

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

May 2020

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



What a sad and unsettling time we are living through. Like many other things in our lives, our Orca PROBUS club is in abeyance, but still alive and ticking. As you will see by the content of this newsletter, our members have not been sitting still! Gardening is really b(l)ooming, baking and other crafts are popular as ever. It is grand to see members keeping so busy and smiling, especially under the present circumstances.

Your Management Committee has been working behind the scenes to keep everything possible working. Our Publicity Director, Bruce Ellis, has been doing a great job of handling several requests for assistance via our email address: orcaprobus@gmail.com. We have had tremendous support from club members with the capability or expertise to help. Please, if anyone requires assistance or support to help work through this difficult phase, contact us via the above email and we will do as much as we can to help.

We recently held a Zoom video conference Management Committee meeting which meant a steep learning curve for a few of us, yours truly especially. It is amazing how we have adapted to these changing times. There are signs that the situation is improving and the authorities are considering a gradual relaxation of some restrictions in, we hope, the not-too-distant future. However we do recognize that social distancing requirements will not enable any large group events this summer. We are therefore looking to how we as a club can gradually restart some social activities on a smaller scale whenever conditions allow.

Any ideas are welcome.

The safety of you, our members, is our club's top priority, so please keep smiling, be kind and stay safe.

Cheers!
President Ken

The ORCA PROBUS CLUB meetings are cancelled until at least September.

Our Website: www.orcaprobus.ca



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 Mary-Kate Cowan | 21 Judith McIntosh |
| 03 Nancy Dyke | 22 Elaine Walker |
| 04 Glenn Grieve | 25 Alistair Taylor |
| 06 Pat Ellis | 27 Evelyn Keith |
| 12 Marguerite Ancell | 28 George McNeill |
| 13 Melanie Olson | 30 Gene Morris |
| 13 Carolyn Cronk | 30 Rod Keith |
| 14 Berta Knight | |

MILESTONES

On May 10, 2005 John and Georgia McLellan joined Probus and now celebrate 15 years of happy camping with Orca!

They said gloves and a mask were all you needed to go to the supermarket...
They lied! Every one else had clothes on!



If Social Distancing had been around 50 years ago!

SCENES FROM ISOLATION

How our members are spending this time of reflection and contemplation far from the Madding Crowd



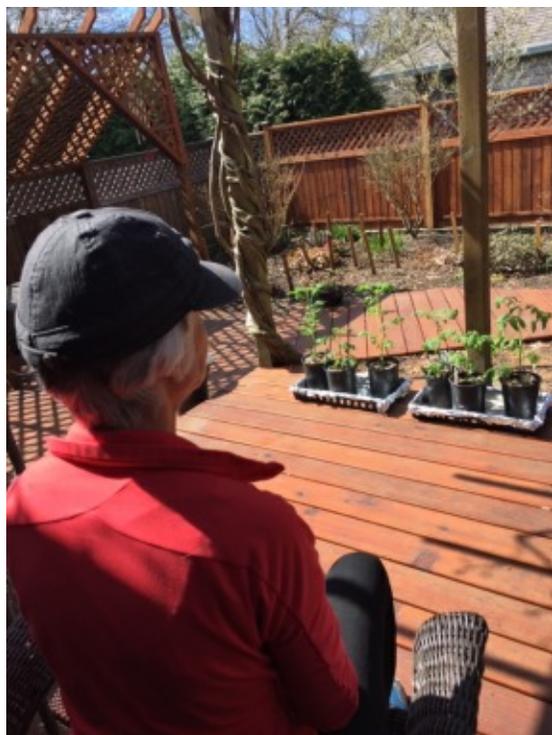
Cricket and Ian work on their art



Jill Ackerman loves to ride



Jill also discovered she can make masks from men's underwear



Barb Wilson watches her tomatoes grow ... very relaxing



With the shops and salons closed what is a gal to do?
Here Mister Mark works on Bev Oulette's doo.

Bookings available?



Music certainly fills the soul and lifts the spirits so we hope our singers and friends are enjoying their music and putting their favourite songs on and singing along. We very much miss getting together and singing with you but we know once this is done and it is safe to return we will do so with full hearts and smiles! Until then we are still singing and keeping our voices in tune. Rae and I got together yesterday and went over quite a few songs and it was a joyful time filled with some good laughter and making music - our neighbours around us were very supportive. We will be doing this while the weather is good and learning some new songs too. So keep on singing because we will be together again soon.



Bruce has lots of time to work on the model ship Mathew, a 1497 caravel



John Dickinson built this cherry table and end tables

PUZZLES AND CRAFTS



Do you like to spend time working on giant crossword puzzles? Globe and Mail have made 5 available free online. You have to trim the grid sheets and glue them together but lots of hours of puzzling fun. Find the instructions on the site:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-a-collection-of-the-globe-and-mails-giant-crosswords/>



Gwendolyne Kruger knits crustaceans



Rae keeps busy in her game room

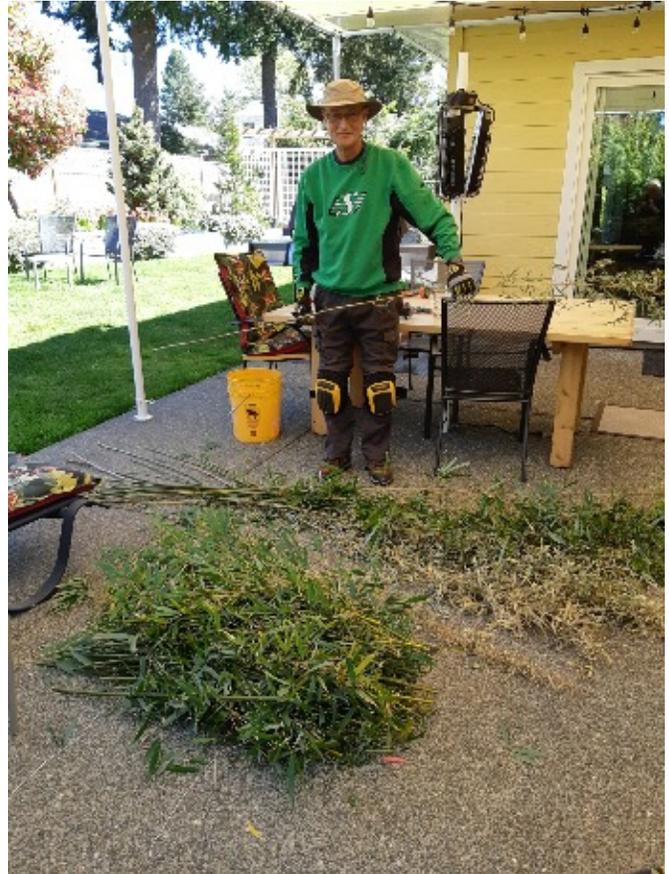


Margo Ellegood's Kitty Puzzle

WORKING OUTDOORS



Cutting Broom with the Broom Busters



Mister Mark doing another kind of trim..
Go Riders



Tim working hard on his tan

Like the Trudeaus, the Keiths are isolating themselves at their cottage. But no relaxing for Rod as he cuts firewood for next winter.





IT IS SPRING

The Camera club were challenged to go out and take pictures of flowers, to show that despite the isolation, it is still a lovely spring here in Paradise.

