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MEET BRUCE

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Nancy Klinger is not an ordinary dog owner—she takes her dog to movies, shopping centres, and on buses. She makes sure that Bruce gets as much human interaction as he can and is comfortable in just about any situation so that he can do his job well when the time comes to go to work.

You may have seen them out and about because they live in Craig Bay.



Bruce is a guide dog in training. He'll have about 15 months with Nancy and then he'll go for

intense training with BC Guide Dog Services before he is adopted by a blind or autistic individual.

Nancy is not Bruce's owner, she is a puppy raiser for the organization and this is her fourth such dog. On April 3rd she will demonstrate how she trains Bruce and tell us about the service and the people it helps.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet both Bruce & Nancy and learn about this very valuable service!

YOUR 2013 MANAGEMENT TEAM

Sharon Seibt	<i>President</i>
Robert Grose	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mike Smith	<i>Treasurer</i>
Robert Grose	<i>Social Coord.</i>
Mary Crist	<i>Secretary</i>
Rita Morin	<i>Member Chair</i>
Steph Smith	<i>Speaker Chair</i>
Judy Love-Eastham	<i>Newsletter</i>
Lee Lukian, Joan McCully, Joan Harrison	<i>Hospitality Co-Chairs</i>
David White	<i>Member-at-Large</i>

CELEBRATE!

NW Bay Probus'
10th Anniversary
Wednesday 12 June 2013

June Meeting (10:30am) & Celebration Lunch (11:50am)
@ Tigh-Na-Mara
Tickets on sale at April Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I first started school, I walked with the girl next door but one, accompanied by our dog, Laddie, an older German Shepherd. He was so protective that the story I invented to explain to my mom why I had Spring muck on my pants ("boys pushed me into a puddle!")... well... let's say it just didn't hold water.

One day my aunt picked me up at the front door, the one facing the street. Laddie waited as usual at the back gate across the yard. And he waited, and waited... and waited. Late that night when he was missed, my dad found him but could not convince him to come home. Dad had

to bundle me up, drive me to the gate and show Laddie I was home before he would come home himself. Laddie just knew his job was to protect us girls and he took his job seriously.

At April's meeting you will hear about some amazing dogs who have a job that they take seriously, guide dogs. I would like to acknowledge the very generous and thoughtful people who raise and socialize the pups that become guide dogs or police dogs or rescue dogs. They lay the ground work for the dog's success in the future.

This leads into my acknowl-

edgment of the generous and thoughtful people who exactly ten years ago volunteered their time and leadership to "raise" a social club, our own Northwest Bay Proboscis Club. Our continued success is built on their past work.

With gratitude to all past and present volunteers,

Sharon Seibt



Sharon Seibt
President, 2012-13

FRAUD FACTS



His portrayal of an investment scam that resulted in total losses of \$1.5 million for 27 people (mostly pensioners) in Kamloops a few years ago illustrated how easily intelligent people can be duped. In this case it was by a "trustworthy" city Alderman.

David Salzano, Senior Compliance Officer with the BC Securities Commission, delivered a strong message to all members who attended the March meeting: know yourself and know your advisor.

He offered a list of fraud warning signs and suggested that doing your own research (into the advisor and the offering) was key. "If you don't understand it, don't invest!" he said.

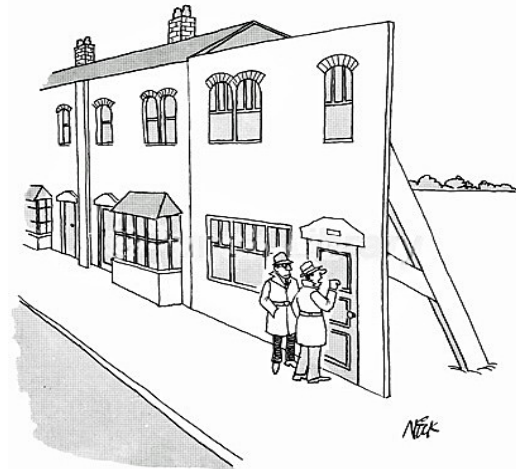
The BC Securities Commission is on a mission to make more people aware of fraud cases and their own vulnerability for fraud. They have invested a great deal in educating as many people as possible and have an excellent website which provides a wealth of information including worksheets and questions to ask yourself before

investing. They also access a database of investment advisors who have been in trouble in the past.

David started his talk "I'm here to show you how not to get ripped off".

We are all much wiser for his advice.

The BC Securities Commission website is:
<http://www.investright.org>



"Open up, Benny—Fraud Squad."

CELEBRATE—10 INCREDIBLE YEARS

In the Beginning...



*First President:
Gabrielle Cartlidge*

On March 12th ten years ago a meeting was held to measure the level of interest in forming a

new Probus Club in the area. Ninety people attended that meeting in addition to members of the Nanoose Probus Management Committee and representatives of Probus Canada.

That meeting ended with 89 completed membership applications. Volunteers for the Steering Committee were:

- Ron Patullo

- Gay Cartlidge
- Alan Jay
- Carole Barker
- Dorothy Gibson
- Nabeel A. Hanafi
- Carol Bell
- Mary Crist
- Bob Voshall

Inaugural Meeting

On April 30th, 2003 Anne Gransden moved that “*The Northwest Bay Probus Club Constitution be accepted by all members present as prepared*”. The motion was seconded by Martyn Green and approved by the 110 members and 3 guests that were present.

The slate of officers for the

inaugural year was acclaimed. They were:

- President:* Gabrielle Cartlidge
- Vice President:* Bob Voshall
- Treasurer:* David Lindsey
- Secretary:* Jane Fuhrmann
- Membership:* Mary Crist
- Newsletter Editor:* Alan Jay
- Speakers:* Carole Barker
- Social:* Lorene Kehoe
- Meetings Facilitator:* Jarvis Kohut



*First Vice-President:
Bob Voshall*

Probus member and well known author, Don Cochrane, was the first speaker.

Probus Canada Stats

In 2003 there were 25 clubs in BC and 17 of those were on Vancouver Island.

In 2013 there are 44 clubs across BC, 22 located on the island (4 in Nanaimo).



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS - JUNE 12, 2013

Instead of our regular June meeting, a *SPECIAL MEETING* will be held at Tigh-Na-Mara. The meeting will begin at 10:30am with speakers (Judy and Tony Eastham on Saudi Arabia) and after that the fun will begin!

Special entertainment (highlighting a theme which is a tightly held secret within the 10th Anniversary Committee) will accompany a sumptuous lunch.

Luncheon Menu

- Vancouver Island Wild Greens, Sundried Tomato Vinaigrette**
- Grilled Salmon, Maple Dill Glaze**
- or
- Grilled Breast of Chicken with Mushroom Reduction**
- Basmati Rice, Jardinière of Seasonal Vegetables**
- Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Compote**
- Freshly Brewed Free Trade Organic Coffee & Assorted Premium Teas**

*NB:
Date &
Time
Change*

Member tickets will be available at the April and May meetings. Non-members and guests may purchase tickets after May 1st. Contact details to be announced.



**PRIZE
DRAWS**

Tickets

*for
NWBay Probus'
10th Anniversary
Wednesday 12 June 2013
Special Meeting
& Celebration Lunch
@ Tigh-Na-Mara*

\$15 for members DEADLINE: May 1st

**\$30 for guests/non-members –
available after May 1st**

GOINGS ON...OUR CHAPTER

Cellar Dwellers



In March, the Cellar Dwellers met at the French/Smith residence to taste red wines of Argentina. Featured were four different grape varieties – Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bonarda, and Tempranillo, reflecting the predominant plantings in Argentina. As Malbec is the primary export wine, they tasted 3 different ones representing separate vineyards and growing areas. The group both rated the wines and attempted to distinguish the grape. The Cabernet proved to be the easiest to identify.

All the wines were reasonably well received with the Cabernet and two of the Malbecs leading. The lesser known Bonarda and Tempranillo varieties followed and the youngest wine, the 2010

Malbec, was least favored.

The wines ranged from 2007 to 2010 and were priced from \$20 to \$23. Unfortunately, most are not readily available except in private wine stores such as *Everything Wine* in Langford. Anyone interested in the names of the varieties should contact a Cellar Dweller.

Mike Smith & Gail French

Men's Pub Lunch

Probus men will also be descending upon Lantzville for their April lunch. All meet up in the Nanoose Place parking lot at 11:30 to carpool to the Lantzville Village Pub. A sign-up sheet will be at the April meeting or send an email to Tony Eastham (easthamt@gmail.com)

Second Chapter Book Club

Do you enjoy reading a variety of genres and look forward to talking about them with friends?

Then contact Heather Pople (heatherpople@shaw.ca) to join the Second Chapter Book Club. We're looking for two new members.

Walking Group

Meets every weekday (except for Probus General Meeting day) in the Fairwinds Golf Club parking lot at 9am.

Garden Club - see next pg

Ladies' Lunch



Riso is the spot and April 11th is the date! Don't miss this opportunity to chat with other

members of the "finer sex" at this great little restaurant in Lantzville. Sign up at the April meeting or contact Marnie Swanson (marnieswanson@gmail.com)

No excuses—tie up your runners and join them!

Winemakers Club

The Winemakers are holding their bi-monthly meeting on Sunday 28 April at 2:30 and all are welcome to attend.

You don't have to be a wine-maker—simply a wine lover. Contact Betty-Anne Hamilton if you would like to join in the fun: betty-anne@shaw.ca or 250-585-6779

COMING UP: May 22, 2013



Kitty Coleman Woodland Gardens

Westjet Inflight Magazine calls it "a hidden treasure of natural wild beauty and full of surprises". The garden has over 3,000 rhododendrons – one of the largest collections in Western Canada - all in a very natural and relaxed setting. Its 24 acres of woodland, home to a multitude of native plants and birds, has meandering cedar bark paths, ponds, fountains and quiet benches from which to contemplate the environment.

Members will start with a guided tour of the gardens and, later, enjoy a picnic lunch on site.

An optional tour of Shelter Point Distillery is also being planned. **Stay tuned!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 3 9:30am Nancy Klinger & Bruce - BC Guide Dog Services

May 1 9:30am 9:30am Maureen Eykelenboom - started *Boomer's Legacy Foundation* (boomerslegacy.ca), in memory of her son, to raise and provide humanitarian assistance to people where the Canadian Forces are deployed.

May 22 Kitty Coleman Woodland Gardens - Tour and Picnic

June 12 10:30am Saudi Arabia Uncovered - Judy & Tony Eastham

11:50 am 10th Anniversary Celebration Lunch Meeting & Lunch @ Tigh-Na-Mara, Parksville

July 25 Annual Picnic - details to come

NB: Date & Time Change



GOINGS ON...IN THE AREA

BRANT WILDLIFE FESTIVAL
brantfestival.bc.ca/

Fish Hatchery Tours

April 5 & 6, 10am-2pm
Visit the Marion Baker Hatchery in French Creek to learn all about local fish. Free

Eagle Release

Saturday, April 6, 11am-3pm
North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre, Errington
See glove-trained birds & many wildlife & environmental booths. Also the release into the wild of a rehabilitated eagle. By donation.



Spring Beauties with the Cantando Chamber Singers

April 13, 2pm
Knox United Church lounge, Parksville
\$10/person at the door.

Voice of Nature

April 18, 7pm
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
Holly Arntzen & Kevin Wright, with singers from Arrowview and Bowser Elem. Schools.
Tickets are \$12 adults, \$5 children, \$20 family (two adults, 1 child) - available at the schools or Mulberry Bush.

Hamilton Marsh Tour

April 21, 10am-2pm
Explore Hamilton Marsh just outside Qualicum Beach for interesting plants, wildlife and insects. Friends of French Creek will have dip

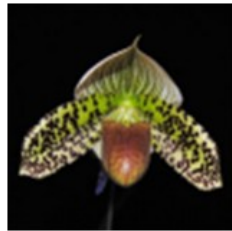
nets and magnifying glasses.
By donation



CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

www.cvios.com

Fri April 12, 9:30am-9pm Sat
April 13, 9:30am-5:30pm
Sun April 14, 11am-5pm
Nanaimo North Town Centre,
4750 Rutherford Rd.



LIVE AT THE MET

www.cineplex.com/Events/
MetOpera/Home.aspx

Saturdays: April 6, 20 & 27



Monday April 8
Wednesday April 24
All: 12-4pm
Cineplex Theatre 213-

4750 Rutherford Rd,
Nanaimo

MILNER GARDENS - Spring Plant Sale

www.viu.ca/milnergardens/

Sat & Sun, April 27 & 28, 10am-4:30pm
2179 West Island Highway, Qualicum Beach



VIU FACULTY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY - SPRING LECTURE SERIES

web.viu.ca/simmsw

Tues April 2, 2013, 7-8pm
Dr. Max Bothwell "*The Dydymo Story: Environmental change or an invasive species?*"

Tues April 9, 2013, 7-8pm
Dr. Catherine Hickson
"*Vulcan's Fire—Taming the Fury*"



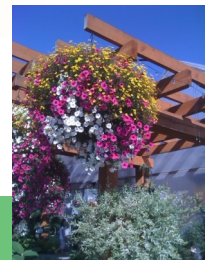
WILD FOODS FESTIVAL & EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Sun April 21, 11am-3:30pm
Bowen Park, 500 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

Special Mention:

To Bev Coolican and Heather Pople for helping out the hospitality team at the March meeting.

Many thanks to you both for stepping up!



GARDEN CLUB

NEXT MEETING: TUES. 9 APRIL, 2:30PM

VICTORIA HANGING BASKET CLASS

@ NORTHWEST BAY NURSERY (2314 NORTHWEST BAY ROAD)

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED (OR BRING YOUR OWN BASKET)

PRICES FROM \$20-100 DEPENDING UPON SIZE AND BASKET

CONTACT: HKJUDY@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER

APRIL 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	2 <i>Walking 9AM</i> VIU S&T Lecture	3 GENERAL MTG	4 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	5 <i>Walking 9AM</i> Brant Wildlife Fest	6 Brant Wildlife Fest Live at the Met
7	8 <i>Walking 9AM</i> Live at the Met	9 <i>Walking 9AM</i> <i>Garden Club-</i> <i>Men's Pub</i> <i>Lunch 11:30am</i> VIU S&T Lecture	10 <i>Walking 9AM</i> MGMT MTG	11 <i>Walking 9AM</i> <i>Ladies' Lunch</i> <i>12:30pm</i>	12 <i>Walking 9AM</i> CVI Orchid Society	13 Brant Wildlife Fest CVI Orchid Society
14 C2:30p,VI Orchid Society	15 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	16 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	17 <i>Walking 9AM</i> <i>2nd Chapter</i> <i>Bookclub</i>	18 <i>Walking 9AM</i> Brant Wildlife Fest	19 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	20 Live at the Met
21 Brant Wildlife Fest Wild Foods Fest & Earth Day Celeb	22 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	23 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	24 <i>Walking 9AM</i> Live at the Met <i>Whisky Club</i> <i>7pm</i>	25 <i>Walking 9AM</i> <i>Cellar Dwellers</i>	26 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	27 Milner Gardens Plant Sale Live at the Met
28 Milner Gardens Plant Sale <i>Winemakers</i> <i>Club 2:30pm</i>	29 <i>Walking 9AM</i>	30 <i>Walking 9AM</i>				

*For more information on
each area event—see
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