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Upcoming Events

April 20, 2022

Brock University Update

with *Lynn Wells*

at the *Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts*,

Arrive: 11:30 am for lunch at noon

Cost: free

May 18, 2022

Annual General Meeting

via *Zoom*,

Arrive: 10:00 am

Cost: free

June, 2022

Musical Event with *Shelley Griffin and Melissa Shriner*

Details to be determined at a later date.

BURA Coffee Club

via *Zoom meeting*, at 9:30am

April 14, 2022

May 11, 2022

June, 2022

Date has not been finalized.

 **In Memoriam** 

In sorrow, and with respect, BURA observes the passing since December, 2021 of the following member:

Nancy Johnston, January 15, 2022

Know of any major events in the lives of our BURA colleagues and friends?

PLEASE let our membership facilitator know of any major life changes you wish to share. Contact: Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

New BURA Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Linda Lowry, *Library*
Sandra Regier, *Faculty of Education*

Avoid missing out on BURA Newsletters and Event Notices

MAKE sure we are kept apprised of any revisions to your e-mail or home address. Please email any changes to: Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

Past Events

January 12th, 2022

Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games Update

with *Barry Wright, Julia Medves, & Kelly Vlaar*

BARRY, Julia, and Kelly provided our members with an update on the progress of preparations for this massive event, as well as an overview of the volunteer opportunities for BURA members. The Games are looking for 4,500 volunteers! They must be fully vaccinated against COVID, and be willing to allocate at least 36 hours of their time. The Games will be a great opportunity to reconnect with current Brock faculty, staff, and students who will also be volunteering! More information can be found, on-line, at <https://niagara2022games.ca/get-involved/volunteering>

February 9th, 2022

Consumer Smarts: Frauds and Scams

with *Ellen Roseman*

MANY people are losing money to frauds and scams, especially during the pandemic. Older Canadians are more vulnerable to abuse because of trusting attitudes, poor research skills, and social isolation. Ellen Roseman, a Toronto Star consumer columnist for 20 years, told us how to recognize the con artists trying to steal your savings and how to fight back if you have been defrauded. Scams have common characteristics: scarcity - not many offers are available; urgency - you must act fast before they are all gone; and flattery - you are special. For more information visit the Canada Antifraud Centre at: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>

March 23, 2022

Canadian Niagara Power Company Project

with *Kim Viney*

FOR 100 years, the “Canadian Niagara Power Company” generating station harnessed the powerful energy of the Horseshoe Falls and turned it into a great source of electricity. This site has been restored to provide an entertaining and educational experience. Kim Viney, Senior Director of Business Development at Niagara Parks, provided an overview. There are three major display areas: “Follow the Flow” - a scale model of the power station; “Take Control” - an interactive Control Panel; and “Experience the Power” - a lifesize Penstock. As well, “Currents” is an immersive sound and light show held in the evenings.

Coffee Club Notes – Winter 2022

OUR coffee club events were scheduled monthly over the Winter months. Members got together on Zoom for about an hour to socialize and relax. During these meetings, we had some very interesting conversations as members shared their thoughts and ideas. Some topics were as follows:

- We talked about various ways to research family genealogy/how to research our distant relatives and what resources might be available.
- Another conversation arose with a member who got up early to join us from his home in Mexico. We learned interesting information about the town and area where he is living.
- We talked about birds, birdfeeders, and some potential ways to keep four legged pests from munching on feed we put out for birds.
- We discussed books, films, and documentaries
- In our final meeting in March, the unfortunate events in Ukraine.

Many thanks to all who participated.

To join us, all you need is a computer, iPad, etc. with a camera, or a digital telephone to call in. While we are current running Coffee Club on Zoom, we look forward to a time when we can once again meet in-person at some of our favourite watering holes. To register, please visit our webpage at: <https://brocku.ca/retirees-association/> (news and events tab).

Pat Cane
March 24, 2022

Are you 90 years of age or will you turn 90 in the next year?

You qualify for our **I'm 90 Birthday Club**, and your membership is free forever! (The change to free membership was discussed and unanimously approved at a recent Executive meeting for anyone 90+. Your membership card will be mailed to you each year at no charge.)

Please let us know by e-mail to: Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

Upcoming Events

April 20, 2022

Brock University Update

with *Lynn Wells*

at the *Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts*

JOIN Brock President, Lynn Wells, for an update on what's happening at Brock University. This luncheon event will be held in-person in the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts Atrium but will also be broadcast live, simultaneously, for those who would prefer to attend virtually.

Brock University COVID protocols (masks and vaccine passports) will be followed.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30 am for lunch at noon.

President's talk at 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Venue: *Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts*

Cost : free

We thank Brock's Office of Development and Alumni Relations, and Associate Vice-President Gordon Arbeau for sponsoring this event!

BURA Coffee Club

April 14, 2022, at 9:30am

May 11, 2022, at 9:30am

June, 2022, at 9:30am

Date has not been finalized:

UNTIL we can meet again at our favourite breakfast venues, we will continue to meet on Zoom. A formal invitation will be sent to you prior to each event. Coffee events are informal discussions. We look forward to hearing about some of your favourite books, films, television shows or generally what you have been involved in recently.

May 18, 2022
Annual General Meeting
via Zoom

Dear fellow BURA members,

For gardeners, spring is the time for planning and planting. For BURA, our upcoming ZOOM AGM, to be held on May 18th, 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m., is the key time for reflection and preparing for BURA's future activities and events.

Please note that your participation in this year's AGM is important. It is useful in providing support and guidance for our BURA Executive in its role of enriching the lives of our members. Prior to the AGM event, you'll receive Package #1: Notice of the AGM. That notice will come to you by email on April 11th, or it will arrive by regular mail (mailed out March 24th for some members). The package will contain the agenda, proposed constitutional changes, proposed Executive slate (if available at this time), RSVP request, and unapproved minutes from the May 31st, 2021 AGM.

Later, on April 27th, your AGM Package #2 will be sent out, by regular mail, for some, and also will be emailed out on that same date. This package will contain the updated agenda with motions, reports, the absentee/proxy voting form, as well as the proposed Executive slate (if not available for package #1).

On behalf of BURA, I wish you a healthy and happy spring and look forward to your presence at our May 18th Zoom AGM.

All the best,

Jill Brindle, President Brock University Retirees' Association

Brock University Retirees' Seventh Autumn Outing in Niagara-on-the-Lake

September 21st, 2022

**Lunch at the Zees Grill and
Matinee Performance of *Damn Yankees* at
the Shaw Festival Theatre**

Joe Boyd is an out of shape, middle-aged man who has the misfortune to be a Washington Senators fan. One deal with the devil later, he is Joe Hardy, a young ball player with a knack for hitting home runs. Can he help his favourite team finally beat the powerhouse New York Yankees? The final score: a delightful, fast-paced, crowd-pleasing, romantic musical.

We are offering an optional lunch at Zees Grill, in the Shaw Club Hotel opposite the Shaw Festival Theatre prior to attending the Shaw matinee performance.

We have taken advantage again of the Special Matinee Seniors Group rate available to the end of January and have reserved 40 of the best Festival Theatre seats possible at time of booking. This outing has been a popular event with BURA members over the years. We hope that those who have participated in the past will do so again and that those who haven't will consider joining us this time.

If you would like to attend, please complete the registration on BURA's website at <https://brocku.ca/retirees-association/events/>

These tickets will be allocated as per request and as reservations and payments are received.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30 am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Zees Grill, Shaw Club Hotel*, 92 Picton Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Cost : \$45.00 per person

Time : 2:00 pm

Venue: *Shaw Festival Theatre*, 10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Cost : \$80.00 per person

Other Events

35th Pelham Art Festival, May 6 to 8, 2022

THE *in-person 35th Pelham Art Festival* is being held on May 6 to 8, at the Meridian Community Centre, Fonthill. Normally, over 80 juried emerging and established fine art artists and artisans working in an array of disciplines come together annually to showcase and sell work directly to the public. In 2022, the Festival is likely to host fewer artists in order to ensure social distancing in the booth layout and safety for all, should Niagara Region Public Health rules allow the in-person Festival to be mounted.

For more information, go to www.pelhamartfestival.com

Historical Society of St. Catharines

Celebrating the history of St. Catharines and its vicinity

Presentations – April to June 2022

THE Society was founded in 1927 and maintains its mission to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the history of St. Catharines and vicinity.

April 28, 2022, 7:30 pm – “Peeling back 13,000 years of Indigenous existence in Niagara” by *Michele-Elise Burnett*.

May 28, 2022, 7:30 pm – “A re-imagined history of Port Dalhousie” by *David Serafino*.
(This event will be held as part of the Society’s AGM)

June 23, 2022, 7:30 pm – “Hidden in plain sight: Niagara’s 1880’s Swing Beam Barns tell surprising stories.” by *Hugh Fraser*.

There will be different *Zoom* invitations to these meetings in the coming months. More information can be found at the following link:

<https://stcatharineshistory.ca> under the meetings and video replay menu item.

Contribute to the BURA Newsletter!

THE BURA Newsletter continues to publish three times a year — the first week of September, December and April. Your contributions may include reports, notices of events, travelogues and photos, humour, poetry, and other information of interest to members. Send your submissions to: Ronald Ogawa rbgabadh@gmail.com