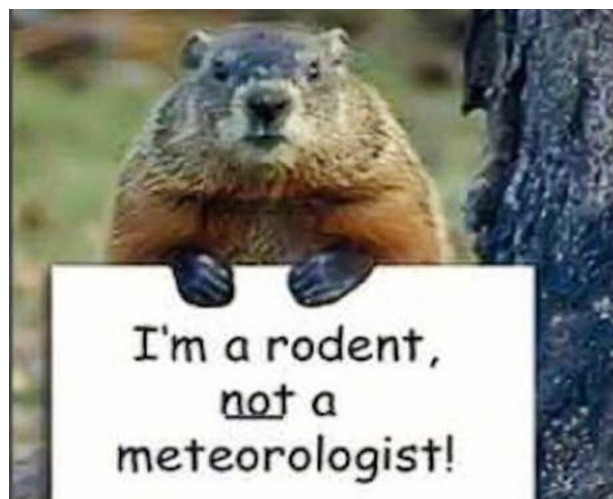


Probus Mountainview Newsletter – February 2021

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February 2021 President's Message

Welcome to February and depending on which Ground Hog you choose to believe spring is just around the corner – at least that is the Ground Hog I am choosing to believe! I must admit I am a bit envious of a friend in Victoria that says the gardener has been to trim the bushes and the tulips are popping out of the ground.

Having said that, we have had some wonderful winter weather for snowshoeing. Dale Bristow and Paul Douglas have kept us spoiled for choice of which trails to try and we have seen great photos from members who have ventured out.

Please make sure you read through the Newsletter, that Duncan Bristow has so kindly put together for your reading pleasure.

Checkout the information from Dorte and Steve Hawker on how we are moving forward with our book exchange. There is also information about a contest you can enter – thanks to Dale and Paul for the idea! Jim Theobalds has arranged for yet another great speaker for our meeting this Thursday February 11th. The topic is “Storm Chasing in Ontario” –after all weather is our favourite topic of conversation! Please be sure to join us, the Zoom invitation will follow shortly after this Newsletter. As most of us are getting Covid weary and have days when we wonder will this ever end, I would like to share this poem from **L. R Knost** – I thought it summed things up well...

*Life is amazing.
And then it is awful.*

*And then it is amazing again.
And in between the amazing and awful
it's ordinary and mundane and routine.*

*Breathe in the amazing,
Hold on through the awful, and relax
and exhale during the ordinary.*

*That's just living, heartbreaking,
soul-healing, amazing, awful,
ordinary life.*

*And it is breathtakingly
Beautiful.*

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

Andja

STORM CHASING in Ontario

David Chapman (Thurs. Feb. 11 PMV Meeting)



David T. Chapman started doing photography as well as storm chasing at the age of 16. He is self-taught in the art of photography and has been pursuing his career professionally since the age of eighteen. He



learned at a very young age from his father to appreciate his surrounding environment. He enjoys taking photographs and videos of weather phenomena, especially lightning, as well as scenery and nature. David likes to seek out unusual examples

of nature such as inferior mirages, albino birds, ice caves and various types of naturally created vortexes, ranging in size from dust devils to tornadoes. To date, he has found multi-petalled Ontario trilliums, the highest of which had 33 petals. David is also a professional speaker and enjoys entertaining and educating a great crowd. His main areas of expertise are Weather/Aurora Borealis, Local Interests and Scenery of Ontario, Birds and Wildlife.



TAKE IT SOMEWHAT EASY SNOWSHOE

Hi everyone,
Well, I know that we are called the Take It Easy Snowshoe Trails and I'm offering a trail that is flat and pretty hospitable with some utterly beautiful parts. Some amazing geography, some small rivers with waterfalls and one absolutely cool thing to see that is about midway on the 3.5km loop.

To get there you drive from the roundabout at the base of Blue Mountain and go up Scenic Caves Road.

Follow this road up and around past Swiss Meadows and keep going until you get to Banks. This will be the 4th Line. Turn right and follow the 4th to the 18th Sideroad. Turn left and follow it past the 5th Sideroad and keep going until you see a collection of parked cars. In the unlikely event that you don't see any parked cars, stop before you end up driving down the hill.



As with all pitches from smarmy salespeople this one comes with a small(ish) catch. Or maybe a couple of catches.

1. It's a 3.5km loop and unfortunately the very cool stuff to see is more or less in the middle of the loop. So, you might as well just do the loop if you'd come that far anyway.
2. At the beginning and the end there are hills. You can start by parking your car on the 18th sideroad and walking about 5-600meters down a road to the start of the side trail at the 6th Line. This is the Margaret Paull sidetrail and has blue markings showing the way. You

will begin by walking down a lane past a couple of farmhouses - and an actual outhouse just before you get onto the trail!

3. Or you can enter the woods at the top of the hill road. This is the main Bruce Trail and has white markings showing the way.



After about 100 meters on the trail you will go down a hill in the woods which is 50-60 meters long.

And if you're wondering whether you can do it – I did it - so that should tell you how not-challenging it is. Just don't plan on fast as your pace.

Starting at the top of the hill into the woods means that you will finish the trail by walking up the aforementioned 600-meter hill. This walk uphill at the end of the trail is a bit character building but at the end you look back down the hill and feel no concern at all about going home and putting your feet up in front of a fire with a sizeable glass of your best wine and a couple of warmed up cookies.

(Chocolate chip cookies work reasonably well).

Plan B

There is another backdoor choice if the 6th Line has been maintained on the day you go.

Instead of turning at the 18th Sideroad you stay on the 4th Line and it turns into the 21st Sideroad.

At the Loree Hiking area there is the 6th Line off to the left.

Follow the 6th until it ends or until you get to the bottom of the hill at the 18th Sideroad.

When this way works you can avoid the character-building aspects of the hills and make the walk an in and out snowshoe. The dodgy bit of this option is the condition of the 6th Line. It's worth a look and will give you a 2 km walk still with most of the great aspects of the trail. And there is one more spectacular geological feature that I won't include.



– It will be a surprise (and it may be featured on a quiz that we’re sending out with this month’s Newsletter).

Anni and Paul

ADVENTUROUS SNOWSHOEING GROUP



Snowshoe Adventurers:

Hope everyone has been getting out on the trails! Suggested trails with maps and directions are regularly sent out to our distribution list. The trails are typically 4-6 k in length and can include more uneven terrain and hills. **Trails added this month can be seen via the link below to the PMV website.**

If you would like to be added to the distribution list, or have a favorite trail that you would like to see highlighted, please let me know at:
mombristow@live.ca.

Dale Bristow

mombristow@live.ca

SNOWSHOE & HIKING TRAILS | PROBUS MOUNTAIN VIEW



Zoom Happy Hour

Wednesday, February 17

4:30 – 5:30



Participants will move through 4 chat rooms, each lasting for 15 minutes.

Watch for a club email coming soon to register for this event. This event will be offered every month.

Our Zoom Host is Linda Haldenby.

linda.haldenby@gmail.com

PROBUS CLUB BOOK EXCHANGE 2021

!!NEW!!

Curbside Pickup Test Program

Due to Public lockdown and the heavy snow levels our back garage is not accessible. When weather improves and the lockdown restrictions are lifted, we will continue the back garage book exchange.

For now, if you are interested in joining the Curbside Pickup Probus Book Exchange group just email Dorte Hawker at dorte532@gmail.com to be put on the list.

Location: 111 Minnesota St. Collingwood.

New: Curbside Pick-up bin out front. The Drop-off bin continues as is.

Time: Just send me an email. No set time or day. Allow 24-48 hours to complete your order.

A monthly email will be sent out to participants showing new books donated. Currently we have many books in our exchange library, feel free to select more than one book. Also, it is not necessary to donate each time you take a book/s.

A photo album link of the available books will be sent to you. Send me an email with the Title and Author of your selected books. Note: selection is based on first come, first serve. If you are only selecting one book have an alternative ready. When your selection is bagged and ready to pickup you will receive an email from me. Your bag, labelled with your name, will be waiting in the plastic bin labelled PICK-UP out front of our house.

Look forward to hearing from you, HAPPY
READING! *Dorte and Steve Hawker*



White Chocolate Raspberry Flan



Ok... I will admit it, this isn't diet friendly but it is an amazing and an "OH SO EASY" treat to make for someone special this Valentine's Day. It is worth the calories! The white chocolate is visible more in some spots on this one because some of the raspberries were smaller.

The recipe attached makes a 10 inch flan. For this demonstration I halved the crust and filling for an 8 inch flan pan.

If you make the full size do a curbside delivery to one or a few friends who are on their own on

Valentine's Day!

The Crust



½ cup cold butter

¼ cup sugar

1 cups flour

1-2 tbsp water

Blend the first three ingredients together with a pastry knife or gently with your fingers. Add water as needed. I have had to add more water or sometimes flour to get a pie dough texture. Form a flat disc.

Refrigerate for 1 hour. Roll between two pieces of parchment paper, remove the top layer of parchment

paper and turn into a 8 inch flan pan with a removable sides (could also use a spring form pan, quiche pan or pie pan if that is all you have) The pastry is delicate and will crack don't worry just press it back together. Prick with a fork and blind bake at 400 for approx. 15 to 20 minutes. I just use a sheet of parchment and dried beans or rice on top to blind bake. It should brown around the edge but the bottom should be soft but not wet looking. Cool.

The Raspberries



Pack the berries in tightly.

It is prettier if you put all the berries bum up but if you don't have time go ahead and just dump them.

The Big Finish



1 box Bakers white chocolate

2 tbsp. soft butter

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup whipping cream

Melt in microwave or in a double boiler. Melt and stir in stages so that you do not over cook and dry out the chocolate. Stir to blend. Pour evenly over raspberries. It will look like too much but it soaks in between the berries so use all of it. Refrigerate to set.

It is rich so you only need a small slice!

Happy Valentine's Day to All!

White Chocolate Raspberry Flan

Full size recipe for a 10 inch flan pan

Crust

1 cup butter
½ cup sugar
2 cups flour
2 tbsp water

Blend the first three ingredients together with a pastry knife or gently with your fingers. Add water as needed. I have had to add more water on occasion. Form a disc and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Roll between two pieces of parchment paper and turn into a 10 inch plan pan with a removable sides (could also use a spring form pan, quiche pan or pie plate) The pastry is delicate and will crack Don't worry just press it back together.

Prick with a fork and blind bake at 400 for approx. 15 to 20 minutes. I just use parchment with dried beans on top to blind bake. It should brown around the edge but the bottom should be soft but not wet. Cool.

Filling

Cover the pastry with 3 small packages of fresh raspberries closely packed in. (this is the healthy stuff)

2 boxes Bakers white chocolate (yes two!)

¼ cup butter

½ cup whipping cream

Melt in microwave or in a double boiler. Stir to blend. Pour evenly over raspberries. It will look like too much but it soaks in between the berries. Refrigerate to set.

From Peggy's Pantry

Enjoy!

Camera Club Winners (Sept. - Dec. 2020)



Last Ride of the Season



Marsh



Fall's Splendour

September 2020 (Photographer's Choice)



Expressive Tomato – What do you See?



Halloween Fun



Squash Kebab

October 2020 (Funny Fotos)



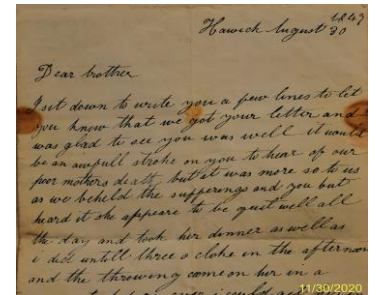
Downy Woodpecker



Old Fashioned Notes



Life on Mars



1849 Snail Mail

November 2020 (Macro)



Baby it's Cold Outside



Christmas in Miniature



Collingwood Xmas Tree



Duck for Christmas Dinner

December 2020 (Christmas)

“WHERE IN THE BLUE BLAZES ARE WE?”

SNOWSHOEING TRAIL CONTEST

To celebrate the drive to get out on the trails this winter, we are offering a contest with prizes. There are 10 pictures of popular snowshoeing trails that we may have done over the years, or are new this year to the group. Paul and Dale have offered directions, instructions and pictures to over 20 trails so far this year. So even if you haven't done a trail yet, there may be clues there. The goal is to identify the location of each picture by naming the trail that the picture was taken. For all the folks that get 10 pictures correct, we will put their names in a hat, and draw for 3 prizes. If everyone gets fooled, we will put everyone who enters the contest, into the hat and still draw three winners.



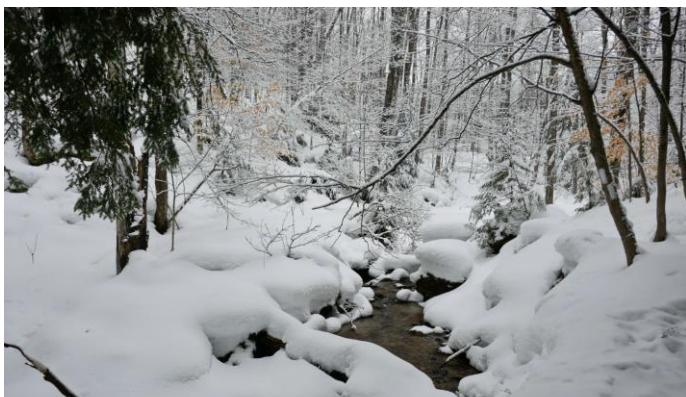
Send your entries to Dale at mombristow@live.ca by Feb 27th. This should give you time to check out a trail to ensure your answer is correct. An entry ballet is attached.



Picture 1



Picture 2 (long before social distancing..2019 BC)



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5

Pictures 6A & B →

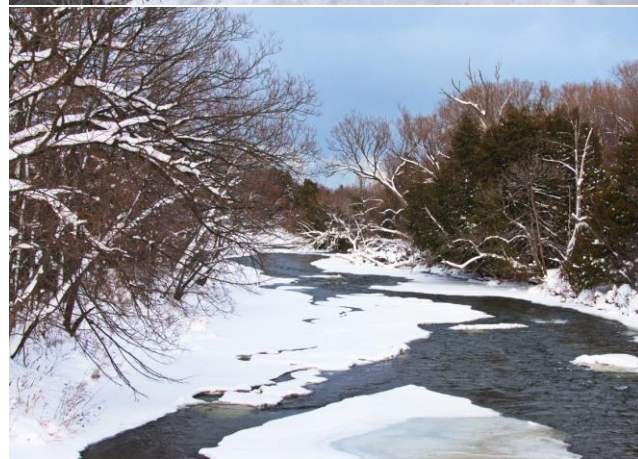


Picture 7



Picture 8

Pictures 9A & B →



Picture 10

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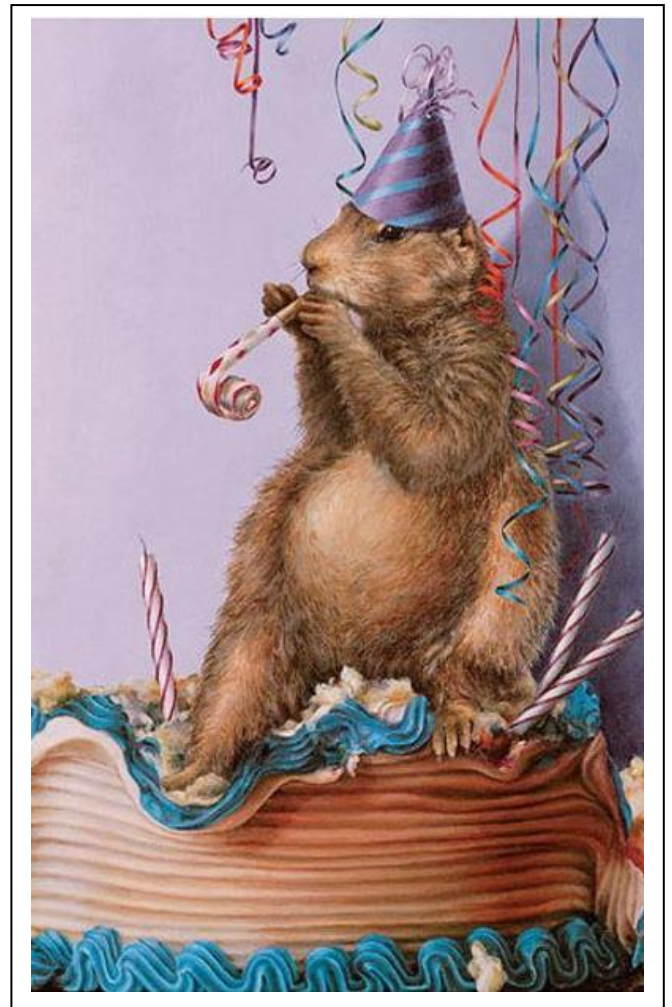
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Happy Birthday

From your Friendly Neighbourhood

Ground Hog

Ken Browne	February 26
John Campo	February 12
Julie D'Costa	February 19
Douglas Fry	February 23
Kathryn McMillan	February 7
Peter Fullerton	February 12
James Pick	February 10
Lyne Beaudoin	February
Bob Riches	February 15
Annie Schiefer	February 15
Shirley Tousignant	February
Diane Woodbeck	February 8
Bill Woodbeck	February 19
Lewis Lutz	February



Probus Mountainview's Food Bank Donation

We all know that it's been a difficult time since COVID has entered our lives. The lack of connection with friends and family has affected us all and seems that it will remain a fact of life for the immediate future. Having said that very few of us are concerned about paying rent or being able to eat well.

Unfortunately, that is not the case for many residents of our town.

The food banks are seeing a rise in demand at the same time as many of the normal sources of food donation are being reduced.

The result has been that the local food bank is now purchasing food from several local stores.

With that in mind and since we have had fewer club operating expenses we will be donating \$1,000 to the local Salvation Army food bank from our common funds.

