



Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley

A Meeting of Minds

April 1, 2009 (10 a.m.)

**Tomkins Hall, St. James Anglican Church
1188 Bridge Street, Manotick, Ontario, K4M 1A4**

Tiptoe through the tulips...
Guest speaker: Heather Clemenson

Heather Clemenson is an expert on English country houses and their gardens -- everything from the land reforms in the Tudor era that led to the creation of the fabulous estates and country mansions, to the styles of gardens and the plantings that make them distinctive. Born in Wales, Heather came to Canada in 1970. She returned to the UK to complete her PhD at the University of Hull in Yorkshire in the early 1980s. She worked for the federal government for 24 years, primarily in rural development research, with stints at Statistics Canada, Agriculture Canada, and Industry Canada. She retired in 2007 and has just returned from an extended vacation in Australia. She is a member of the Greely Gardeners Group and has a large and beautiful garden in Greely.

Refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. Don't forget your name tags!

Lunch venue following the April meeting: Fiamma restaurant, Strandherd Drive, Nepean; please contact May Collins at 613-823-1799 if you plan to attend so that she can get an idea of numbers.

Striders and Gliders

The next outing will take place Wednesday, April 15. The group will meet at the library parking lot at 9.30 a.m. and car pool to P5 on Eagleson Road where there is a circular walking trail.

Special events:

Registration forms will be available at the April meeting for the Spring Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, hosted by the Alta Vista Club, and the Big Band concert at the National Arts Centre on Thursday, June 4.

May 6 guest speaker: Dan Hoffman, curator at the Nepean Museum, will speak on "Secrets of the Antique Road Show." He'll reveal how the experts evaluate antiques.

Know a Probus member who is ill? Call Kathy Pitcher (613-822-8739). She will send a card.