showed us her latest half-square triangle block, using predominately blue fabric.



After our show and tell, we discussed our upcoming June retreat (June 6 – June 9) at The Retreat at the Farm (<https://www.getawaytothefarm.com>). Carol Ann scouted out several quilt shops that we can visit when we take a break from sewing: County Concessions, Creemore House of Stitches, CreekBank Sewing Machine Shop and Threads That Bind. On our last day, we might consider going out for supper at the Tippy Fox. Some suggestions for mini projects included an “I Love Quilting” mug rug and an ornament. To-date, there are five members participating but there is room for more. If you are interested, please contact Carol Ann.

Before we left, Carol Ann took the opportunity to pick up some flannel fabric donated by Louise that she plans to make into a rag baby quilt. Others took some drapery fabric donated by Diane with the intention of making sturdy bags.

Quilting Terms of the Month:

Flannel – A soft type of loosely woven fabric usually made from cotton, wool or synthetic fibers and is very warm. It has a brushed, napped surface and is great for rag quilts because of its tendency to ravel.

Sampler Quilt – A quilt constructed of a collection of blocks in different patterns and usually no pattern is repeated.

Our May meeting will be hosted by Judy Nelson. She is looking to reduce her fabric stash before she moves so come prepared to shop.

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



Louise - Half square triangles



Carol Ann - Flower baskets



Judi J - Sampler



Judy N - Elephants

Craftaholics

By Dana Weatherell, Convenor



Our April 6th meeting had a small group of three who crafted away while laughing and chatting about many different subjects. Diane continued working on her needle books for her Quilting group while Sharon created a lovely card. I had a kit for a magnetic board which I think turned out great.



Next month for our May meeting, we will all be working on a craft to make a basket from materials being donated by Diane Comstock. Please let me know as soon as you can if you will be joining us as we will be cutting up as much material as possible beforehand. You are welcome to still bring your own project if you wish. A sample of the basket is shown here.



Why, Why, Why

Contributed by Ron Millichamp

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

Clubs: Food and Drink

Our April Rankings

by Chris Strachan, Convenor

The April meeting of the D'Stillers was hosted by Ron Millichamp.

As per our previous meetings we met on Zoom. Ron selected and delivered our five little bottles of whiskies, below are the tasting results.



The winning Whiskey was an Irish whiskey '**Jameson Stout Edition**' This is a Blended whiskey with an average score of 80.3, Alcohol by volume (ABV) of 40% at a cost of \$40.20.

The second whiskey was '**The Glenlivet Master Distillers Reserve**' Single Malt. The average score 76, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 40% this is not available in the LCBO but the cost is roughly \$61.

Third of the evening was '**McClelland's Islay**' Single Malt. The average score was 74.9, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 40.2% at a cost of \$49.95

Fourth was '**Aberfeldy 12 Yr Old**' Single Malt. The average score was 74.3, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 40% at a cost of \$66.20



Last but not least was '**Jameson Lively**' a Blended whiskey. The average score was 73.7, Alcohol by volume (ABV) is 40% this whiskey is not available in the LCBO but the cost is roughly \$67.55

Once again the ladies met in their own Zoom room but we came together after the whiskies were tasted. A nice time was had by All.

The May 4th meeting of the D'Stiller's will be hosted by Frank Dawe.

The June meeting should be held on 1st June but since most of the D'Stiller's including the Host, will be on vacation, the actual meeting date will be discussed at the May meeting.

Skip The Dishes at the Thai House

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor



Fourteen Probians skipped the dishes last month at Thai House. It was our first in-dining this year. Our number was small but we had a lot of fun and laughter. It was nice to socialize once again.

Thursday May 19th at 5:30 pm we will be going to "Pretty Rad" on Main Street in Milton. It will be a selected menu.

[Click here to see Pretty Rad's menu.](#) From there, you will need to click at the top-middle of the display to see the other sections of the menu. Please do NOT order on line. Place your order with Lorrette. Once you have selected your choice of meal(s), please let Lorrette know by May 14th.

An email with several choices of the meal will go out on Wild Apricot. If you are not on SKIP the dishes Wild Apricot email please let Lorrette know and she will include you.

Bon appetit until the next time.



Saturday Night Lives at Kelsey's

by Anna Strachan, Convenor

Sixteen members of the Saturday Night Lives group got together on the 2nd April at Kelsey's to enjoy good food and even better company. Once again I forgot to take pictures so I hope I have better luck remembering next time. I know that some of our members are not too comfortable getting together however, I still hope to see many of you come out for our May 7th dinner at Symposium.



Please remember, in keeping with Probus rules, in order to participate you must be fully vaccinated and have signed the Waiver Form as well as checked the box in Wild Apricot.

Clubs: Games

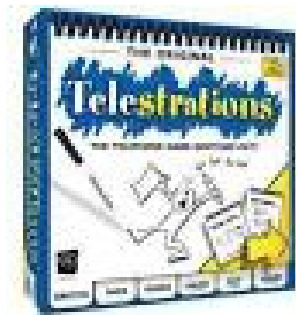
Telephone + Pictionary = Hilarious Outcomes

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On April 13, a lot of laughing occurred during our BeeGees gathering as seven members (including 2 new members Dana & Sharon) played TeleStrations.



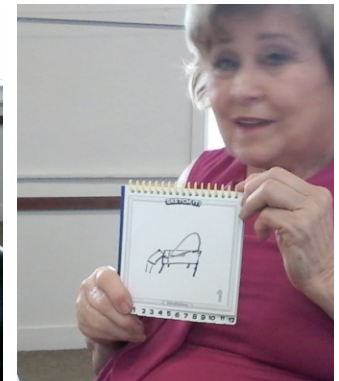
Telestrations is the visual version of the classic “telephone game” where each person



gets a word and draws it, then passes their book to the next person, that person then guesses a word from the picture and writes it down then passes to the next who draws that word...and so on and so on!

In our game a chandelier turned into a romantic shower, a wish bone became a flying basket, Lorraine's baby grand piano ended up as a dog leash, and Lorrette's elephant resulted in a cheese grater!

Our May 11th game will be hosted by Beth who has opted to bring the "Play Nine" game. If you enjoy playing/learning new games, come on out and join us.



Yahtzee for Two

by Pat Vogt, Convenor

We had a small table this month for Yahtzee with only two players, Danielle Bergeron and myself. We played two games, each won one, and called it day!



Cards, Cards and more Cards

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

After 2 years hiatus we have resumed playing several games of cards and have got our fill. All the games are played at Grace Church in the upper hall.

Bid Euchre

It was a slow start only seven played bid euchre. Evelyn Z and Lorrette put Donna B and Reg to shame. They won with a score of 35 to -2. Some had not played for 2 years and needed a refresher.

We will continue to play the Third Thursday of the month at GRACE Church in the upper hall at 1:15 pm.

Come one, come all. If you would like to learn how to play bid euchre, Lorrette's willing to teach you.



Euchre

Euchre has now moved to the 3rd Monday at 1:15 p.m.

We had three tables of four (12 players). Was a great start after a hiatus of two years. The player with the highest score was Patricia K and Reg had the most lone hands. Even with three lone hands Patricia took the lead.

The most honest player with a low score of 23 Lorrette. Thank you to everyone who responded to the polls.



Canasta

For the first time in two years we had a great turn out there were 13 of us.

We had three tables of four. As two members were new to the game, Lorrette decided to be the coach and teach them. Two tables were only able to complete one full game in the 3 hours. The third table did complete two games but poor Diane Comstock could not find a winning streak and barely made it to 2,500 points while her opponents finished with 5,000.

Canasta will be played the fourth Monday of the month at 1:15 pm at Grace Church.



Clubs: Travel



Visit to Japan & South Korea in September of 2019.

by Glory Pennycook

Once again the Wanderlust group were treated to an excellent presentation by Joanne and Ron Millichamp. They took us on a cultural and historical journey of Japan and South Korea where they shared beautiful, colourful pictures, as well as many stories. As Joanne had never done a slide show before, she even took on the task of learning how to do this with some help from Kelly. She did a great job!



If you are interested in joining Wanderlust, please send me a note. We meet every second month on the second Thursday evening at 7:30 by Zoom.

The Millichamps' story follows:

Travel often brings surprises as we discovered during our trip.

We had 2 days in Tokyo before Typhoon Faxai, a category 4 storm arrived. An email from the cruise company advised that the ship would stay behind the typhoon and would be several days late docking, which meant we had to find a new hotel for a few nights. At the time Tokyo was hosting the World Rugby Championships and hotel rooms were in short supply. Luckily we were able to find the last available room in a hotel and hunker down while the storm raged outside. Later that day, while lying on the bed reading (no where to sit in the tiny little room), the whole building started to shake. Now we were experiencing a 5.7 earthquake! So, we had lots of excitement for one day.

Our tour of Tokyo included the Meiji Shrine, the largest Shinto Shrine in Japan, the Imperial Palace, Skytree Tower and Tokyo Bay.

We visited many other cities in Japan, including Beppu the geothermal area, Hiroshima and Kagoshima where Japan's most active volcano is located.

In South Korea we visited Jeju Island, known for its women free divers who can dive up to 90 metres and hold their breath for 3 minutes.

In the Busan area we visited the Bulgoksa Buddhist Temple, a large complex full of colourful lanterns.

At the Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul we saw the colourful changing of the guard ceremony, but didn't have enough time to tour its 7,700 rooms.

Our last visit was supposed to be to the DMZ, however the area was closed due to Swine Flu, so instead we visited the peace memorial where with the aid of high-powered binoculars we could see right into North Korea. It was an amazing trip, which I would recommend to everyone. *Photos follow >>>>>*



GOLF TRIVIA.....

Contributed by Fred Ground

Golf balls are like eggs - they're white, they're sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy more.

The pro-shop gets its name from the fact that you must have the income of a professional golfer to buy anything in there.

It's amazing how a golfer who never helps with house or yard work will replace his divots, repair his ball marks, and rake his sand traps.

Did you ever notice that it's a lot easier to get up at 6:00 a.m. to play golf than at 10:00 to mow the yard or go to church?

It takes longer to become good at golf than it does brain surgery.

On the other hand, you seldom get to ride around in a cart, drink beer and eat hot dogs while performing brain surgery.

A good drive on the 18th hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.

A good golf partner is one who's slightly worse than you.

The rake is always in the other trap.

If there's a storm rolling in, you'll be having the game of your life.

If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight.

Golf appeals to the child in all of us. This is proven by our frequent inability to count past the number 5.

It's easy to keep your ball in the fairway, if you don't care which fairway.

If profanity had any influence on the flight of a ball, most everyone would play better.

The greatest sound in golf is the, "Whoosh, Whoosh, Whoosh" of your opponent's club as he hurls it across the fairway.

A recent survey shows that of all jobs, caddies live the longest.

They get plenty of fresh air and exercise, and if there's ever a medical emergency, a doctor is always nearby.

The best wood for lowering your score is a pencil.

You may need lessons if you had to regrip your ball retriever.

At PROBUS we want to keep in touch, we are all friends. If you know of anyone who is ill, moving away, lost a loved one, etc., or someone with a new grandchild, great grandchild or special anniversary, please let Lorrette Shermet know and she will gladly send a greeting card from PROBUS (contact lorrette@sympatico.ca or 905-878-1293).

Clubs: Books

Ridgerunner by Gil Adamson

by Carolyn Rumley, Correspondent

Ridgerunner is the follow-up to Gil Adamson's award winning novel *The Outlander*. The book could be described as a contemporary Canadian western. The story takes place in the mostly untamed BC wilderness during the time of WWI. The characters tend to be people who have little patience with the civilized world and prefer solitude to the company of others. William Moreland (the ridgerunner), recently widowed and the father of 12 year old Jack is on a mission to accumulate enough money through theft to provide a future for his son. As he travels through the wilds of BC and the northern US stealing what he can, he leaves Jack in the care of a nun in a nearby town. Jack, unhappy with this arrangement runs away to the cabin he had shared with his parents. From here the story unfolds with suspense, sensitivity and a surprising climax.

The book is very well written, descriptive, with excellent character development. William's parenthood and Jack's coming of age along with the unpredictability of the characters makes for an interesting read.

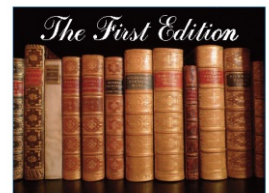
The review of this book was the first time that our Book Club has been able to meet in doors in two years. We were grateful to be able to spend time together. Overall our group enjoyed the book although some felt that it was overly descriptive. It generated an excellent discussion and several group members indicated that they were now going to read *The Outlander*.



Aria by Nazanine Hozar

by Lorrette Shermet

Eight members of the First Edition Book club met April 11th at Grace Church to discuss the book *Aria* by Nazanine Hozar. She is an Iranian Author born in Tehran and who now resides in Canada.



This book takes place from 1953 to 1981, in Iran, at the time when political unrest occurred, culminating in the Iranian Revolution. We meet Aria, who was abandoned as a baby, and found by Behrouz, an illiterate army driver who raised her as his own, with the help of three mother figures. We follow Aria from this time through the revolution. Aria acquires three mother figures whose secrets she will only learn much later: reckless and self-absorbed Zahra, who abuses her; wealthy and compassionate Fereshteh, who adopts her; and mysterious Mehri, whose connection to Aria is both a blessing and a burden. A university education opens a new world to Aria, and she was soon caught up in the excitement and danger of the popular uprising against the Shah that sweeps through the streets of Tehran. Meanwhile, the winds of change are stirring in Tehran. Rumours are spreading of a passionate religious exile in Paris called Khomeini, who seems to offer a new future for the country. In the midst of this tumult, Aria falls in love with an Armenian boy caught on the wrong side of the revolution. This story has a very sad ending.

The book only received an average rating of 6 from our readers.

Clubs: Classical Music

Welcome Back, Asoka!

by Michael Hooker, Convenor

Asoka Yapa and Fiona Christie have just returned from three months in Sri Lanka, relieving me of the (very enjoyable) task of putting together both of our programs each month. Asoka and I have shared our musical Zoom load since mid 2020.



Asoka is now catching up by presenting both April Zoomers. His first was something really different, titled “Women of the World”, celebrating our recognition of the importance and accomplishments of women around the world. Performances (almost all vocal / none truly classical) by women from twenty-four different countries, with every continent except Antarctica covered! A few items: USA: Dolly Parton “False Eyelashes”; Torres Strait Islands: Emily Wurraramara “Milyakburra (sung in the Anindilyakwe language); South Africa: Yvonne Chaka Chaka “Letter to Grandma”. All were fascinating to listen to, particularly hearing how many of these performers have blended their own country’s musical traditions with some Western influences, to make music that is truly distinctive. For all of us listening – a really fun musical experience.

Here's a YouTube of “Three Little Birds” (composed by Bob Marley) sung by the Jamaican Group, “The I Threes”. Marley’s wife Rita was a group member. (4 minutes of happiness). [Click here for the video.](#)

Asoka’s second Zoom excursion was titled “Minimalism in Music”. The features of minimalism (according to the Grove Dictionary of Music) are 'static harmony, patterned rhythms, and repetition'. Also: 'Ceaseless repetition of notes with an unchanging pulse, the use of simple harmonies, and the exploitation of single timbres often overlaid with a lyrical melody in long, arching phrases'. Minimalism takes its inspiration from the music of Southeast Asia, of the Middle East, India, and parts of Africa.

Several minimalist composers have written music for films (e.g: Michael Nyman: “The Piano”). Other notable minimalist composers: Philip Glass, Arvo Part, Steve Reich. Much of this music is challenging to listen to, even for those of us familiar with classical music. But we all really enjoyed Asoka’s very varied program - interesting and rewarding. Here’s a pleasant two-minute taste of the Estonian composer Arvo Part, by the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir: [Click here for the video.](#)

On 5th May (2 pm) I’m playing songs by the Greek compose Mikis Theodorakis, who wrote the music for the film “Zorba the Greek”. If you would like (as a guest) to hear this, email me (mhooker10@bell.net) and I’ll send you the Zoom invitation and notes (including lyrics for most songs).

Our American Friends

Contributed by Ron Millichamp

A couple are at the airport in Phoenix, awaiting their flight.

They are dressed in heavy boots, parka, scarf, mittens, and all ready to head home to the Canadian winter.

An older American couple standing nearby, are intrigued by their manner of dress.

The wife says to her husband, "Look at that couple. I wonder where they're from?"

He replies, "How would I know?"

She counters, "You could go and ask them."

He says, "I don't really care. You want to know, you go ask them."

She decides to do just that, walks over to the couple and asks, "Excuse me. I've been noticing the way you're dressed and I wonder where you're from?"

The Canadian farmer replies, "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan".

The woman returns to her husband who asks, "So, where are they from?"

She replies, "I don't know. They don't speak English."

NEWS AND VIEWS



Club Trip: ECUADOR NORTH TO SOUTH

by Joanne Millichamp, Convenor

As many of you know we had a trip to Ecuador planned in 2021 and that trip was cancelled due to Covid.

We have rescheduled the trip for this September, from the 7th to the 26th. (22nd for Ecuador only)

The trip starts in Quito where we will stay for 3 nights. This is the largest colonial town of the Americas. Our tour includes the main highlights, the Basilica, Independence Square, eclectic architecture from colonial facades to baroque art. Just outside the city lies the area known as “the middle of the earth”, the Equator, where you can have 1 foot in each hemisphere.

In the town of Mindo we will visit a cloud forest ecosystem where a brief cable car ride takes us to the top of the reserve where we have a view of beautiful mountain scenery and waterfalls.

We spend 2 nights in Otavalo, staying in a 400 year-old hacienda. We visit the craft market in Otavalo, the largest in all of South America. The next day we catch a train, for a 2-hour journey, passing through sugar cane plantations and different landscapes before descending into the warm, dry valley of Salinas. This ride ends with a unique lunch at an Afro-Ecuadorian community restaurant.

We will visit the area called the Avenue of Waterfalls, with its 5 spectacular falls, including the Devil’s Cauldron.

Our drive continues through the Andes Mountains before reaching our train station for a short ride that takes us to the Incan site of Ingapirca, the most important Incan ruin in Ecuador.

Our next stop is Cuenca, considered the most beautiful colonial city in Ecuador. We visit the Cathedral, the main square, and the flower market and a Panama Hat factory.

Our final stop is Guayaquil, where we stay for 5 nights. Guayaquil is situated on the Pacific Ocean and is

well known for its Malecon, with its restaurants and bars, where you can stroll along, watching the boats come in.

In the town of Salinas (there are 2 towns with the same name) on the Pacific Coast we will have a day visiting the beautiful beaches and a whale-watching cruise.

We also have a 5-day/4-night add on to the Galapagos Islands, one of the world's most unique destinations. If the Galapagos are on your bucket list, this is a great opportunity to see the islands, which are located 620 km from the coast.

We stay for 2 nights on Santa Cruz Island where we will see the giant tortoises, go through a lava tunnel and visit the Charles Darwin Research Station.

On Isabela Island, the largest island, we will have a wetland excursion, a short hike to Sierra Negra Volcano and an opportunity to swim or snorkel with marine animals.

There are no high-rise hotels in the Galapagos, and we will be staying in local lodges (with swimming pools) in both places.

I'm very pleased to tell you that Tour Design have been able to hold the price for this trip at \$5,549 for the Ecuador part and \$2,595 for the add on to the Galapagos.

We have a slide show that will be available on the Probus website after April 26th, so please have a look at that if you are interested. If you have any questions, please give me a call or email me and I will be happy to send you out a brochure.

Picasso's Models

by Beth Barnes

After reading the novel, "Cooking for Picasso by Camille Aubray", I wrote this story for a creative writing class.

Who were Picasso's models is a controversial issue as most of Picasso's art pieces of women do not depict a recognizable face and body but pieces of cheeks, eyes, noses and sections of a mouth sitting on angles and above or below each other.

There are a few known models such as his wife, Olga, the Russian ballerina and Marie-Therese Water, the mother of his known child. His later model was dark-haired Dora Maar and she is named as the model of his most famous paintings, "Seated Women in a Blue Dress" which sold for \$45 million at Christies in 2017. Dora Maar was a famous French photographer, painter and poet who met Picasso when she was thirty-one and he was fifty-eight years old.

But was she the model for this painting? There is another story of this time in his life when he lived in the Cote d'Azur area of France between 1936 and 1939. During this time away from Paris, he lived in the South of France to rejuvenate his spirit and replenish his creative juices.

While there, he enjoyed the cuisine of the area and often dined at the local café "Café Paradis" in the village of Juan-les-Pins. He convinced the café owners to deliver his lunch to his villa in order not to be recognized since he was in hiding and living there under a pseudonym. He also did not want to disturb his artistic flow of thoughts as he painted these thoughts onto his canvas.

Ondine, the young dark-haired daughter of the café owners, was given this responsibility to deliver his lunch and lay it out on his table coming back later for the dishes. He appeared at the doorway one day as she was laying out his lunch. He asked her if she could bring the ingredients and use his kitchen to prepare his lunch.

This was the beginning of a friendship and as he became more enthralled with young 17 year-old Ondine, he started sketching her as she worked. Then he asked her to sit for him for which she was thrilled. Each day

she would hide her best blue dress in the food hamper so that she could change into this blue dress for her modelling hour.

It has been revealed that Picasso had made a pair of paintings of a dark-haired, unidentified woman during this period of his unusual artwork. Who was she? Because of the model's hair colour, some say that it was Dora Maar who was soon to become Picasso's new mistress and muse. But was it Dora Maar or was it Ondine?

Picasso died in 1973 and the mystery of the model in his artwork in the interval during his stay in the south of France continues today.

Membership Report for April

By Dawn Ross, Membership Chair

I have received 195 completed Waiver forms and online acceptances. To attend any in-person events you must have the signed Waiver and online acceptance box checked. Please look after this ASAP so when you decide to attend an event you don't have to scramble at the last minute.

We currently have 24 people on our Wait-List.

How do I find a member's phone number or email?

First you need to sign into the Escarpment Probus website for members. You will see a category for DIRECTORY. Click on this and you will find the information needed.

An Irishman walks into a bar ...

Contributed by Ron Millichamp

An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells him, "You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it, and it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Irishman replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other is in Australia, and I'm in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days we drank together. So I drink one for each o' me brothers and one for me self." The

bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: He orders three pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars take notice and fall silent.

When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The Irishman looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that me wife had us join that Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking. But it hasn't affected me brothers though."

Please add your emergency contact(s) to your profile on our website. This will speed up notifications in case of an emergency. (Use the EDIT button on your profile page).

If you have been to any of these fabulous foreign destinations I am sure you will remember these wardrobes for the 2021 Mister Global Contestants in their National Costumes

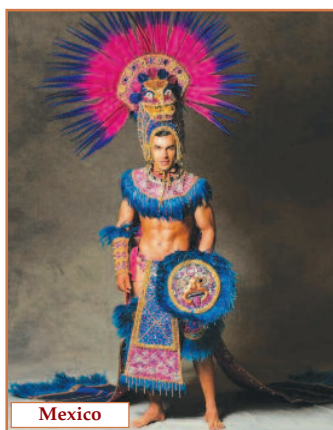
By Alan Jordan - Occasional Correspondent

Mister Global, is an annual men's beauty contest that has been held in Thailand without interruption since it was founded in 2014.

The first edition of Mister Global was held in the city of Pak Chong, located some 170 kilometers to the northeast of Bangkok, with 16 participants.

Mister Global Pageant is considered part of the "Grand Slam" of international male pageants, along with Mr World, Mister International, Mister Supranational and Manhunt International. It is owned and organized by the Mister Global Company Limited.

Since its first edition, more than 60 countries, including Canada, have sent their representatives to this competition. Mister Global Company Limited licenses organizations that wish to select the Mister Global National Contestants for their country.



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