



Probud Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley

*A Meeting of Minds*

**March 2, 2011 (10 a.m.)**

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

## **Adventures down East**

*Speaker: Sheila King*

Sheila King and a friend set out last summer in an old camper van to tour down East. But the fun started before they had even left Ottawa when the van had mechanical problems. Eventually they spent five weeks driving 6,500 kms across Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and experienced plenty of adventures. Sheila, a long-time Manotick resident and Probud vice-president, told us last year about her road trip across North America with the same companion that allowed them to “touch the earth and smell the flowers across the whole continent.” An accomplished artist, sailor and horticulturist, Sheila was born in England and emigrated to Canada with her husband, Mike, in 1974. Settling first in Montreal, they moved to Manotick in 1997. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

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

**Lunch venue following the March meeting: Hardstones, Manotick**

**Coffee volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve coffee at meetings. Call Fanny Afshar at 613-596-6679 or e-mail her at [secretary@probudorv.org](mailto:secretary@probudorv.org)

**April 6 guest speaker:** Dr. John D. Reid – “Climbing Your Family Tree – 2011 Style.”

**Striders and Gliders:** Brian Sawyer has scheduled a trip – walking or skiing, depending on the weather – on the new trail between Osgoode and Leitrim for Wednesday, March 16. Participants should meet at the Manotick Library at 9.30 a.m. for car pooling and route directions (there are several access points and weather will decide which one is used). Brian will send the usual e-mail notification 1-2 days before the trip.

**Special events:** Merrill Stalker has arranged a sugarbush visit, including a typical maple syrup meal of pancakes, at noon on Wednesday, March 30. Cost is \$13. The sugarbush is at Stanley's Maple Lane Farm, 2452 Yorks Corner Road, seven km south of Edwards. Carpooling will be arranged at the March meeting.

**Events survey – URGENT:** Please complete the attached events survey form and submit online to [secretary@probudorv.org](mailto:secretary@probudorv.org), or in person at the March meeting. Merrill Stalker reports that there has been only a modest response so far!

**Cancellations:** The club executive has decided that monthly meetings will go ahead, even in the event of severe weather. If the speaker is unavailable, contingency plans are in place.

Information on the Spring Fling in Kingston May 17 can be found on the website at <http://www.probusorv.org/SpringFling2011Communique.pdf>, or by clicking on the link on our Events page. .

**Changing your mailing or e-mail address?** Phone Jeff at 613-692-6273 with the details to ensure continued delivery of this newsletter.

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

## **Probus Events Survey**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

We are looking forward to plan our events for 2011 and would like your ideas. Listed below are a number of options. Let us know if you are interested in any or all of these events.

- Half day trip with members providing your own transportation or riding with other members. These would be trips to events in the Ottawa/Gatineau area and could cost from 0 to \$40 each, more for special events like the opera
  - Interested? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- Full day trip to places like Montreal . This would be by bus and include a lunch. It could cost about \$100 each.
  - Interested? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- A tour up to one week to places like New York or Toronto to see a play, shop or whatever. I don't know the cost but do know it would cost less than if you went on your own
  - Interested? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- A cruise on the Caribbean. Usually 7 days. Cost would again be less than if you did this yourselves
  - Interested?---Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- I am not interested in any event, just our regular monthly meetings. \_\_\_\_\_

Please look at some of the different types of events listed below and let us know if you are interested. Choose as many as you like. Y or N

Art Galleries\_\_\_ Museums\_\_\_ Theater,\_\_\_ Manufacturing Plants\_\_\_  
Garden or Home Shows\_\_\_ Visiting points of interest (forts, botanical gardens)\_\_\_  
Shopping Excursions\_\_\_ Opera\_\_\_ Musicals\_\_\_ Local Bus Tour to see the lights  
or gardens\_\_\_ River Cruise\_\_\_  
What other events interest you

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Any other suggestions?\_\_\_\_\_

Many Thanks-- Merrill Stalker, 613-692-0329