



# The Probian

Summer 2019 edition

## Probans Club of Perth

### September Presentation:

#### **Guardianship or Equality? Is there a choice?**

In the growing consciousness of human rights of the post WWII era, the inherent discrimination in traditional notions of guardianship surfaced in the then developing disability rights community.

Generally speaking, at that time people with severe intellectual disabilities were subject to the often arbitrary loss of equality and legal status inherent in guardianship law. Unfortunately, beyond their immediate families and supporters, few people cared. Thus, from the earliest days of the family driven Community Living Association, the search for alternatives to traditional guardianship has been on the agenda.

A self-described disability activist and pioneer of the notion of supported decision making, **Audrey Cole** will address the limitations of traditional guardianship and the decades of effort that has aimed at correcting the situation.

*Lunch after the September 4th meeting will be at Fiddleheads. Please sign up when you arrive.*

### Coming events:

#### Sept 11th

Our annual Gananoque trip to the 1000 Islands Playhouse, this year to see "Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash".

<http://www.1000islandsplayhouse.com/ring-of-fire/>

We have reserved 50 seats at \$30 each. To date 46 of the 50 tickets are sold.

We are planning to go for lunch at Muskie Jake's in the Gananoque Inn at 11:30 prior to the theatre at 2:00. Please let us know if you plan to join us for lunch, so that we can let the restaurant know the numbers.

Tickets for the Theatre will be handed out at lunch and at 1:30 in the Lobby.

#### Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **Prince Edward County tour**

The coach will depart Food Basics in Smiths Falls at 7:00 am and will pick up at the Factory on Sunset Blvd. in Perth at 7.30 am. This will give us a full day of activity with travel time to relax and enjoy the scenery. We expect to return at approximately 7 p.m. More details to follow.

First stop in the County will be at **Lake of the Mountain**, overlooking the Glenora Ferry, to stretch our legs and take photos. We shall visit five producers in the course of our tour. These will include:

- At the **County Cider Company** in Waupoos we'll taste a flight of ciders and have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful location overlooking Lake Ontario.

- The **Black Prince Winery** in Picton, one of the oldest wineries in the County, will treat us to a tasting and introduce us to their wines and specialty barrel-aged fruit vinegars. We'll also learn about the lost craft of wine barrel making and hopefully have a live demonstration at the Cooperage.
- A **lunch stop** (location TBA) will be an opportunity to relax and refuel in time for two more exciting stops!  
*This will be individually billed.*
- The **Sandbanks Estate Winery**, located in Wellington, is one of the County's oldest award-winning wineries. Another beautiful location, where we'll have a guided tour and a flight of 5 wines to taste in their cellar.
- **Huff Estates Winery** will be our final destination of the day. This exceptional Bloomington winery will provide us with an overview of their wines, plus tastings

and a slice of pizza to tide us over on our return trip.

They also have a lovely art gallery for those who wish to explore.

**Total cost per person: \$75**

*This will include transportation, tastings, tours, exposure to local ciders, vinegars and wines; and friendship!*

*Lunch will be individually billed.*

**November 14th**

**Dinner/Theatre**

Plans are being made to go for dinner and then attend PCC's fall production of 'Shrek' at the Mason Theatre at P&DCI. Tickets will be \$22. They will go on sale in October.

**December 13th**

Our Annual Christmas Party will again be at the Civitan Hall. Reserve the date.

Details later.

**Membership:**



Club Vice President, Liz Leonard introduces new members Carolle Armour, Drew Armour and Helen Rutledge.

Membership has now reached the double century, standing at an even 200.

*(Don't forget that you can access the fully protected Membership List on the club website.)*

## June meeting in Westport

Thanks to the organisational skills of Mary and Gail, the June meeting at The Cove was a great success.



Over 80 of us enjoyed the pleasant surroundings, coffee with wonderful pastries and an excellent lunch at The Cove.

Later many also visited the Scheuermann Winery at its beautiful Westport location for an informative outline of their operations and a well-received tasting of their wines.

## June Presentation: "A walk on the wet side, looking at wetlands"



Award-winning botanical illustrator, amateur field naturalist, avid birder and radio host, Pamela Stagg entertained us with a fascinating presentation of the sights, sounds and sensations one experiences when exploring wetlands.

Aided by beautiful pictures and evocative sounds of many species, including Bittern, Rail, Grebe, Snipe, Harrier, Tern, Frogs, Turtles, Dragonflies, Woodpeckers, Ducks, Beavers and Water Snakes, Pamela discussed what constitutes a wetland (you need rubber boots!) and how Marshes, Swamps (includes trees), Bogs (decaying matter), and Fens (includes grasses and mosses) differ one from the other.

Pamela also made the point that all seasonal wetlands are critical to migrating water birds. The Alvar, which is found in Europe and around the Great Lakes, is a rare form of seasonal wetland that has many unique flowers, butterflies and insects.

Wetlands are vitally important to the planet. Comprising 5- 8% of the Earth's surface, they store 20 – 40% of the world's carbon and are highly effective in reducing contamination.

## Financial Statement:

The financial statement for the year ending 31st July 2019 will be formally presented for a membership vote at the 04<sup>th</sup> September General Meeting.

In the meantime, the Statement can be accessed through the club website at, <http://probusperth.ca/financials.htm>

## Perth Probus Management Committee 2019-2020:

The following slate of officers and other committee members, as proposed by the nominating committee, will be formally presented for a membership vote at the 04<sup>th</sup> September General Meeting.

### Officers:

President	Liz Leonard
Vice President	Lois-Anne Brebner
Secretary	Bill Michie
Treasurer	Graeme Rutledge

### Other committee members:

Membership	Aline McRory
Special Events	Mary Kilgour & Gail Read (sharing one vote)
Speakers	David Farquharson
Web Master	Colin Stephenson
Probian Editor	Rob Leonard
Past President	Craig Greenwood

## New items:

### Logo embroidery.

Elite Embroidery and Engraving at 41 North Street in Perth is now able to embroider the club's logo in our colours on any item of clothing.

The cost to have the logo applied to any garment a member already possesses is \$15.

The logo is free however, if a member is buying a new garment from the large range offered by Elite.

An example will be displayed at the September meeting.

### China cups.

In an effort to cut down on waste and be more environmentally conscious, we shall be using china, rather than Styrofoam cups for coffee and tea at our monthly meetings.

Special thanks to the Legion for allowing us to use their cups and to Aline McRory for volunteering to do the washing-up!

### **Renewal of membership.**

Please remember that membership fees are due at the September 04th meeting.  
Memberships not renewed by the 06th November meeting will be considered terminated.

### **Special Event no-shows**

Members who find they cannot attend a Special Event to which they have committed, are asked to be sure to advise Mary or Gail.

Also, please note that tickets to special events will no longer be provided on a "pay later" basis.

### **A Thought...**

"Life is not about how fast you run or how high you climb, but how well you bounce."

*Vivian Komori*

Edited by Rob Leonard

The Perth Probus Club meets at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith Street,  
Perth on the first Wednesday of the month, September through June.  
President: Craig Greenwood (613) 267-4694  
Further information on the club and contact details for the other members of the  
Management Team can be found at: [www.probusperth.ca/board.htm](http://www.probusperth.ca/board.htm)