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Arrive: 11:30am for lunch at noon

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at the *Holiday Inn*,

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# Member News



## In Memoriam



In sorrow, and with respect, BURA observes the passing of the following members:

**Herb de Bray**, September 16, 2023

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

**P**LEASE let our membership facilitator know of any major life changes you wish to share. Contact: Pat Cane [buramembership@outlook.com](mailto:buramembership@outlook.com)

## New BURA Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Leah Bradshaw, *Political Science*

Dawn Good, *Psychology and Neuroscience*

Merijean Morrissey, *Visual Arts and Women's Studies*

### Avoid missing out on BURA Newsletters and Event Notices

**M**AKE 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](mailto:buramembership@outlook.com)

### Congratulations Rodger Beatty!

**R**ODGER Beatty, retired Associate Professor of Music, Faculty of Education, has again won top prizes for his pickles, jams, and jellies at this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. To learn more, check out this recent article that features him in [NiagaraThisWeek.com](http://NiagaraThisWeek.com)

## Past Events

### “Going Out: Leisure, community, scenic travel”

with *Joan Nicks*

JOAN Nicks gave us an illustrated talk on the public role of movie theatres in early 20th century Niagara Falls, the artful road guides driving post-war travel, and the vernacular design of the iconic road-side motel.

She talked about the deterioration of buildings, still standing, on Bridge Street. She began with an image of the Niagara Falls railway station and the Hotel Europa across the street. The Hotel Europa opened as the Trennick Hotel in 1910 and underwent several name changes.

Joan continued to talk about buildings on Queen Street. The Seneca Theatre hosted the Canadian premiere of Marilyn Monroe’s film “Niagara”.

The third part of Joan’s presentation covered some of the motels on Lundy’s Lane. These included the Advance Inn and the Space Motel.



Joan Nicks

### The Story of a 3,400 km Canoe Journey from my Doorstep to the Arctic.

with *Adam Shoalts*

ADAM Shoalts described the events that led to his canoe trip that he writes about in his latest book, “*Where The Falcon Flies*”. His trip followed the migration path of peregrine falcons up to the Torngat Mountains on the Labrador Peninsula at the northern tip of Newfoundland and Labrador and eastern Quebec.

Since his trip started from his home, the first part of the trip covered Lake Erie, the Niagara River and continued down the St. Lawrence Seaway until he turned inland in Quebec.



Adam Shoalts

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## **BURA Holiday Celebration**

with *Don Cyr and Sophia DeLuca*  
at the *Club Roma*

**J**OIN your BURA friends and colleagues for some holiday cheer and lively entertainment. The BURA annual holiday luncheon will be held at Club Roma (Gemini 'B' room) on Thursday December 14, 2023. Doors will open at 11:30am and a family style delicious lunch will be served at 12:00pm. Great holiday music will be provided by Don Cyr and Sophia DeLuca.

We are encouraging BURA members to invite non-members to this event and/or to pass the invitation along to non-members.

### **Event Details:**

Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Club Roma* 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines, ON

**January 11, 2024**

## **The Anthropocene**

Can its Beginning be Found in a 'Freeze Core' from Crawford Lake, Canada?

with *Francine McCarthy*  
at the *Holiday Inn*

**F**RANCINE McCarthy is a leading researcher on freshwater and marine sediments as indicators of environmental change and anthropogenic impact. She will discuss the unique attributes of Crawford Lake, Ontario that have led to its selection by the Anthropocene Working Group as the proposed 'golden spike' to define the Anthropocene epoch. Additionally, she will highlight the broader social implications of defining a geologic epoch based on human impact.

### **Event Details:**

Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Holiday Inn*, 327 Ontario St, St. Catharines

**February, 2024**

## **Lunch and Matinee Film**

at the *Performing Arts Centre – The Film House*

### **Event Details:**

Time : TBA

Venue: *Performing Arts Centre, 250 St Paul St, St. Catharines*

**March 13, 2024**

## **Changing Face of Agri-business in Niagara**

with *Charles Conteh*

at the *Holiday Inn*

**C**HARLES Conteh is a Professor of Political Science at Brock University and the Director of the Niagara Community Observatory at Brock University.

### **Event Details:**

Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Holiday Inn, 327 Ontario St, St. Catharines*

## **BURA Coffee Club**

following dates at the *Perkins Family Restaurant*

**December 5, 2023**

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**G**OOD news! The monthly coffee club will continue to be in-person gatherings this winter at *Perkins Family Restaurant, 89 Meadowvale Drive, St. Catharines*, starting at 9:30am. Please save the above dates. We hope to see you there!

# Other Events

## Lunch and the Shaw Festival

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

**September, 2024**

Lunch and

**Matinee Performance of *My Fair Lady* at the Shaw Festival Theatre**

Based on the play *Pygmalion* by Bernard Shaw, it's the story of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl caught in the middle of a bet between Henry Higgins, a professor of phonetics and Colonel Pickering, a fellow linguist.

With unforgettable songs such as "On the Street Where You Live", "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" *My Fair Lady* is one of the most beloved musicals of all time.

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 and those who haven't will consider joining us in the future.

Lunch and registration information will be available at a future date.

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

**Event Details:**

Time : 11:30 am for lunch at noon

Venue:

Cost :

Time : 2:00 pm

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

Cost :



## LLN – Winter Lecture Series 2024

Lectures will be held from 10 am to noon via Zoom webinars.

Registration opens January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Registration closes February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

More information can be found at: <https://llniagara.ca>

### **February 13<sup>th</sup> – Reimagining Aging for Older Adults,**

*Dr. Paula Rochon, Founding Director of Women’s Age Lab; Geriatrician and Senior Scientist at Women’s College Hospital and ICES; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto,*

Dr. Rochon will address gendered ageism, optimizing prescribing, reimagining aging in place, and caregiving and promoting social connectedness, as well as explore the varied experiences of health and healthcare amongst older women and men.

### **February 20<sup>th</sup> – Polarization of Canadian Politics and Perceptions of Party Leaders**

*Dr. Amanda Bittner, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Memorial University; Director of the Gender and Politics Laboratory,*

What is the relationship between voters and party leaders in Canada? What is the role of polarization in Canadian attitudes towards leaders? Learn about the dynamics of perceptions of leaders and polarization of voters in Canada over time.

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> – Shags, Slimes, and Soakers: Exploring the wonderful world of Ontario dialects ,**

*Dr. Sali Tagliamonte, Canada Research Chair in Language Variation and Change and Professor of Linguistics at the University of Toronto,*

Research on living dialects offers important insight into how language varies and changes in society. Be introduced to some of Ontario’s dialects and expressions that reflect our history and culture.

### **March 5<sup>th</sup> – In Search of Lost Trees: A musical journey into family, memory, and ecology,**

*David Newland, Singer-songwriter, Photographer and Storyteller,*

Enjoy original songs and photos from a journey taken by David and his son in search of trees David planted in the 1990s – a passionate call for renewal of our ancient, sustaining relationship with trees and forests.

### **March 12<sup>th</sup> – The Future is Now: Solving the climate crisis with today’s technologies**

*Bob McDonald, Science Journalist; Host of Quirks & Quarks, CBC Radio; Science Correspondent, CBC Television,*

The technology to produce energy without carbon emissions already exists. Get up to date on the latest about green technology and how we can move to a clean sustainable future.

### **March 19<sup>th</sup> – An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning ,**

*Dr. Graham Taylor, Canada Research Chair and Professor of Engineering, University of Guelph; Founder and Academic Co-Director of the University of Guelph Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical AI (CARE- AI); Research Director of the Vector Institute for AI,*

Dr. Taylor will explain the history of artificial intelligence and some essential concepts of how it works, giving you an overall understanding of AI and how applications of AI will evolve.