

Season's Greetings!

December 2016/
January 2017

The Gallimaufry

A Brock House Society Publication

25 Cents

Classic Carollers



Thursday, December 15

It's Christmas, and the Classic Carollers are coming back to Brock House! They will sing a mix of early and modern music - all to do with the Christmas season. The varied repertoire will be sung a capella

Performers:

*Tim Pawsey * Heather Pawsey *
Shelley Hunt * Stephen Courtenay*

1:45 - 3:15

In the Conservatory

Members: \$8 Guests: \$10

Tickets available in the Brock House Office or on-line

Sponsored by The George Halpern Fund

And the Christmas Fair Raffle Winners are ...

First Prize: Gourmet Chocolate "Crate"
valued at \$250.00
– Phil King

Second Prize: Gourmet Food Basket valued at \$175.00
– Donna Darvell

Third Prize: \$100.00 Gift Certificate from the
Brock House Restaurant
– Lorna Romilly

... Congratulations!

Brock House/Kerrisdale Choir

presents

This is Our Song!

Sunday, January 22 - 3pm

St. John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church

1490 Nanton Ave, Vancouver

Tickets \$10 – children under 12 free





From the President's Pen

I'm reasonably sure many of you know that the Fairs mean a lot to me. I started coming to them before I was a member. I remember being bowled over by the quality and scope of everything I saw. I distinctly remember how surprised I was when a porcelain painter told me that member artists were responsible for the beautiful items in front of me (see pp, 3 & 8).

I still feel that way about the Fairs, except now I'm not only a spectator. Now I have first-hand knowledge of what goes into them. Even so, I'm still bowled over. Thank you Elizabeth Jackson and the always eager and generous members of Christmas Fair Committee. You and your teams did the usual remarkable work that we've become so accustomed to. You all spoil us! Thank you members, staff, guests, donors,

shoppers, Kaz, elves, runners, cleaners, packers, pricers, putter-uppers, and taker-downers, etc.

The preliminary numbers look very good. They'll be posted in the Foyer.

The Board of Directors has approved the budget for 2017 and we're all ready to answer members' questions. We anticipate a deficit. During this time of transition there are one-time costs that must be incurred; for example, consulting fees. Also, as I've mentioned before, proactive maintenance of this beautiful old house is both a privilege and a challenge. As always the minutes, and budget, are in the Library.

A reminder, those members who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement may apply for a reduced membership fee. Please see Sophie in the Office.

As many of you know, the city has plans for the Health Precinct. To the minds of many, and particularly those of us who are disabled and/or seniors, these plans would make accessing the area even more difficult than it already is.

Colleen McGuinness, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee and Brock House member, tells me that the city has already received a lot of feedback but, to all appearances, alternate plans aren't being considered. She therefore recommends that we keep up the pressure. If the city proposal concerns you, please write to the Mayor and Council now. It's even easier by email:

mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

While I enjoy editing *The Gallimaufry* the truth is that the members who contribute are the heart and soul of the newsletter. I'm so appreciative of the material that's sent to me every month and the hard work that's put into the pieces. Thank you to all.

People make a place special and I think that is particularly true of Brock House. Everyday I'm at the House I know that there'll be opportunities to chat with engaged, energetic and interesting people. Many of you feel the same. That's part of what keeps us committed to the Society in many different ways. Thank you everyone for making Brock House Society a place of camaraderie, learning and fun!

To you and yours all the best of the Season and Happy New Year.

**-BevAnn Lister Dean,
President**

Welcome to Our New Members

David Bell
Piotr Blachut
Bridget Bryne
Aralee Buckland
Lionel Cook
Patti Doyle
Gordon Giles
Elaine Glanville
Jezrah Hearne
Anne Harshman
Bill Hemer
Lynn Izen
Marian Lumax
Jane MacPhail
Patricia Merivale
Frances Mitchell
Terry Mullen
Edith Nee
Malcolm Page
Augusto Quinde
Marion Refeen
Neila Skinner
Sally Smithers
Jo Tawney
Nancy Teng
Sharon Thompson
Marilyn Thorsteinsson
Suzie Tyrer
Patricia Vasseur
Masaki Watanabe
Brenda Watson
Marsh Yawney
Kenneth Yule

For those of you who missed it, here is some of the fantastic Christmas Fair in pictures. Of course there was so much more. Thanks very much to Peter Phillips for these. - BLD



Walk for Health and Be Safe

Ms. Isobel MacKenzie's office (Seniors Advocate BC) recently tweeted out that the BC Coroners service is "urging caution on the roads after releasing latest pedestrian fatality stats - 1/3 were over 70".¹ This is a reference to a November 1, 2016 document that summarizes pedestrian deaths from 2010 - 2016 (YTD). Included in the summary are the following three points:

- *Deaths occurred more frequently in the fall and winter months. The month with the highest average number of deaths was January (7.4), followed by November (7.2) and December (6.3).*
- *Vancouver accounted for more deaths than any other township (16% of all deaths), followed by Surrey (13%).*
- *Fifty-seven percent of pedestrians were male. One-third (33%) were 70 years of age or older, and 61% were aged 50 or older.*

Earlier this year a study from UBC "demonstrated that an hour of walking three times a week can help reduce the cognitive impairment that causes dementia in some seniors". Further, "the amount seniors improved in cognitive abilities initially was equivalent to what previous drug trials were able to do".²



The message is simple, if you can, get out and walk but wear bright clothing and look out for the driver who may not be looking out for you! Being visible can make a difference! (Brock House Society is a partner in the Walk and Be Seen pedestrian visibility pilot project.)





¹<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/death-investigation/statistical/mvi-pedestrian.pdf>

²<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/walking-can-reduce-memory-loss-in-seniors-study-says-1.3822020?platform=hootsuite>

WANTED



REAL WO + MEN



**to join
PLAY READING GROUP**

**Come read and enjoy plays
in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.**

***English reading and speaking skills are required.
No acting experience is necessary.***

**Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Meyer Room**

**Convenors:
Steven Jung (604-734-9370) & Penny Pearson (604-224-1490)**

We thank the **Vancouver Public Library**
for the use of their play set collection
for over 25 years.

Request for Donations

The two principal purposes of Brock House Society as laid out in our Constitution are to “provide educational, recreational and athletic facilities ... for senior citizens of Greater Vancouver” and “... to restore, renovate and operate a senior citizens’ activity centre”. These purposes have been carried over and expanded in the BHS Strategic Plan that was approved by the Board of Directors in 2015. The direct costs of seniors’ activities, such as instructor fees and course materials are paid for from course fees. The indirect costs of operating BHS, including the cost of our capable administrative staff and the cost of maintaining Brock House, are funded from other sources of income, including membership fees and member donations.

We are fortunate at BHS that we have received significant income from the Brock House Restaurant and the Vancouver Foundation that fund these indirect costs. Income from the Vancouver Foundation is investment income from the accumulation of donations since the founding of BHS and deposited with the Vancouver Foundation. BHS was founded with donations and at critical times has been sustained by donations. Each year we ask members to

make a donation to Brock House Society to assist with the operation and maintenance of the house or to enhance specific activities of BHS.

You may specify the purpose to which you wish your donation be used, usually by designating the donation for the Vancouver Foundation Endowment or for the Care and Conservation Fund. The Care and Conservation Fund was set up to provide funds for major maintenance and renovations of Brock House and in 2015 the Care and Conservation Committee authorized a transfer from this fund of \$50,000 to assist with the renovations. If you do not specify a purpose the donations will go into general revenue and become part of the current year’s activities.

Please consider making a donation to Brock House Society. You, of course, will receive from the Society a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes in the year of the donation. Donations made before December 31 2016 are deductible in calculating 2016 income taxes and donations made after December 31 2016 will be deductible in 2017.

-Keith Service, Treasurer



The Sunshine Book

Did you know that there's a way to let another Brock House member know that we're thinking about them during difficult times? Fran Holmes-Green, a past president of Brock House Society, regularly checks a notebook that's kept in the office. In it are recorded the names of those in our community who are ill, or who have died. Fran sends a lovely card, on behalf of the Society, to the individual or their family.

If you know of someone, contact the Office to ask to enter a member's name and contact information.

From the Greeters

Over the past few months we have shared some interesting ways of greeting each other, and now we thought you might be interested in some intriguing ways people have of greeting Christmas.

For example, did you know that in India (where only 2% of the pop is Christian - still in the millions) people use mango leaves and bananas to festoon their houses? Or that in Japan, KFC is actually a holiday delight? Sales **boom** during the season - over 240,000 barrels! But the Japanese also enjoy lovely cake confections which must be ordered way, way in advance. The catch is that if not sold by December 25 they are considered "unwanted". And the kicker is that unmarried women used to be called "Christmas cakes"!

In the Ukraine, spider webs and spiders (fake, I presume) are used to decorate trees. Legend has it that a poor woman had no means to decorate her tree, but one Christmas morning when she awoke it was covered with webs which turned to silver and gold as soon as touched by sunlight...future financial

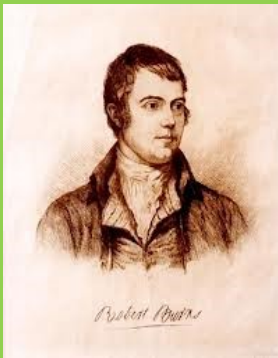
security was assured. (I am going down to check my basement if the sun ever comes back!)

And in the Czech Republic, on Christmas Day, unmarried women can stand with their backs to the door and throw a shoe over their shoulder. If the toe of the shoe points to the door...there will be a marriage soon! (They didn't mention a limit, so I am putting a good supply of footwear in the hall just to be ready!)

Finally, in England, when making the Christmas pudding, stir clockwise while making a wish you want granted. In addition, if you find a ring in the prepared pudding you will have luck in marriage and a found thimble brings luck in life. (Note to Kaz...choking hazard!).

From all of us to all of you come simple, uncomplicated wishes for a wonderful holiday!

*-Cathleen Rowlette, Chair,
Greeters Committee*



Help celebrate the 258th Birthday of
Scotland's best loved poet

ROBBIE BURNS

Friday, January 27, 2017

1:30—3:00

There will be a taste of haggis, sweets and
savories, tea, coffee and more!

Entertainment:

Edward Mornin will Pipe in the Haggis

Peter Scott will give the Address to the Haggis

Mary Brunner will enchant as fiddler, and Michael Viens from Blackthorn Band will sing and play guitar

Gentlemen - this is a good opportunity to wear your tam-o'-shanter!

Ticket prices: Members: \$15.00, Guests: \$18.00

Purchase tickets online through the Brock House Society website
OR through the office

Breakfast at Nice Café ... early 1953

by
Tony Swain



They were early for the train... The station was a bewildering huge echoing place. Their party of newly minted representatives of 'Her Majesty The Queen' had been dumped there from the airport bus, with vague instructions to catch the next train to London, which, it transpired, didn't leave for another three hours. ...What to do?

The group split up naturally into small splinter groups of newly formed friends, thus Tony, Rodger, Archie, Dick, and Eggy, being of similar 18 year-old middle-class mindset, wandered off together to explore the sights, and were suitably impressed by the over-arching roof, and massive supporting pillars of the place.

The human tide flowed un-endingly through this huge edifice, subtly different from the hustle and bustle of the similar crowds that flowed through their familiar home-town railway stations. It was fascinating and exciting. They pointed here, they pointed there, as they wandered aimlessly along, the bedlam so loud, they could barely hear themselves think.

Having had only a light snack on the plane, they were hungry, but could see no sign of a restaurant through the moving mass of people. Being ordinary chaps, they craved an ordinary meal. ... At the street exit, they were confronted by numerous steel posted aisles, each to individual glass doors, which flapped open and shut like magic as people approached.

Through the glass was a bleak, but enticing, grey world. Snow swirled in the wind, and a truck with a strange whirling attachment scattered black

cinders all over the street. ...They wondered, should they venture out into that strange world, and risk getting lost, or maybe too far away to get back in time for the train. What if the foreign flapping doors were beyond their limited ability to get back in? ...Then Dick let out a cry...

"Hey! Chaps! ...Look here! ...There's a light beam between the posts, and when you break it... The door opens! ...Ingenious!" They all scrambled to investigate, and spent the next ten minutes gleefully opening and closing doors, and in the process, blocked innocent and frustrated people from going out. ...That is, until an official person hurried over glowering, waving his arms, and shouting something unintelligibly.

The five young RAF Acting Pilot Officers, Honorable representatives of 'The Queen', and thus very responsible, decided that their 'Systems Test' was complete, and promptly exited into the grey swirling world outside. Which way to go? The area was not exactly a tourist shopping paradise. Huge bureaucratic buildings abounded.

The street sloped steeply to the right, alongside a heavy stone brick curving wall, blocking the view. The station perched high above this, reminding them of Edinburgh Castle. ...A snugly dressed pleasant motherly looking lady, popped from the swinging doors. Tony seized the moment...

"Excuse me Ma'am, but do you know of a small cafe nearby?" ...She recoiled in shock.

"Excuzer-Mois! ...Je ne comprend pas!" and she scurried away.

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Rebuffed so bluntly, the hungry group were dismayed, their high-school French apparently not exactly up to local conversation. Did nobody speak English? Maybe they were doomed to starve in this corner of the Old Empire ...Canada's Montreal!

They longed to be on the warm London train, among their guides and friends. They tried a couple of men who came out... They pleaded...

"Ou mangez-vous?" pointing forlornly to their mouths.

A worker clearing sidewalks saw it all and took pity. Pointing down the hill he said quickly...

"Pourquoi ne pas vous allez à la 'Café Nice', à l'intérieur de le mur la bas!"

...Or words to that effect. Nonplussed by these rapid-fire directions, maybe he'd simply told them to 'Get Lost?' they murmured a hesitant... 'Mersee bowcoop' and headed off in the direction of his finger, downhill through the gloom, along 'The Mur Wall'.

The Wall curved down and around, the bulge hid what came next... When voila! In a little 'cave' in the stonework, was a tiny snack bar, 'Le Café Nice'!

They piled in through the simple center door, stamping and shaking off snow. It was a cafe basique! A six-stooled counter spanned the little eatery. Beyond the narrow counter was all the cooking stuff, stove, grill, toaster, coffee pot, fridge, and one of those cold fizzer drink thingies. The now self conscious British 'Acting Officers', took their impressive official caps off and sat down, filling the entire row but one. Facing them, tough as a boxer, was a grim 'Le Chef'. He slowly wiped his

hands on his greasy white apron.

"Qu'esque vous aimée? ...Cinque café eh? Oo-wee!" They stared at the chalk board on the wall behind him... 'LA CARTE DU JOUR'... listing numerous meals in French.

"None! Nous sommes desera y le pot du TAY-chacun nooz," said Dick desperately, "et nooz dezeray le petite dayjoornay. ...**TEA** and **Breakfast!** Y'know?"

Le chef sighed, pointed at 'La Carte du Jour', and shrugged menacingly. Five years college French was clearly not up to snuff on this firing line. They stared at 'La Carte', struggling to identify anything approximating their favourite brekkies ... and eventually stumbled into painful French...

"Je desiré Le Cochon et oafs, soliel en haut, grill paine, et Tay du pot." for Tony, and

"Wee, moi aussi!" for Rodger, ...and Archie,

"Moi le omelette au jambon fromage, et paine et Tay?" ...and sophisticated Dick... "Poor Mois, le sowsikke et des urf pochay, und tay! S'il vous plait!"

Eggy gave up and said "Me too!" ...The cook gave a great satisfied sigh, and wiped his hands on his grimy apron. He grinned fiendishly...

"HO-KAY!" he said, "That'll be two servings, bacon and eggs, sunny-side ...a ham and cheese omelette ...two of sausage and poached eggs...and ...*FIVE* tea and toasts! ...Coming up!"
"....All right?"

And it was...

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Annegret Meyer, an accomplished Porcelain Painter with some of her beautiful pieces, at the Open House earlier this year.

Brock House

Porcelain Painters

The Porcelain Painting group has been staple at Brock House for a very long time. Some of its members have been painting in the medium for a many years. Others are relatively new to it.

If you're interested in learning more about this fine traditional method, or would like to take a look at some of our work, please drop by.

We meet on Wednesday mornings, in the Art Room (2nd Floor), from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.



BROCK HOUSE SOCIETY – 26th ANNUAL

Harrison Hot Springs Bridge Tour



April 25, 26 and 27, 2017

This annual event is an enjoyable two days of playing bridge, Duplicate, Chicago and fun bridge, prizes, fine dining, as well as exploring what Harrison Hot Springs has to offer.

**Cost: \$355.00 per person, double occupancy
 \$495.00 per person, single occupancy**

The price includes 2 dinners, 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 nights' accommodation, bus transport to and from Brock House, and lessons by Glenda Affleck.

You do not have to be a Brock House member to participate

Registration: Brock House members' dates will begin Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Non-members may register beginning Wednesday, February 8, 2017

To Register

By Phone: Brock House – 604-228-1461, Monday – Friday, 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

On Line: After February 8 - www.brockhousesociety.com

In person: Brock House, 3875 Point Grey Road, Vancouver, BC

By mail to: 3875 Point Grey Road, Vancouver, BC V6R 1B3

FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

Cash/Cheque/Visa/Master Card or Debit Card



**Looking forward to seeing many familiar faces
and welcoming new ones.**



Mozart

THE MAGIC FLUTE

**Brock House Tour - February 26
See your Winter Program for details**



Christmas Fair Wrap-up

Hi Everyone!

We had a very successful Christmas fair! A BIG thank you goes out to all of you! Brock House would not be able to host an event of this size without our wonderful volunteers. Even the rain could not dampen the many people who waited in line to be the first to purchase our baked goods and generous donations. We had a steady stream of people all day and your assistance was greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday!

-Elizabeth Jackson, Chair, Christmas Fair Committee



Thank You Volunteers!

Bill Fickes
Carole Dedhar
Christina Shirreff
Diane Winter
Fran Bobowski

Frank Winter
Jean Whitman
John Schwermer
Josie Timewell
Joyce Johnston

Karen Day
Lin Sircus
Lorna Romilly
Marg Lemire
Margaret King

Patricia Knox
Rena Lawlan
Shahira Patni-Tejpar
Sue Card
Sue Girling

Trudi Reynolds
Vera Catamaran

-Steven Jung, Convenor

Brock House Library



Our book sales went very well this year even though we didn't get quite the number of donations as we have had previously. Our volunteers worked very hard to manage the donations and sort them as they came in, especially during the last month when we ran out of storage and kept them in the Library.

Over the course of sorting on Friday and the sales on Saturday, our 40 Library volunteers in three shifts sold approximately 800 books for a total of \$1597 for Brock House. Thanks to the generous donations from our members and our amazing volunteers we had another successful Christmas Fair.

*-George Bingham, Chair,
Library Committee*

Artists' Group

The Artists' Group featured a wide selection of Christmas cards this year; Maureen West's whimsical cards were particularly popular.

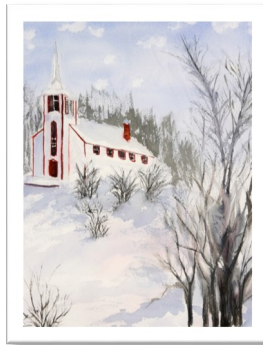
If you haven't got your Christmas cards for that special person, there are still some available in the office on the 3rd floor of BH, but act quickly, they are very popular.

Many all occasion cards are available too, drop by the office and pick up a few. Great cards, great cause and great prices.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this project and thank you to my Fair Day helpers.

Merry Christmas to all from the Artists' Group.

*-G. Olson, Convenor,
Artists' Group*



Gifts and Games

A huge thank you to all who donated items to make the Gifts and Games room spill over with an abundance of previously loved merchandise for eager shoppers at our 2016 Christmas Fair.

Volunteers with warm smiles and attention to detail worked enthusiastically to make sure the many people visiting our cheery room were quickly served and on their way to another delightful section in beautifully decorated Brock House.

I would like to mention the generous volunteers and thank them for the enormous amount of energy that they put into making this day a success. Huge hugs to Roberta Jensen, Ilsa Euringer, Eileen Hendry, Christine Tran, Ann Foster, Emily Shuya, Joy Yorath,

Gerri Patriquin-McKee, Klaus Krombholz, Gary Claven, well done folks! Special mention to Margaret Paterson and we hope she is feeling better.

Looking forward to the Summer Fair and reminding everyone to keep us in mind when the call goes out for more donations in the early summer, together we can keep programs and events happening at our beloved Brock House.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy Festive Season.

Sincerely,

-Jo Krombholz, Convenor, Gifts & Games

Yarn and Needle Crafts



Many thanks to group members Betty Greenius, Sue Robinson, Maribeth Ruckman, Lenore Hampton, and Betty Gunter for their hard work knitting and crocheting projects for the Fair and for the long hours they put in setting up, manning the booth, and cleaning up, and to our dedicated volunteers, Dawn Klassen and Francesca Wilson, whose good-natured humour and energy helped to make the Fair so successful. Thank you as well to those who so generously donated hand-made projects and yarn to the group, and to all who came to the Fair and purchased items.

The Yarn and Needle Crafts group is always in need of donations of whole balls of good, new yarn to make projects to sell at the Summer and Christmas Fairs. Batches of several balls of the same yarn are especially useful in order to make larger projects. Please bring donations to the **Meyer Room on Mondays between 9:30 and 11:30, or leave at the office.** Thank you.

*-Dorothy Simons and
Carol Jackson, Convenors*



Baubles, Bangles, and Beads

There are so many people to thank for making Jewellery such a success at the 2016 Christmas Fair:

- To those who donated the jewellery items: The Jewellery Team would like to express their appreciation for all your donations. Thank you again for your generosity.
- To the Jewellery "Dream Team": Your help, support, and caring made the event so much fun.
- To Administration and Lee Murray: Thank you for your continued support.
- To BevAnn Lister Dean, Security, Runners, and Relief: Thank you so much for your assistance during the Fair.

We look forward to seeing you in 2017!

-Ann McCarthy, Convenor

Fashion Accessories



Fashion Accessories had a great turnout of eager shoppers that kept us busy all day and enabled us to provide a wonderful total for Brock House thanks to all the great donations from Society members.

Many thanks to my team, Jane McClean, Pat McDonald and Sue Wilson who sorted, organized and sold scarves, handbags of all kinds, wallets, belts, gloves and hats. I would also like to thank Elizabeth Jackson who generously took time out from her busy schedule to help us.

Many thanks go to the support team who diligently worked behind the scenes to make the day a huge success.

-Shirley Tobert, Convener

Workshop News



Ron Nielson and Steve Norman recently completed this impressive white oak bench (left). It was built to suit a Brock House member and now resides in Kerrisdale. Other interested parties have already made inquiries. Our workshop is almost too small to build furniture of this size. We look forward to the day that we have a larger workshop, in which to make more wonderful pieces like this.



Urn



Bob Haxton's little cars



Christmas Fair day was bustling and sales were brisk. We all enjoyed exhibiting our work and answering questions. The new wireless debit/credit terminals were appreciated by the sales team and customers alike.

Our next outing is to **Tapestry, UBC, December 7**, to take part in their "Festive Cheer Marketplace".

-Susan Lamb, Chair, Woodworking Committee

Why so many knock, knock jokes?

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Theodore.
Theodore who?
Theodore wasn't open so I knocked.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Al.
Al who?
Al give you a big smile
if you open this door.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Police.
Police who?
Police hurry and open the door.
It's chilly out here.

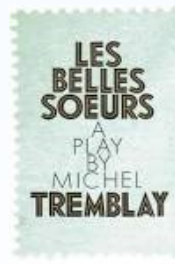


Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Stopwatch.
Stopwatch who?
Stopwatcha doin'
and please open the door.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Nobel.
Nobel who?
No bell, I knock.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Armageddon.
Armageddon who?
Armageddon a little bored.
Let's move on.

Our front door has a beautiful knocker. It works well, too. Michael LeBas, Director responsible for Property Management and "Knock,knock" jokes, has "tested" it. Even better, the terrific Brock House Society Greeters are prepared to help those who struggle with the door. Give it a try, with or without a joke, and let us know what you think.



“From the Page to the Stage” Returns

Back for its 2nd year, the Esther Birney series “From the Page to the Stage” returns Thursday mornings during the Winter Session. Join local artists as they reveal how they use their imaginations and the creative process to translate a written script to vibrant live drama.

This year’s speakers take us behind the scenes of the following local productions:

January 19 - UBC Opera’s *Eugene Onegin*

February 2 - Pacific Theatre’s *Corleone: The Shakespearean Godfather*

February 16 - Carousel Theatre’s *Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in Hat*

March 2 - UBC Theatre’s *Les Belles-Soeurs*

March 9 - Arts Club Theatre’s *Angels In America: Millennium Approaches*

March 16 - United Players’ *The Train Driver*

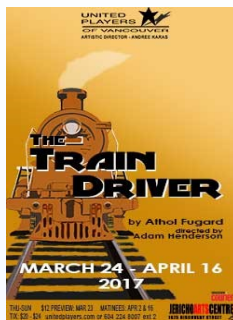
March 30 - Gateway Theatre’s *The Watershed*

Also, if you are attending Brock House’s tour to Victoria to see Pacific Opera’s *The Magic Flute*, or if you are simply an opera lover, join us on February 9 for a talk on the staging of Mozart’s famous opera.

“From the Page to the Stage” takes place **Thursday mornings in the Halpern Room from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** followed by a 15 minute Q&A. Bridge players are welcome to slip away promptly at 11:30 in order to register for their afternoon Duplicate session.

For more information on the speakers for this interesting series celebrating our Arts community, check our website, brockhousesociety.com or the Winter Program. To receive an email with background information prior to each session, please add your name to our email list by contacting mike.flynn@rogers.com with “From Page to Stage Email List” in the subject line.

-Diana King





FRIDAY FLICKS



THE JUDGE

Dec. 2nd 141 min. USA 2014

Big-city lawyer Hank Palmer returns home to represent his father, the town's judge who is suspected of murder, and to discover the truth and to reconnect with his family.

45 YEARS

Dec. 9th 95 min UK 2015

A married couple preparing to celebrate their wedding anniversary, receives shattering news that promises to forever change the course of their lives.

ZOOTOPIA

Dec. 16th 108 min. USA 2016

In a city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox must work together to uncover a conspiracy.

Dec. 23rd

No movie this week

1:00 PM START

\$ 2.00

EXACT CHANGE PLEASE



No Movie
This Week

FRIDAY FLICKS

RACE

Jan. 6th 134 min. USA/Canada 2016

Jesse Owens' quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy.

Le Concert (Subtitles)

Jan. 13th 119 min. France 2009

A famous conductor, fired for hiring Jewish musicians, now works as a janitor. He intercepts an invitation to a prestigious concert and plans to reunite his old orchestra as a substitute for the invited one.

EDDIE THE EAGLE

Jan. 20th 105 min. Britain 2016

Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics.

Jan. 27th

No Movie This Week

1:00 PM START

\$ 2.00

EXACT CHANGE PLEASE

The Brock House Chess Club

Many thanks to our chess team who played against the Bonsor Seniors' Chess Club. Congratulations to those who won or drew their games. Half our team won or drew half their games; we fielded a team of eight players. It was a friendly match, which was enjoyed by all who took part and the Bonsor group appreciated very much our welcome and hospitality. Also, we thank the House for making the facilities available, and Kaz for providing refreshments.

Brock House chess players meet every **Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Meyer room**. All are welcome to come and play or learn and watch or share their experience.

White play mate in 3





Brock House Restaurant

Member's Discount

30% off of dinner for all Brock House Society Members

discount can only be used for dinner during open dining and excludes brunch or special events

December 2016 – Upcoming Events

Holiday Brunch Buffet

Adults \$44.95 / Kids 6 -12 Yrs. \$19.95
(available: Sunday, December 11th and 18th)

Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet

Adults \$59.95 / Kids 6 -12 Yrs. \$24.95

New Year's Eve Murder Mystery Dinner

\$147.00 (price includes tax and gratuity)

Tickets must be pre-purchased

Includes:

4 Course Dinner, complimentary glass of sparkling wine & noise makers @ midnight.
DJ by 'Man About Town'

Please visit our website to view all our Menus: www.brockhouserestaurant.com

Reservations: 604-224-3317 or catering@brockhouserestaurant.com

Address: 3875 Point Grey Road, Vancouver (3 blocks west of Alma at Jericho Beach)

****RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!****



The Brock House Players

**We always welcome new members. We meet every Thursday
at 1:00 p.m. in the Activity Room.**



You do not need performance experience. We will find your hidden talents, hone them and present them. Talk to some of the players, they probably have stories to tell.

This is not a drop-in group. If selected for a role a definite commitment is required for rehearsals and of course performances.

-Eva Lister, Director

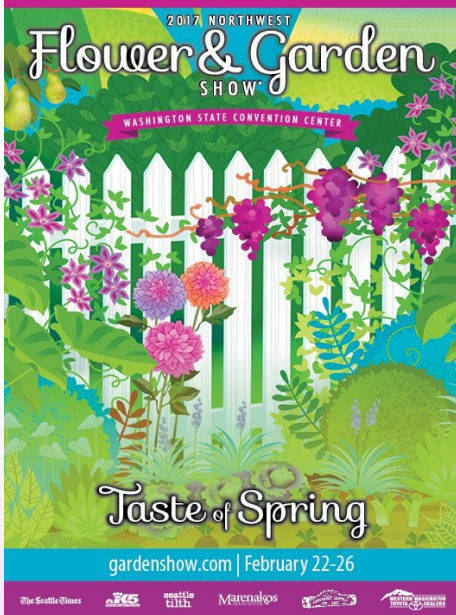
Northwest Flower & Garden Show

Wednesday, February 22

Cost: \$129.00 members & guests

*includes admission to the show and dinner at the
Outback Steakhouse in Burlington*

SHOW PREVIEW GUIDE



There are over 6 acres of flowers, plants, gardens, exhibits and seminars to be enjoyed! You will have four hours to explore the show. The region's top Garden Creators are embracing the show-wide "America The Beautiful" theme — and there will be more eye-popping color than ever! You'll enter the gardens in awe and leave inspired.

More information about this year's show can be found on the website:

<http://www.gardenshow.com>

Leave Brock House: 7:45 a.m.

Arrive back at Brock House: 9:00 p.m.

**You MUST have a passport, enhanced driver's
license or enhanced BCID**

Brock House/ Kerrisdale Choir

December and January are very busy months for the Brock House choir. The main choir has its weekly practices and several other smaller groups hold separate practices. The altos and sopranos practice a separate piece for our winter concert and so too the tenors and basses. Then there are other small groups also practicing one song they can perform. All this gives variety to our concert.

In addition yet another group is practicing Christmas songs to sing in care homes. Then in early December the whole choir will twice come in an hour early to polish old favorites for the care home sing outs. Elsie Stephen our choir director coordinates and directs all these groups. She is an amazing, patient, talented hard working person!

In December Brock House choir will bring Christmas cheer by singing at three different care homes.

On December 14 we will gather at Brock House for a delicious lunch and a sing along.

On January 21 we will have a final rehearsal for our winter concert. Join us! [See front page.]

-Judy Ashton



Tuesday, February 14

1:30 - 3:00

Cost: Members \$12, Guests \$15

**Purchase tickets online or
through the Brock House Office**

Events at a glance

Monday, December 12	Christmas Sing-Along in the Conservatory
Wednesday, December 14	Annual Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 15	Halpern Event: Classic Carollers
Friday, December 23	Closed (Christmas)
Monday, December 26	Closed (Boxing Day)
Monday, January 2, 2017	Closed (New Year's Day)
Monday, January 9	Winter Program begins
Wednesday, January 25	Chinese New Year Brunch
Friday, January 27	Robbie Burns Afternoon Social
Monday, January 30	Seniors Snowshoeing Tour
Friday, February 10	Deadline for Spring Program Submissions
Monday, February 13	Closed (Family Day)
Tuesday, February 14	Valentine's Gathering
Wednesday, February 22	Northwest Flower & Garden Show Tour
Sunday, February 26	Magic Flute/Pacific Opera Tour

Are you a writer looking for a forum for your work?
If so, *The Gallimaufry* would love to hear from you.
Brock House members' pieces are featured regularly.

Send your short story, essay or poem to
BrockHouseGallimaufry@gmail.com

Please submit it in Microsoft Word or similar, between 500 and 1800 words.
If submitting a photo, a 'jpeg' is preferred

The deadline for the **February** issue of *The Gallimaufry* is January 22.

Happy New Year, Everyone!

-BevAnn Lister Dean, Editor

BrockHouseGallimaufry@gmail.com

Classic Carollers Return!

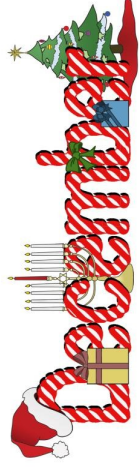
December 15th

Purchase tickets online or through the office

LUNCH MENU

Brock House Society

DECEMBER 2016



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<p><i>A Christmas Carol Sing</i> Monday, December 12 1:00-2:00 <i>In the Conservatory</i> <i>Hosted by the</i> <i>BH Sing-a-Long Group</i></p>			<p>1 Fassoulada Soup Moussaka Green Beans & Tomatoes Salad</p>	<p>2 Italian Wedding Soup Fish & Chips</p>
<p>5 Napa Cabbage Soup Teriyaki Chicken Thighs Carrots Rice</p>	<p>6 Green Pea Soup Baked Ham Mashed Yams Salad</p>	<p>7 Tomato Soup Vegetable Cabbage Rolls Mashed Potatoes Salad</p>	<p>8 Fish Chowder Fish Cakes Potatoes Gratin Salad</p>	<p>9 Boston Clam Chowder Fish & Chips</p>
<p>12 Spanish Bean Soup Spanish Chicken Thighs Rice Salad</p>	<p>13 Won Ton Soup Chicken Chow Mein Vegetable Stir Fry Rice</p>	<p>14 Brock House Christmas Lunch Coffee & Tea on the mezzanine</p>	<p>15 Moroccan Bean Soup Moroccan Chicken Crepes Couscous Salad</p>	<p>16 Vegetable Soup Fish & Chips</p>
<p>19 Coffee & Sweets</p>	<p>20 Coffee & Sweets</p>	<p>21 Coffee & Sweets</p>	<p>22 Coffee & Sweets</p>	<p>23 Brock House Closed</p>
<p>26 Boxing Day Brock House Closed</p>	<p>27 Coffee & Sweets</p>	<p>28 Coffee & Sweets</p>	<p>29 Coffee & Sweets</p>	<p>30 Brock House Closed</p>

LUNCH MENU
Brock House Society
JANUARY 2017

*Programs begin the week of
January 9*

ROBBIE BURNS
AFTERNOON SOCIAL
Friday, January 27 - 1:30-3:00

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 COFFEE & COOKIES	3 COFFEE & COOKIES	4 COFFEE & COOKIES	5 COFFEE & COOKIES	6 COFFEE & COOKIES
9 French Onion Soup Ham & Onion Calzone Potatoes Gratin Salad	10 Fish Chowder Spinach Feta Quiche Green Beans Salad	11 Chicken Vegetable Soup Chicken Crepes Hashed Browns Salad	12 Beef Barley Soup Beef & Mushroom Pie Mashed Potatoes Salad	13 Boston Clam Chowder Fish & Chips
16 Italian Wedding Soup Spaghetti & Meatballs Rapini Salad	17 Won Ton Soup Stuffed Eggplant Vegetable Stir Fry Rice	18 Tomato Soup Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Salad	19 Cream of Chicken Soup Chicken Paillards Potatoes Gratin Salad	20 Carrot Ginger Soup Fish & Chips
23 Chicken Gumbo Jambalaya Green Beans Salad	24 Italian Bean Soup Meat Lasagna Broccoli Salad	25 Chicken & Okra Soup Chicken & Sausage Red Beans Salad	26 Cream of Leek Soup Swedish Meatballs Noodles Salad	27 Manhattan Clam Chowder Fish & Chips
30 Shrimp Chowder Fish Pie Green Beans Salad	31 Beet Soup Short Rib Calzone Red Beans Salad			

THE CAFETERIA DOES NOT CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CHANGE. PLEASE DO NOT PRESENT LARGE BILLS IN PAYMENT FOR YOUR MEAL.
Cafeteria is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Lunches are served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.