



The Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver

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NEWSLETTER

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Meeting at Kay Meek Arts Centre for our 17th April Speaker at 10 am
All attendees should **rsvp by email** to reservationprobus.aea@gmail.com by 13 April
Coffee and goodies: 9:15-9:45 am

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Dr. Hilary Litwin is our April speaker.

“A MYSTERIOUS STRUGGLE WITH CHANCE: THE LIFE AND WORK OF GORDON SMITH.”

Dr. Litwin will explore the life and work of **Gordon Appelbe Smith**, looking at some of his most important work and the way in which his experiences and friendships impacted his art. Born in England in 1919, Smith lived in West Vancouver from 1953 until his death in 2020. He studied art at the Winnipeg School of Art from 1937 to 1940. He moved to Vancouver in 1944, after fighting in the Second World War, and attended the Vancouver School of Art to complete his degree, teaching there from 1947-1949. From 1956 to 1982, he taught at the University of British Columbia, traveling frequently to Europe and exhibiting in Canada and abroad. He received many awards and honors including the Order of Canada in 1996, the Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement in the Visual Arts in 2006, and the Governor General’s Award in the Visual and Media Arts in 2009. He often referred to his paintings as a “mysterious struggle with chance”.



Hilary Letwin is Museum Administrator/ Curator at the West Vancouver Art Museum. She holds a PhD in Art History from Johns Hopkins University. Letwin has held curatorial fellowships at the Baltimore Museum of Art and the British Museum, and has worked at the Burnaby Art Gallery, the Richmond Art Gallery, and the Seymour Art Gallery. Recent exhibitions curated include Rabbit Lane: Douglas Coupland (2022); Cornelia Hahn Oberlander: Genius Loci (2021); Saints, Sinners and Souvenirs: Italian Masterworks on Paper (2019) and Talk of the Town: Molly Lamb Bobak (2018).

All you need to do to attend is send an email to reservationprobus.aea@gmail.com

(you can copy and paste this email address into your email)

and let us know that you are coming, along with any guests

There will be no reserved seats and all the seats will be available in the theatre.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Probus North Shore Ladies,

I returned this month after spending the winter in the south and want to thank Anne Adams our Vice President for filling in for me in hosting the Kay Meek Speaker Meetings. Our March meeting on Palliative Care on the North Shore had 114 members and guests attend. A tough subject but good to know there are so many multi-disciplinary resources available on the North Shore for a quality end of life.



I am happy to announce my plea for members to step up and volunteer for our Club Management Committee positions resulted in 4 new volunteers joining us for the coming year so far. Vi Roden and Judith Berg will be joining the Speaker Program Committee, both bringing experience and connections from their time running the speaker program at the UBC Women's Club. Inga Harding, a recent new member, will be joining Barbara Budzynski on Special Events. And Susan Hayto, also a recent new member, will be joining the House Committee. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering and we look forward to working with you.

HOWEVER, our need for 4 more Management Committee volunteers remains. We need 2 more volunteers for the House Committee, a volunteer for the Membership Committee and a Club Vice President for the coming year. There will be a volunteer table at the next meeting with posted positions, as well as in this newsletter and on our website under Members' Information / Volunteers. We need volunteer members to run the club so please step up.

The VanDusen Gardens Tour on April 27th with all the spring flowers out in bloom is getting lots of members registering, so if you want to join the tour you can still sign up.

Sincerely

Carolyn Armstrong, President

Management Committee Volunteer Needed For Vice President June 2023 – June 2024

The Club Management Committee has a succession plan for its Club leader starting with the Vice President, whose role is to support the current President, then move onto the President's position the following year. This allows the Vice President to become familiar with the President duties and gain experience prior to taking the President position. The current President would then move to Past President position and continue to support the current President. The Vice President will participate on the Management Committee in running the Club and step in to fill in for the President duties when not available. The Vice President will also support the other Committee members as needed.

Duties of the President include:

- leading the monthly Zoom Management Committee meetings in running the Club
- Oversee the budgets of the club
- hosting the monthly speaker meetings at Kay Meek and AGM
- supporting other Committee members as needed
- communicating to members via the newsletters and website
- participating in the monthly Probus Canada Zoom District leaders' meetings
- soliciting new volunteers for the Management Committee

The Vice President, as in-waiting President, will need to be comfortable both in writing and in public speaking to communicate to Club members at events and through the Club newsletters and website. If you like networking and working with a dynamic supportive team, this is an opportunity to volunteer for this position. Please contact Carolyn Armstrong, President at presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed For House Committee – Chair and Co-Chair Duties June 2023 – June 2024

Fran Hodgkins and Joanne Pugh will be retiring from many years volunteering to serve on the House Committee and Management Committee this coming June. We are extremely grateful for their time in organizing and planning the many House duties at our Club's events.

We are looking for **TWO VOLUNTEERS** to take over from Fran and Joanne, who could come on this spring to learn from their experience and serve on the House Committee and Management Committee next year. The following are the duties and time for these positions.

- Participate on the Management Committee with monthly ZOOM meetings on running the Club
- Liaise with Kay Meek prior to each monthly Speaker Meeting (Sept – June – 10 in total) requesting number and set up of Lobby tables, chairs, check room

- Arrange for the Volunteers and Greeters who welcome and count members upon their arrival
- Order Name Tags when requested by Membership for new members
- Order refreshments from a specific Cater for each Probus Speaker Meeting and the special Christmas Event
- Order any Probus Logo chocolate coins when requested for special events: ie. Christmas, Valentines, St. Patrick's, etc.
- Take photos at meetings for Website Photo Gallery and Newsletters
- Order and pick up lunch for the annual year end Management Committee meeting at an offsite venue

Our goal is to have 2 members on every committee so volunteers remain free to travel or take time for personal down time. Other Management Committee members also pitch and assist as needed. If you like planning and organizing social events, this is an opportunity to volunteer for these positions. Please contact Carolyn Armstrong, President at presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com

Volunteer Needed For Membership Committee June 2023 – June 2024

Diana Sonderhoff will be retiring from many years volunteering as Membership Chair and Management Committee next year. We are extremely grateful for her time in organizing Membership renewals and bringing in new members.

We are looking for a volunteer to work with Diana over the next year and then take over as Membership Chair the following year. Membership duties include:

- Participating on the Management Committee with monthly ZOOM meetings on running the Club and report on Membership status.
- Recording and keeping updated information **on EXCEL files** all the names and contact information on all renewing members and adding new members throughout the year
- Updating member information for Marie Harlow for Roster production and member emailing list
- Sending Club applications and information to enquiring new members
- Collecting payment for dues and badges and pass on to the Club Treasurer
- Passing on names of new members to the House Committee for new name badges
- Manning the front desk at the monthly speaker meetings at Kay Meek to answer member's queries, collect dues and guest fees
- Coordinating Annual Membership renewal process during May & June with MC Committee members

Our goal is to have back up members on every committee so volunteers remain free to travel or take time for personal down time. Other Management Committee members also pitch in and assist as needed.

If you are familiar with the EXCEL program, this is an ideal opportunity to volunteer for this position. Please contact Carolyn Armstrong, President at presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com

Special Event VanDusen Gardens Tour Thursday, 27th April, 2023 1 pm

You are invited to join our special trip to VanDusen Gardens on April 27th at 1 pm organized by the Probus Special Events Coordinator, Barbara Budzynski. As a group we are receiving a special rate of **\$8.15** per person (Spring inflation from previously posted fee).

To book your attendance, please bring an envelope to the April speaker meeting enclosing the **exact cash** or a cheque payable to Barbara Budzynski. Barbara will collect ticket money at the April 17th Speaker meeting. She will collect any remaining ticket money at the VanDusen Entrance on the day of the event.



Fritillaria meleagris

We hope to have a VanDusen guide and may have one or more golf carts to enable persons with disabilities to be able to participate in the tour. You must register in advance by email at info@barbarab.ca

Please arrive at about 12.30 pm (carpooling recommended). The Tour will start promptly at 1 pm.

The Shaughnessy Restaurant is open from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm on that day. If time permits, Probus members may be able to make their own arrangements to have lunch or coffee. The phone number for the restaurant is 604 261-0011.

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### Kay Meek Arts Centre Protocols for our meetings

When attending PROBUS Club in-person meetings at Kay Meek Arts Centre, Members and Guests are asked to comply with the following protocols.

- All attendees should **rsvp by email** to [reservationprobus.aea@gmail.com](mailto:reservationprobus.aea@gmail.com) if possible by Thursday 13 April – we need the numbers for our catering order please.
- Masks are no longer required in indoor settings but Kay Meek Arts Centre encourages the wearing of masks when attending an event in its venue.
- Refreshments are not permitted in the Kay Meek theatre, however water bottles are allowed.
- If you are not feeling well, we ask for the safety of other members you do not attend.

## **Guests are welcome**

If you want to bring a guest to a Probus Speaker meeting, please follow these steps

- Include your guest when you confirm your attendance by email
- There is a charge of \$10 per guest – please proceed to the membership table and pay and register your guest. **Please note that if your guest decides to become a member of our Probus club, this \$10 charge can be deducted from the membership fee.**
- Bringing a guest is an excellent way of introducing potential new members to our Probus group.

### **A warm welcome to our newest Members**

**Dianna Kelly  
Sally Stacy**

### **And a warm welcome to our newest Management Committee members**

**Vi Roden – Speaker Program**

**Judith Berg – Speaker Program**

**Inga Harding – Special Events**

**Susan Hayto – House Committee support**

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FUTURE SPEAKER EVENTS

15 May, 2023 Dr. Paul Evans, Professor UBC. Topic: Navigating a Cold War with China

**19 June, 2023 AGM and Lydia Cruttwell--Pacific Assistance Dogs Society. PADS
Changing Lives - One Dog at a Time**

NOTICE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals will be coming to you May 1st for renewal by June 30th.

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## WEBSITE

Members Information section is password protected for current members only – password is **WProbus2022** Check regularly for updated information:

- Most recent Newsletter – you will always have access to current and past newsletters
- Volunteer positions
- Updated Speaker Schedules
- Reservation instructions
- Photo Gallery
- Special Events and Outings

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Management Committee Contacts:

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If you have any feedback or suggestions about the speaker sessions or events, or please contact the appropriate Management Committee Member.

Please also let one of us know if you haven't been receiving the newsletter. But please check in your spam folder first. Thank you!

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*We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play, and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (sk̓wx̓wú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (sel̓ílwitulh), and Musqueam (x̓<sup>w</sup>məθk̓<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm) peoples.*