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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN**

As I write this, it is obvious that summer is definitely here. We're in a record-breaking high heat and humidity, together with winds and minimal rain. After complaining about too much rain all spring, now when the rain comes, it's never in the form of the nice gentle soak our fields and gardens need but in even more severe summer thunderstorms than usual, such as the one around Salem early this week. I hope all our friends in that area survived without too much damage.

Fortunately, despite a little rain on the day, the weather co-operated for the Annual Picnic which I understand was a great success. I am sorry that Mary and I were away and not able to attend this year. Many thanks to Anja and all those who contributed to a great event.

In line with my comments at past meetings about "This Day in History", some of you may have seen a small note in Northumberland Today on June 27<sup>th</sup>. What may have been the first running of the Queen's Plate, now one of Canada's most prestigious horse race, was held in Cobourg back on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1841! The track was opposite the present site of Cobourg District Collegiate Institute East. The article did not say if the race was ever run again in Cobourg.

I would like to remind you that our only summer Probud meeting (with not one, but two speakers) will be held on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup>. I hope that many of you will be able to be there. Regular bi-monthly meetings will begin September 7<sup>th</sup>. As we near the time of our Annual Meeting, I also note that there are some committee chair positions available. In particular, Special Club Events (Christmas and Anniversary Parties and summer Picnic) and Local Events (reporter of community future events) need chairs. Please contact Judi Eakins or myself if you are interested in helping out.

I hope that all of you have an enjoyable and not too hot remainder of the summer. A little relief from the heat and drought is welcome.

*Bob Lee*

## **SPEAKERS CORNER**

On *Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011*, Jim Robinson continued his travelogue of “New Zealand & Australia”. (Ivy Succe was unable to attend due to illness but is booked later in the year.) Jim’s previous presentation was on May 4<sup>th</sup> when he showed us the first part of his trip. The current show covered the South Island of New Zealand and part of Australia.

The South Island is a land of mountains, glacial valleys, water falls, coastal inlets and lakes. Jim enjoyed digital photography there as around every corner there was a new landscape. He stated that although the scenes were beautiful it was not safe to ignore driving since some of the roads were little more than a single track. Bridges tended to be a combination road/rail bridge, and again single lane. His recommendation was to carry extra storage capacity for photos and plenty of spare batteries.

The Australian part of the tour was from Sydney to Cairns along the East Coast. The scenery was not as spectacular as New Zealand and the photos tended to feature zoos & resort areas. However for those that enjoy a sandy beach, there were plenty Part way through the tour they encountered flooding and had to complete the trip North by air. They flew back to Sydney for New Year’s Eve and were able to watch the spectacular fireworks display in Sydney Harbour.

### *Elsie and Alan Cullum*

June 15 , 2011, Rick Strong, Biologist/Ecologist, spoke about Black Bears. He is currently Chief Park Naturalist at Algonquin Park. Rick gave an interesting and informative presentation that included video and photos of black bears. In addition Rick had a power point presentation summarizing the Educational and Research work being done to insure safety for both the bears and human beings who may encounter them. He emphasized the importance of the bears remaining fearful of people.

Rick advised: 1) never feed or approach the animal; 2) keep campsite or home clean of access to food and garbage; 3) avoid keeping birdfeeders. When encountering a bear, remain calm and assess the situation. If the bear flees, enjoy the view. If it becomes defensive back away, do not run, and stay in a group if you are with other people. In the very unlikely event that a bear attacks fight back, do NOT play dead! The nose and eyes are vulnerable spots for a human to attack since pain will likely make the bear retreat. A Fox 40 whistle can be purchased for about \$2 and can be an effective tool in scaring a bear off. Understanding bear behavior is your most valuable tool.

### *Heather McElroy*

June 22, 2011, 16 people enjoyed a trip to the Tallgrass Prairie and Oak Savanna on the Rice Lake Plains. The group started at 10am with overcast skies. After about an hour, we had drizzle and by 11.30 there was rain. The weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group! Janine McLeod, is an informed presenter and everyone had their questions

answered. We saw many varieties of native plants & the lovely black oak trees. It was a great day.

*Ferne Dobson*

Wednesday July 6 was the Annual Probus Picnic held at Anja Guignon's estate. A repeat performance by Eileen Milley with partner David Jones won the horseshoe competition. Others who were not into horseshoes had an opportunity to play cribbage. Although there were fewer people, everyone who attended had a good social time, which is the purpose of the picnic. Food, including desserts, were fantastic! Unfortunately rain started, lasting about 45 minutes, so people escaped to Anja's home. The gathering closed about 2 pm with no swimmers this year.

*Eileen Milley*

## **THEATRE**

1. The 2011 season for the Stratford Shakespeare Festival is available at [www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com](http://www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com) or 1-800-567-1600.
2. The Shaw Festival is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season with a stellar playlist. Check it out at [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com).
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre (near Millbrook) will celebrate 20 seasons with *The Cavan Blazers* from Aug 2 to 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available now at [www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca](http://www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca) or 1-800-814-0055.
4. Also locally, check out Port Hope's Capitol Theatre's playlist at [www.capitoltheatre.com](http://www.capitoltheatre.com), Belleville's Empire Theatre at [www.theempiretheatre.com](http://www.theempiretheatre.com), Trenton's My Theatre at 613-392-8844 or [www.my-theatre.ca](http://www.my-theatre.ca), Stirling's Festival Theatre at [www.stirlingfestivaltheatre.com](http://www.stirlingfestivaltheatre.com) and Brighton's Barn Theatre at 613-475-2144.

## **COMMUNITY**

1. Indoor Walking at the Keeler Centre is available Monday to Friday from 9 – 11 am, except holidays. The Community service is a safe way to stay healthy and avoid falls!
2. Music in the Square continues to provide a pleasant evening in Victoria Park from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Bring your favourite lawn chair and enjoy!

July 28	Stoney and the Sundance Band (Classic Country)
Aug 4	Sawmill Road (Country Rock)
Aug 11	Cruisin' 50's & 60's (Pop Rock)
Aug 14	Jeannie Mintz & Friends (Gospel) – 1:30 – 3 pm

Aug 18          Fade Kings (Rhythm & Blues)  
Aug 25          The Donegal Fiddlers (Celtic)

3. Colborne Legion's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration is a barbeque on Sunday July 31 starting at 1:30 pm

4. Cramahe's Trash 'n' Treasures Sale starting at 6 am on Saturday August 13, 2011 in Victoria Square and several front lawns!

## **UPCOMING DATES**

**Wed Aug 17 – Probus** Elaina & Gregory of Wicklow Way Farms will speak about organic gardening, their heirloom tomatoes & much more. Check out their website [www.wicklowway.com](http://www.wicklowway.com).

**Wed Sept 7 – Probus** Roz Farber, ex CBC producer, will speak about her current project, a North Western B.C. Aboriginal Tribe.

**Tues Sept 13 – Thur Sept 15** Probus members worldwide are invited to attend the 2011 National Conference and to holiday in Vancouver, British Columbia, the “World in a City.” Put **PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2011** on your calendar and visit the website at [www.probusrendezvous.com](http://www.probusrendezvous.com) regularly for the latest program and entertainment information.

**Wed Sept 21 – Probus** Steve Rutledge and Mike Yap have a presentation on Laos: The Country, the Secret War and Bombs.

**Wed Oct 5 – Probus** The presenter will be Donna Wootton. She travelled the North West Passage in August 2010.

**Wed Oct 19 – Probus** Ivy Succe will speak about the “Bernardo Children”.

## **THE LAST WORD**

Life in Cramahe is in summer mode – at least mine is! The heat and humidity really sap my strength so you will have to pardon me when I say I have not many ‘pearls of wisdom’ to spread. Actually, it is a good thing that we have a bit of a rest from all our hectic schedules. We can return to the fall and winter seasons with renewed energies to resume the many activities – Probus not the least event. Although there are no dates set yet, I have it on good authority that Bowling will resume in November. Remember I am married to the organizer so I have an inside lane so to speak.

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