



# NEWSLETTER

## PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9th at 9:30 am  
Location: H.R. MacMillan Space Centre  
Speaker: Professor Paul Budra—Chair  
Department of English at SFU  
Topic: "Shakespeare in the Garden"

### NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER

May 14: Mark Dwor

Topic: "Bitcoin, Blockchain  
and Smart Contracts"

### PROFESSOR PAUL BUDRA



**Paul Budra teaches Shakespeare and early modern literature and has published articles on Renaissance literature and contemporary popular culture. He is the author of *A Mirror for Magistrates and the de casibus Tradition* and *Shakespeare Early and Late: a textbook*. He is the co-editor of the essay collections *Part Two: Reflections on the Sequel*, *Soldier Talk: Oral Narratives of the Vietnam War*, *From Text to Txtng: New Media in the Classroom*, and *Shakespeare and Consciousness*. He is a past president of the Pacific Northwest Renaissance Society, former Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and winner of the SFU Excellence in Teaching Award for 2004. He is the director of SFU Publications. He is rated as "awesome" in Rate Your Professor". In his spare time, Paul plays guitar in a punk band.**

***The best way to spot typos is to press send on your newsletter issue - then read it again.***

## Report of the March 12th Meeting

**Attendance: 162 Members and Guests**

President Peter Scott opened the meeting, welcomed the members and guests present, especially our speaker, John Cherrington. Bill Hooker introduced three new members (see page 3). Jack Zaleski gave a run down of the activities planned by his committee. Details are on pages 4,5 and 6. Stuart Clyne thanked the Member Services Team. Bill Hooker introduced John Cherrington.

*Walking to Camelot* is intended to serve as a celebration of the English Countryside. Britain's walking system is unique in that, through common law tradition, privately owned land may be crossed by anyone using any footpath that was ever in common use. There are over 120,000 miles of footpaths throughout the country, which is more than there are in all of North America. Where in North America, the right to walk through private lands has been abolished, in Britain this right has been extended and protected repeatedly. Walking is Britain's most popular outdoor recreational activity, with long-distance paths, 31 miles or longer, gaining more and more popularity. Shorter loop walks are also abundant and well-documented by the British Automobile Association. The expansive walking system offers an abundance of history, quaint villages, and friendly pubs and provides an immersive experience into British culture. Locals are eager to point out fascinating tidbits of history which may otherwise be passed by unnoticed.

Throughout his journeys, John has determined three distinct and unexpected landscape features in Britain's footpaths. The first of these is what he calls 'portholes'. These portholes likely inspired such literary creations as the wardrobe in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and the rabbit hole in *Alice in Wonderland*. The English walking system is filled with these portholes in the form of gates, doors, and stiles which demand to be explored.

Secondly, the English walking system provides the illusion of vastness. Even though England is a small country, the illusion of vastness is created through the use of tall hedges and fences that divide a single acre of land into dozens of different gardens. These mazes create an opportunity to get a little lost and explore the surroundings.

The third feature of the landscape are hollow ways, created as a result of erosion over centuries of use. These sunken lanes demonstrate the history of the land that is present everywhere and create stunning vertical scenes. *Walking to Camelot* also provides readers with what to expect along their travels. Here are John's top travel tips:

- 1- Always travel with at least one companion.
- 2- Bring rainproof clothing, the best is Gore-Tex gear.
- 3- Build up the calluses on your feet and bring well-worn hiking boots. Now is not the time to break in your shiny new shoes. Blister Prevent spray is available in Britain and is a very effective tool in preventing blisters.
- 4- Carry a walking stick. Consider bringing a light telescoping walking stick for easy travel.
- 5- Pack a compass, water bottle, guidebook, and Land

Ranger map in a small pack. A Land Ranger map will track every mile of your trek and is a useful companion to your guidebook if you get lost. A plastic folder that hangs around your neck will serve to keep your guidebook dry when it inevitably rains.

6- Book your B&B's at least 4-5 days ahead of time, especially for long-distance walks. Accommodations tend to fill up.

7- Travel light. There are some reasonably priced Sherpa-like services available that can come along on long distance walks and help you in booking accommodations and moving your baggage forward.

8 - Beware of entering fields with bovines. More people are killed or beaten by bulls and cows on British fields each year than perish on African safaris. In the spring, mothers with calves are extremely protective and will attack walkers that come near. Bulls are always an issue... It is important to scan the field that you are about to enter. Farmers are obliged to post warning signs if there are bulls in the area, but sometimes neglect to do so. Some farmers will post these signs as a deterrent to walkers even where there are no bulls, however, it is not worth the taking the risk. Remember, there is always an alternative pathway available.

9 - If you are attacked by a herd of steers, make yourself big, be noisy, and wave your walking stick. They may bluff charge you!

10 - Do not expect the locals to tell you much about what lies ahead. Most locals are more knowledgeable about London than their neighbouring villages.

11 - Buy a British cellphone when you land to assure that the SIM card is compatible. Phones are affordable and worth it if you're staying any length of time. Cellular service can be a little patchy though and the red telephone booths are not dependable with over half of them being out of service. Some have been re-purposed and converted into new spaces such as libraries and defibrillation stations. A word of caution: Travel insurers can deny insurance if there is any change in your health condition six months prior to travel. This includes any improvements or lateral changes as well. If possible, avoid seeing your doctor, booking future appointments, or making any changes in your chart until you get back.

Question: What percentage of the walking time would have been in the rain on rainy days?

Answer: For the long-distance walk, that year was a fairly dry one, but there were some rain-out days. I would say about 30% of the time. Increasingly May has become one of the rainiest months of the year, but I tend to go in either April, June, or September.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



During the months of January, February and March, we waived the modest guest fee of \$5.00 to encourage you to bring prospective new members to a meeting. It seems that we have had some success as we currently have several people waiting to join.

Estelle Jacobson, wife of our member, Michael, has done a wonderful job of arranging for the members of the three Vancouver PROBUS Clubs to get VSO tickets at a much reduced price. Jane and I have attended all the concerts and have always really enjoyed them. This year, Estelle got tickets for two concerts, the second of which is in May and she has asked several of those who attended, if there would be an interest in a third concert next year. The first, Tchaikovsky's Fifth and excerpts from Hansel & Gretel by Humperdinck would be at the beginning of December, the second, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" live, with full band and orchestra performed exactly as it was originally recorded, on Valentine's Day and the third, "Bernstein and Gershwin: On the Town", at the end of April. I will be asking for a show of hands at the April meeting to see what interest you, our members, have in a choice of three.

**The Activity Committee has organised an excellent outing to the Stave Falls Dam Museum & Westminster Abbey. So far, we have 15 people signed up. The committee has decided to open registration up to the other clubs to see if we can get enough people to make it worthwhile. If you are interested in what promises to be an excellent outing, sign up soon. Brock House is offering an outing to just the Westminster Abbey—no Museum, for \$20 more per person! See page 6 for all our details.**

Other activities in the works are a tour of the new Emily Carr University building on May 7 (see page 4 for full details) and another of our famous John Atkin walks on May 21 (see page 4 for details).

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on April 9 to hear all about what Shakespeare was doing in the garden!

**Rotarians' Investment Club**

The next Meeting is on Thursday, March 28th at the RVYC on Point Grey Road, commencing at 6.30 pm sharp, with a no-host bar at 6.00 pm. Our Speaker is

**Peter Brock of Leede Jones Gable**

**His topic is "The Brock Value Method",**

a new valuation metric that holds considerable promise for long term investors. It is based on a 59 year study which has given successful "Buy" & "Sell" signals such that his portfolio has dramatically outperformed the market and side-stepped the worst bear markets.

Requests to attend must be given to our President, Bill Caulfield (604-825-8245 email [wcaulfield@gmail.com](mailto:wcaulfield@gmail.com)) by Tuesday evening February 26th, as we must give RVYC the exact head count as we get charged for "no-shows". Please bring a cheque for \$60.00 for the excellent 3 course dinner with dinner wine which includes gratuities/taxes etc.

The April meeting will be on Thursday, April 25 on the topic of Fish Farming. One of our Members has been very interested for many years, and has even invested in a Norwegian Company called **"Marine Harvest A.S.A./Mowi"** which has 16,000 employees around the world, including 660 in Campbell River. A lot is happening in this field which will be revealed by one of the Company's senior employees. **The next Probud Newsletter will arrive after the April meeting.**

An Agenda is available upon request to Bill Caulfield or myself and we look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings. An "Information" sheet is available to tell you about our Club which started in 1998.

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**PROBUS FRED COTTON BOOK CLUB**



The Book Club meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday each month (except July and August) at the White Spot, Georgia & Cardero.

Upcoming books we will discuss:

- April 3: *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari
- May 1: *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan

A list of books read since the Club began in 2008 may be found on the Club website by clicking the "Book Club" link

For further information contact Ken Yule at [kjqc@shaw.ca](mailto:kjqc@shaw.ca) or 604-266-4563.

**Thanks to our March Member Services Team**

**Cashiers—Peter Brock & Steve Mulhall**  
**Greeters—David Loughran & Doug Filipenko**

**Welcome New Members**



**David Bullus**  
City Planner



**Rob Stevenson**  
Lawyer



**David Steer**  
Air Traffic Controller

## **TUESDAY, MAY 7—10 AM—\$20.00 PER PERSON MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE IS 40 MEMBERS AND GUESTS**



### **OUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE THE SENIOR GRADUATES EXHIBITION**

Founded in 1925, **Emily Carr University of Art + Design** is one of the oldest post-secondary institutions in British Columbia and the only one that is dedicated solely to professional education and learning in the arts, media and design. One of the University's roles is to act as an advocate for the arts and reinforce the need for public support. At every opportunity, the University promotes public understanding and appreciation of fine arts, media arts, and design for their significant impact on the well-being of our society. In 2015, ECU celebrated its 90th Anniversary. The university moved in 2017 to a newly built, state-of-the-art campus at Great Northern Way. The new campus puts the University at the centre of a new social, cultural, educational, and economic engine for British Columbia.

#### **ITINERARY**

**10 AM—Meet in the Loafe Café on the 2nd floor of the university for refreshments, an introductory presentation which will include an opportunity for questions and answers. This will be followed by a self-guided tour.**

#### **GETTING THERE**

The #84 bus (UBC via West 4th Avenue to the VCC-Clark Skytrain Station) passes the University every 10 to 12 minutes.

The Main Street Skytrain Station is within a 15 minute walk

#### **PARKING**

Parking is available at \$2.50 per hour—\$10.00 per day. We will provide an Emily Carr site map closer to the event. You may wish to consider car-pooling with other members.

### **REGISTRATION**

#### **REGISTER ONLINE WITH PAYPAL (PREFERRED)—OR**

At Activity Desk at Probus meetings on April 9 by cheque or cash OR

Mail this registration form to Terry Gill, 2955 West 31st Avenue, Vancouver, BC. V6L 2A5 enclosing your cheque

Additional information: Terry Gill at [atgill@telus.net](mailto:atgill@telus.net)

**Deadline for registration: April 23rd. Deadline for cancellation April 30th** unless another registration available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque enclosed for: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash enclosed for: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: YOU ARE REGISTERED WHEN PAYMENT IS RECEIVED**



**WALKING TOUR “UNDER THE VIADUCT” WITH JOHN ATKIN**

**“The Georgia Viaducts, the only visible reminder of the grander city-wide freeway plan of the 1950s, will soon be a memory with their impending demolition. On this walk we’ll explore the history and development of the current and previous viaducts, the freeway fight and explore a few of the lingering scars still evident on the local landscape.”**

**Meeting point—Hunneybee Restaurant at Gore and Union Streets**

**Starting Point—The corner of Gore and Union Streets**

**Date: Tuesday, May 21st—9:30 for 10am**

**25 MEMBERS ONLY—\$20 PER MEMBER**

**John Atkin** is a well-known and extremely knowledgeable Vancouver historian, researcher and tour guide. The first Georgia Street Viaduct was built between 1913 and 1915. The narrow structure included streetcar tracks that were never used. At one point, every second lamppost was removed to reduce weight. It was replaced in 1972 by the current viaduct, which is structurally separated. The current Georgia Viaduct was envisioned in the early 1970’s as forming part of an extensive freeway system for Vancouver. However, communities were opposed to the idea of demolishing structures to build the freeway system and the plan was scrapped. The freeways would have required demolishing buildings in neighborhoods including Strathcona, the Downtown Eastside and Chinatown. A predominantly Black Canadian community called Hogan’s Alley was bulldozed in building the viaduct.

On October 27, 2015, Vancouver City Council voted to demolish the twin viaducts. A new six-lane road configuration that merges Expo and Pacific boulevards is in the planning stages.

John has given many walking tours for Probus in recent years. **His tours are always popular, so, as this tour will be limited to 25 members, we suggest you sign up as soon as possible.**

**ITINERARY**

**9:30 AM – ARRIVE FOR COFFEE AT THE HUNNEYBEE RESTAURANT**

**10:00 AM – WALKING TOUR STARTS**

**APPROXIMATELY 12:00 NOON - GUIDED TOUR ENDS WHERE IT STARTED**

**Arriving by bus**

**#22 buses leave from Burrard Station Bay #4 at 8:52, 9:02, 9:07 and 9:13 and arrive at Gore and Union by 9:30. Various other buses that go over the Granville Bridge connect with the #22 at Granville and West Pender.**

**REGISTRATION**

**REGISTER ONLINE WITH PAYPAL (PREFERRED)—OR**

At the Activity Desk at the PROBUS meetings on April 9 and May 14, with cash or cheque OR  
Mail this registration form to Doug Graham, 2068 West 35th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. V6M 1H9 enclosing your cheque  
Additional information: Doug Graham at douggraham@telus.net

**Deadline for Registration and Cancellation is Tuesday, May 14**

**MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER**

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I plan to attend: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed for: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash enclosed for: \_\_\_\_\_



**TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019**  
**BUS TOUR TO THE STAVE FALLS DAM MUSEUM AND WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN MISSION—GUESTS WELCOME**  
**\$80.00 PER PERSON**



**Stave Falls Dam** is a dual-dam power complex on the Stave River in Stave Falls, Mission. The dam was completed in 1912 for the purpose of hydroelectric production. To increase the capacity of Stave Lake, the dam was raised in 1925 and the Blind Slough Dam constructed in an adjacent watercourse 1,600 ft. to the north, which was the site of the Stave Falls. In 2000, the dam's powerhouse was replaced after a four-year upgrade. The powerhouse was once British Columbia's largest hydroelectric power source and is a National Historic Site.

**Westminster Abbey** is a community of Benedictine monks in Mission established in 1939 from the Abbey of Mount Angel in Oregon. The abbey is home to the Seminary of Christ the King and is a member of the Swiss American Congregation within the Benedictine Confederation. The abbey's official name is the Abbey of Saint Joseph of Westminster. Since 1939 the order has been located in Ladner (1939), Burnaby (1940) and Mission (1953). Construction on Mt. Mary Ann occurred in stages and culminated in the abbey church in 1982. Father Braganza is the current abbot. The abbey's bell tower is a landmark, visible for miles in the Fraser Valley.

**ITINERARY**

- 8:30 AM—ARRIVE AT THE PLANETARIUM PARKING LOT, BOARD COACH (BYO COFFEE IF YOU WISH) (NOTE THE USUAL PROBUS PARKING CARD WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE—PAY PARKING ONLY)**
- 9:00 AM—COACH DEPARTS FOR STAVE FALLS**
- 10:30 AM—ARRIVE FOR DAM MUSEUM TOUR**
- 12:30 PM—DEPART FOR MISSION SPRINGS MICRO-BREWERY**
- 1:00 PM—BUFFET LUNCH AT BREWERY (INCLUDED)**
- 1:45 PM—DEPART FOR WESTMINSTER ABBEY**
- 2:00 PM—TALK AND TOUR OF THE ABBEY CHURCH, WALK IN THE GARDENS TO THE LOOKOUT**
- 4:00 PM—COACH DEPARTS FOR RETURN TRIP**
- 5:30 PM—ARRIVE BACK AT THE PLANETARIUM**

**DUE TO PARKING COSTS, IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO ARRANGE SOME CAR-POOLING**

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Additional information: Richard Earthy at [rdearthy@gmail.com](mailto:rdearthy@gmail.com) or Chris Finch at [cafb@shaw.ca](mailto:cafb@shaw.ca)

**Deadline for registration:** May 4. **Deadline for cancellation** May 4 unless another registration available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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