



APRIL 25TH 2020 NEWSLETTER

As promised, we are bringing you a late-April newsletter packed with more puzzles, gardening hints from Sheila, food news and lots of other information.

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Our New May Probus Presentation:

We can't get together physically, but we can be together "virtually" with the help of ZOOM. Charles Fournier recently attended a Zoom presentation organized by the Cooksville Probus Club. His experience was a good one so we have decided to try it ourselves.

Thus we ask you to attend our May presentation on Wed. May 6th which will be given by Tim Burrows on ELECTRIC CARS.

Tim is a retired Vice President of Forty Creek Distillery and a graduate of the University of Toronto. He is a member of GHEVA (Golden Horseshoe Electric Vehicle Association), the Southern Ontario Tesla Owners Club and the Electric Vehicle Society. Tim is an electric car enthusiast who has owned and driven electric vehicles (EV) for the past four years. He enjoys doing a variety of talks at schools, church groups and service clubs and sharing what he's come to know as the benefits and challenges of EV ownership. His presentation focuses on the daily life behind the wheel of an EV to include EV history and battery technology.



Tim Burrows

If you haven't already tried "Zoom" it is easy to connect and works well.

1. Go to the iOS App store or Google Play and download "Zoom" It is available for iOS (iPhone Operating System), Android and Windows devices. Zoom can also be downloaded at: <https://zoom.us/support/download>
2. Download and install Zoom on your computer or tablet.

3. There is no charge
4. You will be able to host a meeting or attend a meeting.

Once you have downloaded Zoom you will be ready to attend our May presentation. You will receive an email invitation to the presentation giving you the date, time and a meeting ID. There will be a ZOOM link in this invitation which will take you directly to the meeting. If, for some reason, this does not work the invitation will also include a Meeting ID and, potentially, a password. If your link hasn't worked, open up ZOOM, click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the Meeting ID and password. This should allow you to connect.

For security and privacy reasons please do not share your invitation with anyone else. It is meant only for PROBUS members.

Remember to switch off your microphone to improve the sound quality of the presenter when he is speaking (the speaker may already have muted your microphone). There will be a question and answer period at the end of the presentation.

We have a limit of 100 participants so I would suggest that couples logging in for the presentation share one device.

Remember, you may be on camera, so dress to impress!

Spring Gardening Hints From One Of Our Master Gardeners Sheila King

Once the ground has softened and the weather is warmer, divide summer flowering shrubs such as hydrangeas and summer and fall blooming perennials. Top dress the garden beds with compost. Towards the end of April you can plant new perennial trees and shrubs. Edge any beds that need to be tidied. Remember when you prune bushes take no more than 1/3 of the growth. Remove any dead, damages, or diseased branches and cut back any big trees or bushes that are obstructing paths or walk ways.

It looks like some garden centers will be open but we may want to think about friendly swaps. More in the May newsletter.

Two spring foods to try: purple asparagus and cipollini onions.

Purple asparagus, popular in Europe, is sweeter and gets its rich colour from the antioxidant anthocyanin, so it is beautiful and super healthy. Did you know that Europe has asparagus festivals, and whole banquets are planned around the spring crops, especially the white asparagus, grown in the dark.

Cipollini onions (chip-oh-lee-nee) are literally “little onions” with a big flavour. They are smaller than a lime and have sweet, pale flesh that roasts and caramelizes well.



Answers to Bonus Riddles In Last Newsletter

Gary Bennett

Questions

- a) I am always used in pairs. I am found in every home, and I'm always attached to my partner. What am I?
- b) You are walking along a road to visit your uncle in the next village. You come to a fork in the road and you do not know which road to take. You can ask two brothers standing at the fork for information. One brother always speaks the truth while the other brother always lies – and you don't know which is which. What question should you ask, and to whom, to find the correct road to follow?

Answers

- a) Scissors (or nail cutters, pliers, tweezers, etc.)!
- b) You ask either brother the question: "which road would your brother tell you to take". In both cases, this would be the incorrect road since a) if you had asked the truthful brother, the information that he would get from his lying brother would be incorrect. b) If you had asked the untruthful brother, he would know the truth but he would be lying to you. In either case, the information would be wrong and you should take the opposite road!

Magic Eye 3-Dimensional Stereogram Images

Submitted by Gary Bennett

At www.magiceye.com.* This is a TERRIFIC web site in which, by focusing your eyes properly, you can examine 2D images on your computer screen, but see them vividly in 3D!

(*Note: It is better to access the above web site by typing the address manually. When I used the link above, it called up a defective web site!)

When you open the web site, you can choose from images in different sections.

In the Samples section, I recommend the images: “Nexium”, “Cherry Coke”, and “NIH”.

In the Stock 3D Samples section, I recommend the images: “Space”, “Value”, “Roses”, “Caduceus”, and “Running Cats and Dogs”.

In the 3D Fun/Image of the Week section, I recommend the images: “Good Luck”, “Valentine”, “Change is Good”, and “Snow Many Friends”.

Finally, if you turn to the More Images- section at the bottom of the screen, there are dozens of additional images!

TO SEE AN IMAGE IN 3D, YOU MUST APPROACH YOUR HEAD VERY CLOSE TO THE COMPUTER SCREEN (NOSE ALMOST TOUCHING THE SCREEN). THEN LOOK “THROUGH THE SCREEN” INTO THE DISTANCE BEYOND.

THE BACKGROUND IMAGE WILL BE BLURRY.

THEN, VERY SLOWLY, PULL YOUR HEAD AWAY FROM THE SCREEN.

AS YOU DO SO, LOOK FOR OBJECTS WHICH APPEAR IN FRONT OF THE BLURRY BACKGROUND IMAGE (i.e. CLOSER TO YOU).

AS YOU PULL BACK FROM THE SCREEN FURTHER AND FURTHER, THE IMAGE BECOMES CRISPER AND THE DEPTH INCREASES!

There are two types of Images

- a) In some of the images, when seen in 3D, objects will at various levels of depth. In the example shown below, the pills and the “Nexium” signs appear at different depths from the background image,



Note: Not everyone can see these 3D images, especially at first. For most of us, it may simply require some patience and some training of the eyes. I found that getting your head very close to the computer screen at the beginning is perhaps the most important factor.

-notice also that when the image is seen in 2D there are seven “Nexium” signs along the bottom of the image, but when the image is viewed in 3D, there are eight “Nexium” signs! (How do you explain this?)

b) In other images, a hidden object appears when the image is seen in 3D, e.g. the “two cherries on a stem” in the example below:

AGAIN, VERY SLOWLY, PULL YOUR HEAD AWAY FROM THE SCREEN.

AS YOU DO SO, SOME OBJECTS (IN THIS CASE, “CHERRY COKE” SIGNS) APPEAR CLOSER TO YOU THAN THE BLURRY BACKGROUND IMAGE.

IN this case, A HIDDEN OBJECT (Two large Cherries on a Stem) APPEARS IN FRONT OF THE BLURRY IMAGE.



AS YOU PULL BACK FROM THE SCREEN FURTHER AND FURTHER, THE IMAGE BECOMES CRISPER AND THE DEPTH INCREASES!

The image you are looking for is seen in black and white below. Notice how large the cherries are compared to the size of the whole screen. The lighter cherry appears closer to you.



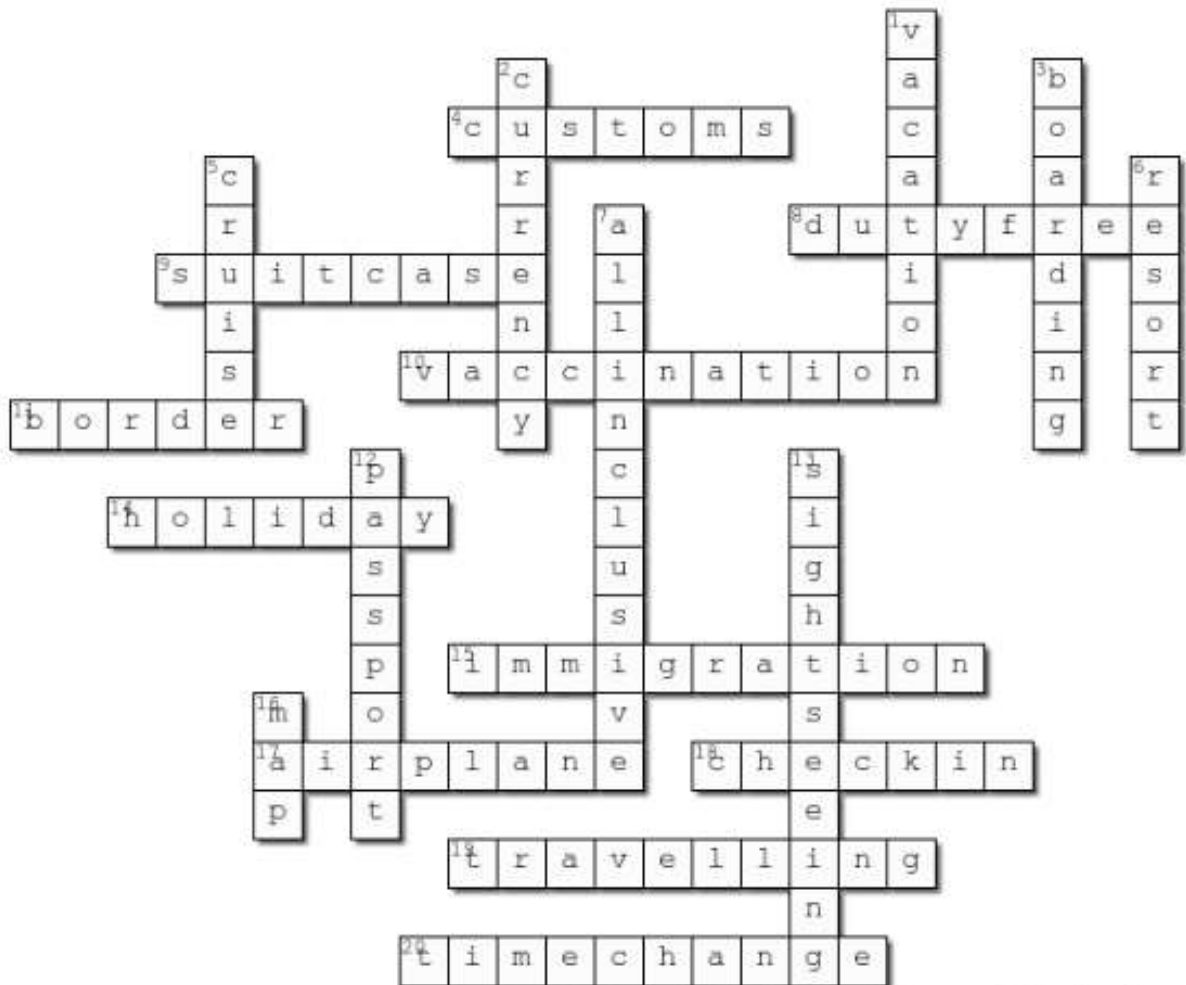
-notice again that when seen in 2D there are seven “Cherry Coke” signs along the bottom of the image, but when the image is viewed in 3D, there are eight “Cherry Coke” signs

Enjoy this web site, but CAUTION....I found it somewhat addictive!

Note: The Magic Eye company sells several books of images (I own the excellent “Harry Potter” book), and for some people the images are easier to visualize when printed on paper.

Crossword Submission
Charles Fournier

Answers to last issue's crossword puzzle on TRAVEL



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

- 4. Habitual practices (**customs**)
- 8. Goods for import (**dutyfree**)
- 9. Portable container (**suitcase**)
- 10. Inoculation (**vaccination**)
- 11. Outer boundary (**border**)
- 14. Day of exemption (**holiday**)
- 15. One place to another (**immigration**)
- 17. Heavier than air (**airplane**)
- 18. Arrive (**checkin**)
- 19. Place to place (**travelling**)
- 20. Desired moment (**timechange**)

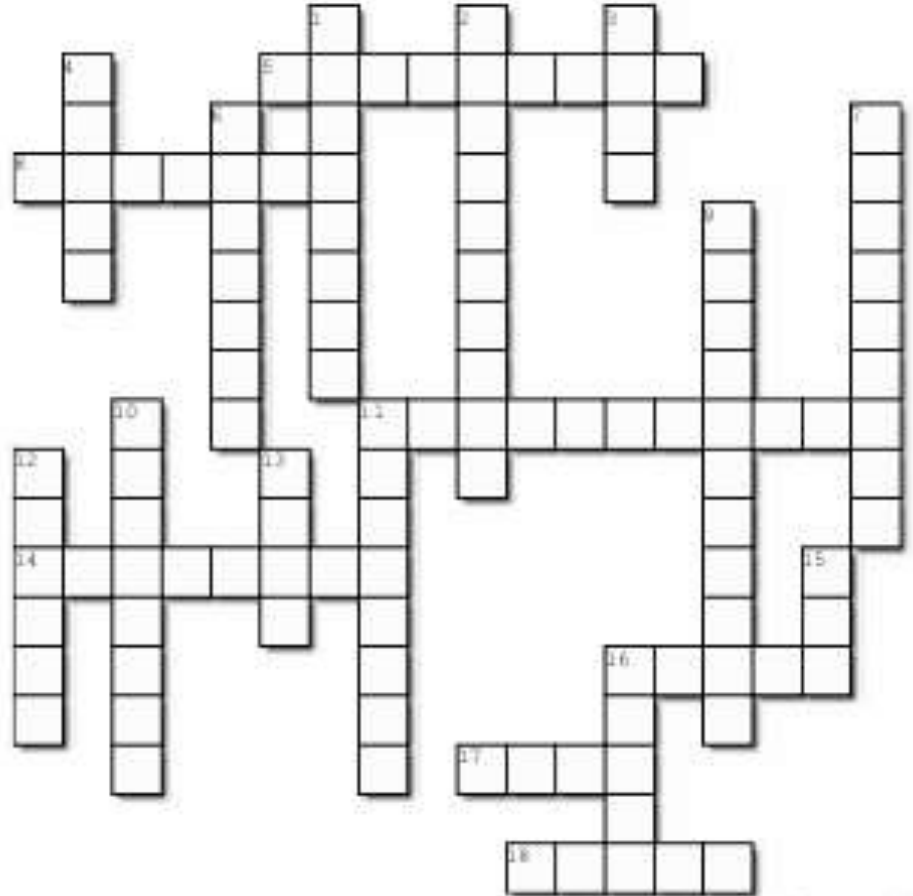
Down

- 1. Suspension of work (**vacation**)
- 2. Exchange (**currency**)
- 3. Hop on (**boarding**)
- 5. Sail about (**cruise**)
- 6. Place for relaxation (**resort**)
- 7. Involving much (**allinclusive**)
- 12. Authorization to pass (**passport**)
- 13. Places of interest (**sightseeing**)
- 16. Surface representation (**map**)

New Crossword, all about Gardening

Nar

Gardening



Created using the Crossword Maker

Across

- 5. Container
- 8. Annual/Perennial
- 11. Load conveyor
- 14. Brightness
- 16. Tool for digging
- 17. Implement with lines
- 18. Prickly-stemmed

Down

- 1. Flower of a plant
- 2. Nourishment
- 3. Flexible tube
- 4. subterranean globular bud
- 6. Root out
- 7. Motor-driven machine
- 9. Vessel
- 10. Set in the ground
- 11. Hydrate
- 12. Cluster of shrubs
- 13. Earth's surface
- 15. Weeder
- 16. Plant offspring

Theatre Trivia Questions from Mirvish Theatres
Andy Bond

Q1: What year did *The Phantom of the Opera* begin its first run in Toronto?

- a. 1986
- b. 1989
- c. 1991
- d. 1994

Q2: What is the name of the first musical Max Bialystock opens in *The Producers*?

- a. Springtime for Hitler
- b. b. Funny Boy
- c. c. Cash
- d. d. Old Bavaria

Q3: In *12 Angry Men*, which juror is the first to vote *Not Guilty*?

- a. Juror #1
- b. b. Juror #5
- c. c. Juror #8
- d. d. Juror #12

Q4: *Miss Saigon* opened this Mirvish theater in 1993

- a. The Ed Mirvish Theatre (formerly the Canon)
- b. The Royal Alexandra Theatre
- c. The CAA Theatre (formerly The Panasonic)
- d. The Princess of Wales Theatre

Q5: The song *Seasons of Love* is from this award-winning musical

- a. Rent
- b. Hair
- c. Pippin
- d. Into the Woods

Answers: 1.b 2.b 3.c 4.d 5.a

Excellent web sites for Virtual Museum Tours
Submitted by Richard Pell

"Museums At Home" The Museum of History and the Canadian War Museum have opened up Virtual access. New content will be added regularly.

<http://click.museedelhistoire.ca/m/1/20815819/02-b20108-71c6055a01624906a6f76d0882d237e8/4/34/c4722fad-916e-4fd7-8dc7-c17a9907ded0>

2000 Leading museums and archives have partnered with the Google Cultural Institute to bring the world's treasures online: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en&tab=pop>

Little Known Canadian Facts
Submitted by Charles Fournier

Little Known Canadian Facts

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald planned for a permanent force to patrol the North-West Territories after the Dominion of Canada purchased the territory from the Hudson's Bay Company. Reports from army officers surveying the territory led to the recommendation that a mounted force of mounted riflemen could maintain law and order (see the Probus presentation of Gary Bennett on the [“History of the Fur Trade”, Feb. 2019](#)). Sir John A. Macdonald named this force the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) when formed on 23 May 1873. In 1904 the force added "Royal" to its name. On 1 February 1920 it merged with the Dominion Police, the main police force for all points east of Manitoba and was renamed the "Royal Canadian Mounted Police". The new organization was charged with federal law enforcement in all the provinces and territories, and immediately established its modern role as protector of Canadian national security, as well as assuming responsibility for national counterintelligence.

Canadian Inventions and Discoveries

- The Walkie-Talkie was invented by Donald L. Hings and Alfred J. Gross for military use. (1942)
- Electric Car Heater was invented by Thomas Ahearn in 1890.
- McIntosh Red Apple was developed by John McIntosh. (1811)
- Caesar (cocktail), introduced in Calgary in 1969.
- Five Pin Bowling was invented by Thomas F. Ryan in Toronto in 1909



Statue of Naismith in Almonte

Note from Gary Bennett – The game of Basketball was invented by Dr. James Naismith. He was born and raised on a farm near Almonte, Ontario. He received instruction from the Department of Anatomy at McGill University, and became the University's Director of Physical Education. He invented the game of basketball in 1891 while teaching at the YMCA International Training School at Springfield Mass. He used peach baskets as the original hoops (see photo above), and wrote the original rules of the game! Since the ball could not escape from the bottom of the peach basket, play resumed in the middle of the court after each goal. Naismith was inducted into the McGill Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

And Finally ...

