

2013 Winter - Spring Program

♥ Thursday, February 14 ♥

Lunch and Presentation by Professor Mariek Schmidt:
“Recent Results from the Curiosity Mars Rover in Gale Crater”

Right from the headlines to your table! Mariek Schmidt has been an assistant professor in the Department of Earth Sciences at Brock since 2010. She is part of the international team directing NASA's latest Mars mission with the rover vehicle Curiosity, which successfully landed on the Red Planet last summer. She will report on recent research results from the mission, and how these can be analysed for clues about Mars' past climate, including the possibility that life may have developed when the climate was more favourable.

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This will be an ideal way to treat your honey or yourself to a Valentine that will broaden your knowledge base, not your waistline!

Time: 11:45 a.m., for noon
Venue: *Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines*
Cost: \$20.00
Coordinators: Stephen Hartman, Don MacRae

Tuesday, March 12

Lunch Buffet and Presentation by Dr. Paulette Côté:
“Training Performing Artists in China: The Good, The Mad, and The Ugly”

This is a must-attend event for any BURA member with prior interest in or curiosity about dance, education, teaching, and learning. That’s not you? How about China? How about what it takes to present a paper with the degree of enthusiasm, humour, and insight that can engage *all* listeners? *Dr. Paulette Côté does this every time.* She is a former Associate Professor in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences at Brock University, former Senior Lecturer at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and recipient of the 2006 AAHPERD Scholar / Artist Award. Her power point presentation will address the strengths and weaknesses of the professional curriculum for dancers in China.

Time: 11:45 a.m., for noon
Venue: *Casa Vostra Ristorante, 219 Highway 20 East, Fonthill.*
The restaurant is on the north side of Highway 20, just east of Rice Road. Park beside and behind the building.
Cost: \$20.00
Coordinators: Don MacRae, Lynette Fast

Monday, April 15

Lunch and Presentation by Karin Vermeer:
**“Growing Flowers and Veggies in Containers;
Enhancing One’s Emotional, Social, Physical, and Spiritual Well Being”**

Our presenter, horticultural therapist Karin Vermeer, is passionate about growing and using plants and plant-related activities to enhance one’s emotional, social, physical, and spiritual well being; she uses therapeutic horticulture in retirement homes and schools and with brain injury survivors. Using local materials, Karin will demonstrate how we might design our garden containers differently from those we have made in the past, and help us to understand that plants and nature really do, “have an amazing impact on people!”

Directions

There is more to celebrate about this special event: the venue! We will convene at the *Bench Mark Restaurant*, Niagara College. The main entrance to the College is off Taylor Road near the intersection with Glendale Avenue. **Parking is free.** Turn left towards the parking kiosk and tell the attendant you are with the Brock Retirees lunch group. (The restaurant is housed in the distinctive round building.) You will be directed either to the parking lot adjacent to the restaurant on the right or elsewhere, if it is full. See you there!

Time: 11:45 a.m., for noon
Venue: Niagara College’s *Bench Mark Restaurant*, 135 Taylor Road, N-O-T-L
Cost: \$20.00
Coordinators: Alan Bown, Evelyn Janke

Tuesday, May 14

Lunch and Presentation by Professor Fiona Hunter:
“Global Warming: Are Infectious Diseases Moving North?”

Engrossed. That’s how you will describe your response to this presentation by Professor Fiona Hunter, Biological Sciences, Brock University. Dr. Hunter’s research, “involves studying the behaviour of mosquitoes and ticks. As one of the few medical entomologists in Canada, she is particularly interested in the role that biting fleas and ticks play in the spread of diseases. Brock University’s proximity to the US border puts it in a unique position to conduct research into diseases that insects and ticks may be bringing with them into Canada. The Carins Family Health and Bioscience Research Complex’s Level 3 Containment Laboratory will be home to one of only two Level 3 insectaries in Canada, which will enable this cutting edge research” (Brock web site, December 2012).

Time: 11:45 a.m., for noon
Venue: *Best Western Hotel*, at the corner of Lake Street, and the QEW.
Cost: \$20.00
Coordinators: Alan Bown, Don Ursino, Don MacRae

Wednesday, June 12
Annual General Meeting

Time: The AGM will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a social period, dessert, and beverages. The business meeting will follow at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Venue: *Glenridge Lawn Bowling Club,*
84 Glen Morris Drive,
St. Catharines

Cost: There will be no cost for this event.

Coordinators: Don MacRae, Evelyn Janke

At this meeting
or by mail prior to June 12,
members are encouraged to
complete their
Membership Renewal Form
and pay their BURA dues
for 2013 - 2014:
\$15.00, by cheque, please.