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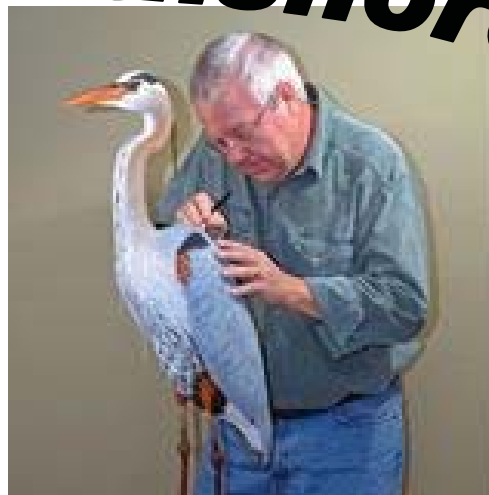


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Duck Into Northshore



The bird pictured above left, visited the May 7th meeting of Northshore. It is not alive but a master carving creation of Glenn McMurdo right, at work carving a heron. See the report by Julius Varga on page 6.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone. It is great to see Spring has actually arrived. We can now get involved in our favorite outside activity. For some of us, gardening beckons with weeds galore! For others it may be lawn bowling, golfing, or maybe a BBQ with friends! Whatever our interest

lets hope we are all having enjoyment in our interests and activities during our summer months.

Many thanks to Brenda Moore for filling in while I was away. She has done a masterful job and is a great VP to boot!

Welcome to all our new members. We hope you get to know all our activities and feel free to participate or volunteer where you think you can share your interests and talents. Have a fantastic summer!

Yvonne

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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS - June & Summer 2014

Appies & Drinks - Thursday, June 5 - 4:00 pm - ???

Hosts - Carol and Don Stock

Bridge Club 2 - Thursday, June 12 - Rick Potter

Thursday, June 26 - Barb Simpson

Please contact host/hostess if you are participating or not.

Anniversary/BBQ/picnic - Wednesday, August 13 - 2:00 pm

Roseneath fairgrounds park

Games, socializing, dinner -

Dinner will be catered. Bring your own drinks for dinner.

Water will be available during the afternoon.

Please, wear your name tags for this event.

Tables are available for dinner, but bring a lawn chair for socializing in the afternoon.

Cost - \$25.00

Car Rally - I really need someone to come forward to chair the organization of this event!

If you are interested in chairing or being part of the planning, please email me at l-mitchell@sympatico.ca or telephone me at 905-373-1812 A.S.A.P.

Future Speakers

June 4- Presentation by the Top Hat Society

June 18 - Paul Arculus- Author from Port Perry – The Markham Gang

July - Cindy Osland- Home of Cindy's Homegrown Yarns

Not Your Usual Small Town Theatricals

We, who have lived here for any length of time, have known it for years that the Cobourg-Port Hope area has become home to all sorts of people involved in the arts and how fortunate we all are to be beneficiaries of their many talents. A person doesn't have to work too hard or wait all that long for yet another entertaining stage production or concert to appear at one venue or another. Well, guess what things are going to get a whole lot better if Antonio Sarmiento, former artistic director of the Park Theatre who has moved on to be the Director of the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope has his way.



The Capitol has not been a slouch by any means attracting an audience: 15,000 to its winter productions and 20,000 to its summer ones. But that is nothing compared to what he imagines the future to hold. His past experience as a producer in L.A. has accustomed him to thinking big. He sees the Cobourg- Port Hope as a "gem of a location" in which "to bring entertainment to life" to form "a synergy between various types of businesses, restaurants, accommodations and arts in Northumberland" to make this a vacation destination of choice.

Some of the pieces are already in place. The Young People Co-op Program, with workshops in the schools now combined in partnership with Disney Youth Program promise a "learning experience in the technology that will come to fruition later on", all managed by a new Youth Co-ordinator. But, of course the keystone of the whole thing is the Capitol theatre itself.

It stands unique in Canada as only one of only two "heritage theatres in the country." It has of course the main theatre but also the upstairs for "more intimate concerts in the open style". The main theatre's one weakness is the size of its wings which limits the size and number of sets has now been overcome by a Digital Projector that can project any desired scene as a backdrop. As Antonio says, "It can make you feel like you are outside."

Antonio foresees as many as 250 events as near as the year 2015, a combination of theatre rentals as well as in-house productions. He assures us that people in Toronto are "very aware of us" and "looking for venues for shows". The entertainment options are immense going from concerts by a variety of tribute bands to local groups like the Northumberland Belles and the award winning St. Mary's School Choir and a new Capitol Christmas presentation complete with all those Christmas trees that you can bid on. And of course *Mary Poppins*, "the largest scale production ever produced at the Capitol".

Of course Antonio could not resist mentioning the availability of On-line Ticketing and a small sense of urgency in "getting your tickets early" especially for *Mary Poppins* and, of course, the small reminder that volunteer box office staff is always welcome, and then the hardly necessary "Come and Enjoy".

Julius Varga



Welcome to Northshore



President Yvonne welcomed Diane Chin into the Northshore Probus family at the May 21st meeting

Texting and Tweeting for Seniors

Since more and more Seniors are texting and tweeting, there appears to be a need for a STC (Senior Texting Code):

- **ATD: At The Doctor's**
- **BFF: Best Friend Fainted**
- **BTW: Bring The Wheelchair**
- **BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth**
- **CBM: Covered By Medicare**
- **CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center**
- **DWI: Driving While Incontinent**
- **FWB: Friend With Beta Blockers**
- **FWIW: Forgot Where I Was**
- **FYI: Found Your Insulin**



Brain Workout

Continuing with the “use it or lose it” theme, here are a couple of brain teasers to exercise your grey matter. Answers on page 8

A Use the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 once only, in this multiplication sum to make it correct.

$$\begin{array}{r} ?? \\ \times ? \\ \hline ??? \end{array}$$

C A snail is at the bottom of a well 30 feet deep. It crawls up 3 feet each day, but at night, it slips down 2 feet. How long does it take for the snail to crawl out

D Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister?

B A boat is at anchor. Over the side hangs a rope ladder with rungs a foot apart. The tide rises at a rate of 10 inches per hour. At the end of six hours, how much of the rope ladder will remain above water, assuming that 10 feet were above the water when the tide began to rise?



Mark Your Calendar

Harvest Moon Party
Thursday November 6th

Starts at 5 pm -dinner at 6 pm - varied events to follow



If you or a group would like to plan a fun event for the evening's activities, then polish your plans for our Sept/Oct party planning. It would be great if 3 or 4 people/groups ran one event each. Decorations with a Harvest theme are an other area of need. Help us to make this new event a great success.

Doug Weldon

World Class

As Katharine McMurdo reminisced about her many adventures sharing the life of world class wood carver of birds, Glenn McMurdo, it is not difficult to see her joy at being, “the wife cheering section”, and for the rest us males to be more than a little envious, I included. (Maybe...if I wrote enough articles for the Probud Newsletter...she might...Naw, it ain't gonna happen.) Amazing how bad luck sometimes leads to good fortune. First, encouragement by someone, “If I can carve, you can carve”, a night school course in 1989, an article in a newspaper, then his job declared redundant, and the decision to become “a full time carver.” As Glenn maintains, “You choose your attitude” as he found his calling.

One does not have to be an aficionado of the art form to recognize its quality. The authenticity expected, the delicacy of touch that required, the colouring exact, and then Katherine's reminder that “the feathers are not all the same, varies from bird to bird, carving must be done with a dental pick...at the competition level, [judges check to make sure] otherwise you're toast.” And even if these ducks are art and will never see a marsh, they have to be hollow so they will float, weighted so will flip upright when tipped over. But Glenn also does song birds from materials that appear as delicate the creatures they portray in a variety of natural settings. Yet Katherine kept urging us “to pick them up, hold them...they won't break.”

Kathy describes being a carver as “intense...from 7:00 in the morning to 11:00 at night” and particular duck might take as long as seven months to complete. Glenn also goes to competitions sometimes as a judge, many times to have his work judged. He also writes articles and teaches at Loyalist College. Then there's the warranty that goes along with his creations, if it's broken he will fix it for nothing, if you don't like it, he'll take it back with a full refund. But then he has fans world-wide.

Harrison Ford, the actor, requested a catalogue, and when he finally made his selection,

Sharon McMann volunteered “personal delivery” holding the bird on her lap on the flight to L.A. to ensure its safety as well as hand delivery to the purchaser in the interest of security. Still, a trip to the United States might prove an issue. Once when Kathy and her husband were driving to a show, Glenn answered the question, “Are you bringing anything to the U.S?” Glenn answered truthfully, “Just my art work.” Too much information, it seems, for the Custom's guys, they were pulled over and the car given a thorough going-over and they were given a more intense questioning. Now when Glenn is doing a show there he sends his artwork UPS. Sorry Sharon, “You snooze, you lose” you had your chance, now you're done, no prospects at all.

“Art is the beautiful.” A philosopher once said. Still “It isn't art until it's sold” the insurance company maintains, “It's only pieces of painted wood.” Well, we certainly know better. Stick with the philosopher, I say.

Julius



Katharine accepts a token of appreciation after her entertaining and informative talk

Experiencing the Road to Excellence — Franklin Tours

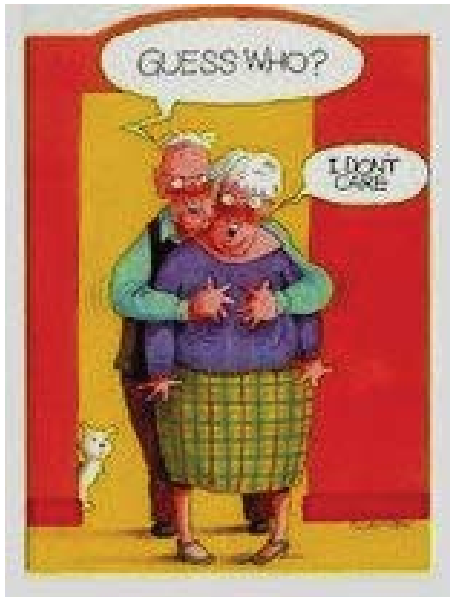


June Smith and Monica Reid represented Franklin Tours giving a brief history of the company and a description of day tours and extended tours that the company offers. “This business was founded over 60 years ago by Franklin and Doris Smith. The basic principles in 1951 were honesty, integrity, excellence and personalized service, and even in today's hectic, competitive world, those founding principles continue to drive this company. It has always been a family business. The current owners are Craig and June Smith, son and daughter-in-law of Franklin and Doris. They took over the company in September of 2010. Craig grew up in the bus industry and has spent his entire life driving, maintaining, buying and dispatching buses. June retired from a 30 year teaching career to assist in the operation of the company, and they both look forward to meeting new people and broadening their knowledge and skills in this new endeavour.” (excerpted from website) Brochures were distributed and a lively Q & A followed the presentation. We were impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm that June and Monica displayed.



June Smith and Monica Reid answer questions after their description of tours that Franklin offers

Answers



$$\begin{array}{r}
 A \quad 54 \\
 \times 3 \\
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 \end{array}$$

B Since the boat is afloat, the water level in relation to the ship stays the same. Therefore, 10 feet are above water, just as the beginning!

C 28 days. Once it reaches the top, it does not slip down 2 feet

D No, because he is dead (that is why his wife is a widow).

They just don't make the songs like they used to any more!!!!!!

Some of the artists of the 60's and 70's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers who can remember doing the "Limbo" as if it were yesterday. They include:

- Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' A Flash**
- Herman's Hermits - Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker**
- Ringo Starr - I Get By With A Little Help From Depends**
- The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend A Broken Hip**
- Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face**
- Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now**
- Paul Simon - Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver**
- The Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom**
- Procol Harem - A Whiter Shade Of Hair**
- Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping**
- The Temptations - Papa's Got A Kidney Stone**
- Abba - Denture Queen**
- Tony Orlando - Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall**
- Helen Reddy - I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore**
- Leslie Gore - It's My Procedure, And I'll Cry If I Want To**
- And Last but NOT least...**
- Willie Nelson - On the Commode Again**