



## Architecture & Adaptive Reuse

Story by Susan Gaudion Photo by Carole Elliott

**Philip Goldsmith** was our speaker on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. He is a retired architect who now resides in Port Hope where he continues to do some consulting.

The subject of his talk was Adaptive Reuse. There is a continuing debate between those who believe in conservation and those who want new buildings. Philip believes we need both. He gave two examples of projects in Toronto where he reused existing buildings – The North Toronto train station that is now the LCBO at Summerhill, and the National Ballet School on Jarvis Street.

The train station was built in 1916 and closed in 1927. One of the reasons it was important to Canadians was that troops left from this station to fight in WWI. A second reason was that the Queen used the station during a visit to Canada. As a result, it has great sentimental value.



Philip's firm also worked on the National Ballet School project for 16 years. This project includes the preservation of two important heritage buildings. The restored historic 1898 Havergal Ladies' College now comprises eight academic classrooms, a computer lab, an art studio, an audio-visual room, science labs, a photo lab, and a music room. The complex has won many awards and is considered one of the foremost ballet schools in the world.

## BARBERSHOP

Story by Lyn Bradshaw Photo by Betty Curtis

**Ted Devonshire** spoke to us about Barbershop quartets at our meeting on **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**. He dispelled the myth of 4 white-clad gentlemen with handlebar moustaches harmonizing while shaving or cutting clients' hair. Today's harmonizing groups not only sing 'a cappella' but have complex choreography and performance showmanship.



L to R, Cam Black, tenor; Lynn Brown, lead; Ted Devonshire, bass; and Keith Pickett, baritone, singing a 'polecat song', *My Wild Irish Rose*.

The movement began 72 years ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma with only 26 men and has since grown to include men of all ages and women's chapters known as Sweet Adelines. Not only do the various chapters practice for concerts and competitions, they assist children and adults with speech and communications difficulties. From its headquarters in Nashville, this music continues to forge friendships and partnerships with vocal groups all over the world for men and women who love to sing.

With his fellow 'barbershoppers' and some video examples, Ted demonstrated how the close 4-part harmony is achieved. He himself has been singing since 1968 and has sung and competed internationally with clubs from the Toronto area. He now sings with the Peterborough Chapter, one of over 800 chapters in North America and the world.

# GANARASKA VALLEY PROBUS GOES GEOCASHING

*Story by Linda Goldie and photos by E. & R. Mountain*

Thanks to the creativity and organization of outgoing President, Eileen Mountain, we were introduced to geocaching at our Annual General Meeting on September 9, 2010. For the majority of our members, this was a first time experience but, judging from the excitement, noise level and laughter, there will be future excursions for some people.

Our guests, Ivanhoe and Butterfly 5, spent some time introducing us to the basics of geocaching (Rule # 1: you are known by an avatar and never use your real name). Geocaching is basically a sophisticated treasure hunt, using co-ordinates downloaded onto a hand held GPS unit. Sounds easy! However, even with the co-ordinates, it takes a lot of searching to find the cache which might be extremely tiny or painted in camouflage.

After the introduction, we divided into 8 teams of 8 and each team was given a GPS, a map and a list of 8 caches to find. Each cache contained a hidden word. At the end of the morning, the words had to be re-arranged into a sentence.

The victorious team was interviewed at the end of the day and graciously shared their winning strategies (following Rule # 1, team members will be identified only by their avatars).

- This team had a disproportionate number of Type A personalities who became quite competitive over the course of the morning. This was evident in the screams of delight when Diligent Diane found the first cache and also when Ricochet Richard got involved in stealth moves to throw other teams off the trail.
- The team divided on gender lines for vehicle assignment. The female ability to multi-task was evident when Jaunty Janet had her crew in the vehicle and headed for the next cache while Hustling Hugh was still rounding up the guys.

- A winning team requires the talents of all members. Rambunctious Ray managed our GPS and could often be heard counting down towards Ground Zero...or counting up when he veered off in the wrong direction. Agile Anita could locate and retrieve a cache from the trickiest spots while Jumpin John was great at locating those that were hidden high in trees. After much effort by the team, Loopy Linda was able to re-arrange all the clue words into the required sentence.

It should be noted that a second team also found all 8 caches and figured out the winning sentence. However, Lively Lois conceded defeat on that team's behalf since their time surpassed that of the winning team. Ivanhoe presented a cache of Coffee Crisp bars to the winners (some of which found their way to Lively Lois' team). From the sounds of the good-natured rivalry, geocaching may become a Probus event and could even overtake apples and drinks in popularity....Rematch anyone ???



**Bruce Banfield consulting his GPS**

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**Ivanhoe showing George, Lorna, Elaine and your editor how to operate the GPS...got it George?!?**



**Ruth and Don Newington during the geocaching expedition**



**Joan Bebee and Ruth Newington waiting for the rescue plane after their GPS broke down. De plane boss...de plane!!**



**Various caches used in geocaching**



**Eileen Mountain and Elaine Simmons...what are they hiding under that sheet??**



**The Winners' Table!! Well done all!**

# Car Rally Car Rally Car Rally

Story by Steve Snell

Photos E. Mountain, E. Blaikie, G. Chadwick

September 30: It started out with broken clouds and sun but by the end of the day it was pouring rain. It could only be one day: the Probus Car Rally. 19 cars loaded with enthusiastic members left the departure point for an adventure through the rolling hills of old Northumberland. It was a time of reading plaques, and house numbers, counting hydro wires and “thingies” on top of a church and guessing who a scarecrow resembled.

Upon arrival at Peter’s Woods where many thought it was ending, Dorothy reported surprise on the part of many when told that “Oh no! Here is the second part”! From there it was on through the farm country and into Cobourg to the final point at the Cobourg Lions Community Centre where a delicious lunch of roast beef, salads, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and pie awaited all. Thanks to Joyce Prince, Linda Popham, Gail Chadwick, and Dorothy Giddings who acted as helpers along the route. A special thanks to Betty Curtis, who helped by spiriting some of Garry’s old clothing out of the house. I would have loved to have been a fly in the van when Garry saw the scarecrow wearing his clothes!



Dorothy Giddings and Steve Snell, the organizers of the Car Rally



Did Jan & Eric Blaikie look this happy when they had to count the hydro wires??



Does the Scarecrow remind you of anyone???



Pat & Sam Rawson with driver Barry McMahon and wife Penny raring to go!

**More Car Rally photos...**



**Linda Popham & Gail Chadwick hiding from the rain with Primrose the donkey and staffer.**



**Diane Mowat and Kathy Wallace having a chat with Primrose at the donkey Sanctuary.**



**Hugh Parker, Carolyn & Ray Williams, Linda Goldie all having a good time.**



**This beautiful little church must have a special meaning for the winners. Ask them about it!**



**Joyce Prince wearing her tiara in the rain while helping out at a checkpoint. Didn't you stand out in the rain last year Joyce? Minus the tiara??**



**Steve Snell with winners Eileen Mountain & George Grimes. (Missing in photo: Russ Mountain) They also had their own interesting experience along the way.**

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In the end I think that no matter what the result, a good time was had by all even while trying to read the epitaph at Weird Willie's grave in the pouring rain. See you next year!!

# Appies & Drinks

Kathy Wallace hosted Appies & Drinks on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A total of 22 members attended, sharing their own tasty appetizers & drinks with everyone.



Eileen Mountain, our new Pres. Garry Curtis, Dave Bradshaw and Marlene Tomlinson helping themselves to various delicious 'appies'.



Dorothy Donaghue, Gwen Logan and Betty Curtis



Susan Gaudion, Betty Curtis and Ken O'Neill in the background. Lyn Bradshaw talking to Gwen and part of (!) Barbara Tiffin in the foreground.

# The Lunch Bunch

A record number of 31 members showed up for lunch!



Marion Griffin, Joan O'Grady & Maggie Colborne, our new Lunch Bunch coordinator



Mike O'Grady, Wilf Quigley and Frank Griffin



Thanks to Maggie Colborne, the new Lunch Bunch coordinator, members were given name tags. I'm sure this was appreciated by all present!

# 50-50 WINNER

14 Oct: Shirley McMahon won \$44.50!

## OCT/NOV CREWS

### CATERERS

Captain:      Rosalie Jakobi

28 Oct:        Lynda Britton  
                  Willy Jakobi  
                  Bruce Britton

Captain:      Ken O'Neill

11 Nov:        Dorothy Spicer  
                  Ruth & Don Newington

Captain:      Joan Bebee

25 Nov:        Marion Griffin  
                  Jan & Eric Blaikie

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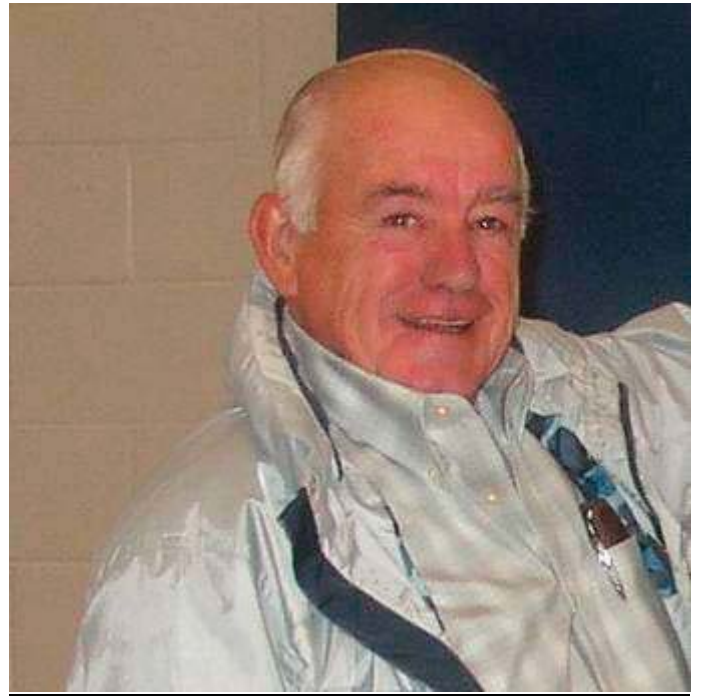
### GREETERS

28 Oct:        Heather & Harold Houston

11 Nov:        Bruce & Lynda Britton

25 Nov:        Lois Meadows  
                  George Grimes

## NEW MEMBER



Julie Rondeau's husband **Marcel Rondeau**, recently joined our Club. He and Julie were the owners/operators of "Rondeau's Upholstery Ltd." on Ridout Street in Port Hope. They were in this business for 30 years and retired in January 2006.

They were married August 12, 1961 and will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next year! They had 3 children, Mark, Catherine and Theresa. They lost Mark at age 23 to Ewing's Sarcoma in 1988. Catherine and Theresa are married and the Rondeau's are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren ranging in age from 17 to 11.

## Special Fall Draw Prize Winner

Penny McMahon of the Special Events Committee presents the Special Fall Draw prize to winner Joan Bebee as President Garry looks on in the background.



## PET CORNER FOR OCTOBER



Carolyn Ray's 'Georgie' the Schnauzer, and 'Carmine', a Burmese. Whoever said cats and dogs don't get along, hadn't seen this picture!

Don't forget to email me your favorite pics! Ed.

# UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Port Hope Probus Club meeting on Tuesday, **2 Nov. at 9am.**  
Lions Rec. Center. **Please wear your name tags!**  
**Dorothy Giddings**

## TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Visit with Port Hope Probus Club. **Nov 17.** The cost is \$67.00 and includes transportation (leave at 12:00pm) and dinner.  
**See Carolyn Williams for more information.**

## LUNCH BUNCH:

Meet at The Rail Side restaurant after **October 28** meeting.  
Choose from the menu. Cost: \$7.99 and up.  
**Maggie Colborne**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – Dec. 8th. At Dalewood Golf & Curling Club. Watch this space for more information.  
**Carolyn Williams**

**Please make sure you have a ticket for all catered events.**

## **SPEAKERS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER**

**October 28:** Pat Bryan is back for a return performance. He will be doing a skit called “Mad Men” based on the TV show of the same name about advertising men in the ‘60’s.

**November 11:** Richard Holmes of Port Hope will speak to us on Remembrance Day. He is a former member of the British Armed Forces and will share his memories with us.

**November 25:** Donna Wooton, retired teacher, author, dance instructor and intrepid traveler will speak about the Adventure Canada trip to the Northwest Passage.

# ONGOING EVENTS . . .

## **PUB NITE**

Join us for dinner, conversation, drinks  
Last Tuesday of the month  
6:30 PM at the Beamish House

**New coordinator:** Information not yet available.

## **APIES & DRINKS**

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks  
**Steve Snell 905-885-9929**

## **EUCHRE**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, monthly from 2 to 4 PM  
Ruth Clarke Senior Centre, 81 Mill Street

**New coordinator:** Lois Meadows 905-885-6715

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

After the last meeting of the month at  
12:30 PM

**New coordinator:** Maggie Colborne  
905-885-1722

## **BOWLING:**

**New Coordinator:** Ken O’Neill 905-885-4872  
Information coming soon!

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## **APPLICATIONS WANTED**

The Editor of ‘Ganaraska Currents’, our Club newsletter, is in need of an Assistant Editor.

**Job Description:** Reporting Club events, working with the Communications Committee who supply photography and note-taking at our monthly meetings.

**Requirements:** You must be a self-starter, organized, computer literate or willing to learn, and love dealing with people.

Training will be provided.

See the Editor for more information.

## ***GANARASKA CURRENTS***

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