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Purple carrots, honey bees and magic

It's June and it is time to get our hands dirty and do some work in the garden.

Master Gardener Judith Cox is going to talk to us about some of her favourite topics: purple carrots, honey bees and magic. She says that her talk is about bringing fun and enjoyment into the garden -- gardening to involve children and learning about pollinators, learning about heritage vegetables and of course different colours of carrots!

Judith has always loved working with plants and as a Master Gardener she enjoys sharing that love with others.

Judith works as a gardener during the growing season and volunteers at

advice clinics at local farmer's markets. In the winter she gives lectures on a variety of gardening subjects at local horticultural societies, write for local magazines and publications, and occasionally teach nursery school.

Two years ago, Judith decided to start her own garden consulting business to help homeowners who want to learn more about gardening in their own garden. "I love the idea of going to someone's garden and giving them the confidence to be able to be their own gardener. It's not as scary as you think sometimes."

Judith has written for *Fifty Five Plus* and *Landowner* magazines.



Judith Cox

The Prez Sez

My year as President of our Probud Club has come to an end all too quickly! I have always shied away from taking a leadership role, however this has been an uplifting, rewarding year for me.

What a great year it has been! We have had a variety of excellent speakers, trips to interesting venues, such as the visit to the Vintage Air Museum, and a different restaurant in which to dine each month, including our Christmas lunch at Algonquin College.

Our membership continues to grow



as does the noise level during coffee time prior to our meetings! It's a good noise.

I extend my thanks to a special group of people – our Management Team and other volunteers who have ensured that all our needs are met. This group of dedicated people made the position of President an easy and enjoyable one.

The highlight, for me, was our first Meet & Greet for new members. This was an opportunity for our Executive to meet new members in a more intimate setting and for new members to meet others and have an opportunity to know more about our Probud Club.

In June, we will be electing our new

executive, and at the same time offering thanks to those who are stepping down.

As I write this, we are still in need of volunteers to coordinate our social outings and volunteers to ensure we have coffee at each meeting.

I look forward a great year as Past President under the leadership of our incoming President, Mark Darroch.

Barbara Bole Stafford, President

The Probud Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probud Clubs designed to serve retired and semi-retired professional, business and like-minded people. The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for socialization followed by a guest speaker.

**Western Ottawa Probud meets
at Kanata United Church,
33 Leacock Dr.**

End-year luncheon will move meeting start to 10:15

After our June meeting we will again have a luncheon and it will be the same catered format that we used last year with enhanced quantity and quality.

This will necessitate a few changes for this meeting so that we can set up for the luncheon. We will advance the business meeting to 10:15 and coffee will not be available for our social gathering at 10:00.

Unfortunately since we had to advise our caterer ahead of time, only those who purchased tickets in advance will be able to attend.

Executive elections at our June meeting

At our June meeting we will be electing the Management Board for the next Club year. The following have agreed to stand for election:

President:	Mark Darroch
Vice President:	Marg Demers
Past President:	Barbara Bole Stafford
Secretary:	Martha Maslen
Treasurer:	Desna Sulway
Membership:	Jean and Bill Eng
Speaker Program:	Beth Sweetnam
Social Hospitality:	Ron and Marie Armstrong
Social Activities:	Vacant
Publicity:	Mary Jones
Newsletter:	Ray Jones
Website:	Bill Johnston
Policy Advisor:	Peter Doyle

Winery tour and tasting will be first fall activity

To start the fall travel program arrangements have already been made for a winery tour and tasting in September.

We have planned to visit the Jabulani Vineyard and Winery on Friday 14 September. That is only 3 days after our September Probus meeting.

We will meet at 11 a.m. The tour

lasts about 2 hours and costs \$20/person. It consists of a walk in the vines where you will learn about the viticulture side of things, followed by learning how we make our wines. After which, you will be sat down for a wine appreciation lesson where you will learn what you taste where and why on your tongue by sampling 10 wines. This

is accompanied by cheeses, breads and fruit.

The winery has been operational for more than 8 years and is located at 805 Jock Trail past Richmond and near Munster.

Registration for this activity will be at the September meeting but if you have any questions you can call Marg Demers at 613-435-7490.

Probus has a web site

Our club has a web site to keep you up to date on speakers, activities, photos, our organization and other information. It can be found at:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Make sure that you bookmark this location so that you don't have to keep typing it in.



Chateau High Tea. 18 members participated in what turned out to be a very enjoyable Royal Wedding themed High Tea.



Welcome to the following new members who joined in May:

Gerald Jackson
Anne Scott



Rachel Boere



Arctic adventure talk had missing slides

Our May meeting featured a highly informative presentation from Rachel Boere about her experience with Students on Ice and the various expeditions through the arctic.

Sadly, due to a technical glitch many of the slides (the scenic ones) could not be viewed. Fortunately, Rachel's enthusiasm took over and her talk ably smoothed over the gaps. Since members were keen to see the arctic photos they are available by clicking on studentsonice.com/news-media/photo-gallery/ and a collection of short videos here studentsonice.com/news-media/videos/

Possible trips identified

Activities coordinator(s) still needed

Outings and visits are some of the most popular activities of our Probus club.

To ensure that this activity continues we need some one or perhaps a team to step forward and make it happen.

Several partially arranged outings have been identified but we really need someone to take over to complete the details. The possible activities for 2018-19 are:

- The Baxter Conservation Centre, woodsy walkabout,
- The Christmas House Tour in Ottawa,
- A tour of the new National Art Centre,

- A walk about in Perth,
- A visit to the new Ottawa Art Gallery,
- and the visit to the Wild Animal Care Centre.

If you're interested in helping to coordinate these activities, please let a member of the executive know.

Group travel insurance available

Did you know that as a member of Probus you are eligible for voluntary benefit options available to you, including MEDOC Emergency Out-of-Country Travel Insurance, Trip Cancellation Interruption Insurance, and a Benefit Plan.

Find out more by going to our club web page and click on links or go directly to www.probus.org/instrvl2.pdf

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The young have aspirations that never come to pass, the old have reminiscences of what never happened."

*Hector Hugh Munro,
better known as Saki*



3 July boat tour

Rideau boat tour. We are looking forward to our tour on the Rideau King to traverse the locks from Hoggs Back to Merrickville on Tuesday 3 July. Tickets are sold out and our club will be the only travellers. Parking is shown as on the map above. The boat departs at 9:00 a.m.



May lunch-out. It was a beautiful sunny day, so it was great to be able to sit outside at Malone's restaurant.

Our amazing lineup of fall speakers

Here are the planned speakers for this fall (subject to change). If you have any suggestions for future speakers, please pass them to Beth Sweetnam.

September 11:

Gary Sealey, Federation of Citizens Association

A panel of knowledgeable citizens will discuss

"The proposed route of the LRT to Kanata including some alternatives"

October 9:

Alan Symons, leading authority on Canadian clocks and curator of the Canadian Clock Museum

"Two centuries of Canadian clocks"

November 13:

Brian Tackaberry, retired teacher, genealogist and history buff

"The lost generation: Eastern Ontario during World War I"

December 11:

Val Knowles, Ottawa historian

"Well known Ottawa personalities from the past"



The Euchre Group had their last session on 1 June before reconvening again in September. Once again it featured a pot-luck luncheon.

Chuckle Corner



Beautiful English

I called an old school friend and asked what he was doing. He replied that he is working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed.

On further inquiring, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.



We do not meet in July and August

...see you in September