

Sing! Sing! Sing!

With

Brock House Kerrisdale Choir

Sunday January 26 at 3pm

Knox United Church

5600 Balaclava St, Vancouver

*Call 604-910-0685 for more details
Tickets \$10 – children under 12 free*



*Brock House/ Kerrisdale
Handbell Ringers*

CHRISTMAS HANDBELL & CAROL CONCERT



Sunday, December 8th – 2:00pm

Kerrisdale Community Centre – Seniors' Centre
on 42 Avenue at West Boulevard

Please join us for music, sing-along carols and refreshments!!

Where Seniors Stay *Young*

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BrockHouseGallimaufry@gmail.com



From the President's Pen

If it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas for you, then you must have been to the Brock House Annual Christmas Fair on November 23 to bring on this mood! We had a great turn out that also included a surprise visit from Santa and his Little Helper, who made sure that Santa's beard was on straight.

A word of thanks goes to the *4 Strong Winds* music group who provided music to enhance the Xmas mood over the lunch period. And of course, a very big thank-you goes to all of *our volunteers* who worked so tirelessly to put on this event.

Check out our other Xmas events including the delicious **Xmas lunch on December 11**. But hurry up and book a seat because the sittings are filling up fast.

As we approach the end of the year, it is also a time to take stock of the events of the passing year along with the hopes and expectations for the upcoming one. For your Board of Directors, it is also time to review the strategic objectives that have been established for their domain and to anticipate completion before the **AGM on March 25**. In order to fill vacant positions, new Directors are now being welcomed by the Chair of the Nominations Committee (*see below*). When they have been assigned to their new portfolios, the cycle of service to BHS begins once more.

If you have skills and interests that could be fully utilized in this endeavour, then please contact Val Lynn, Director of Volunteers, who will inform you of the steps of engagement at BHS. Your contribution will be much appreciated.

Also, as we approach the closing of the year, I would like to thank you, the membership, for your ongoing support in making BHS, the most progressive seniors activity centre in the West Side/ Point Grey area.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

-Peter Phillips, President

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020/2021 BOARD **Member Information Meeting: January 15 at 1:30**

Directors of Brock House Society are elected or appointed for a one-year term at the Annual Meeting, which in 2020 will be on **March 25**. Then, at the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting, directors assign (by election or appointment) the responsibilities for each director for the 2020-2021 board year. What follows is a summary of the Nominations cycle:

In October the Board reviews Board functioning and sets the number of directors for the following year.

In November the Board appoints the Chair of the Nominations Committee who then appoints up to four members-at-large to the Committee. The Nominations Committee thenceforth reports to the membership-at-large.

In early January the Nominations Chair informs the membership of the dates on which nomination period opens and closes and the number of directors to be elected. The Chair also invites members to come forward to serve on the Board.

Also in January the Nominations Chair schedules an information meeting and invites any members considering standing for election to the board to attend. At this meeting, the Nominations Committee informs members how to stand for election and ensures the nominees understand what is expected of them as directors.

Fifteen days prior to the AGM the Nominations Committee informs the membership of the list of nominees to date and that the nomination period will close five days later.

Seven days prior to the AGM the Nominations Committee informs members of the list of nominees. **At the AGM** the Chair of the Nominations Committee presents the list of nominees for election by the membership. Nominations are not permitted from the floor.

Documents governing the above procedures (**Constitution & Bylaws, Nominations Committee Terms of Reference and Nominations Procedures**) are available to members who log in to the website. Once you have logged in, go to the Members drop-down menu, then click Documents. then Governance.

-Jo Pleshakov, Chair, Nominations Committee

If You Joined Brock House Within the Past Two Years, Join Us at Our Thursday, December 5, Meet'n Greet*

We all know how good it feels to be given a warm welcome when we start something new. With that in mind, the Membership Committee at Brock House is undertaking an initiative to make new members feel welcome and informed about the goings-on of Brock House, and to introduce you to other new members.

Please join us at our upcoming informal Meet'n Greet on Thursday, December 5, at 1:30 pm, in the Conservatory where you'll be greeted with cookies, coffee/tea and some friendly folks.

Please contact Sheila Resels at sresels@gmail.com to register (as space is limited) or contact the office at 604.228.1461 for further information.

*Meet'n Greets are held every two months. They are small informal gatherings over a cuppa tea and cookies near the fireplace in the Oak room. Not to be confused with our more formal New Member Receptions which occur three times/year in the Conservatory.

-Sheila Resels, Membership Committee

BROCK HOUSE *Society*



Friday Flicks

Start time: 1:00 p.m.

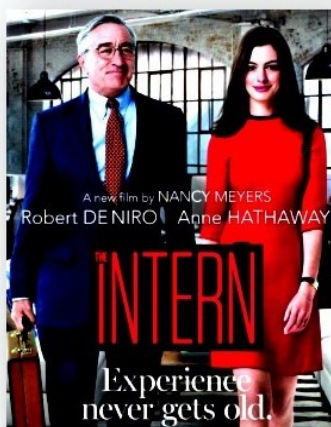
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December 6

Mary Queen of Scots

UK/USA - 2018 - 125 Minutes

Mary Stuart's attempt to overthrow her cousin Elizabeth I, Queen of England, finds her condemned to years of imprisonment and possible execution.



December 13

The Intern

USA - 2015 - 121 Minutes

A 70-year-old widower is not enjoying retirement and seizes the opportunity to become a senior intern at an online fashion site.

Flicks for January are on p. 16

The Esther Birney Literary Arts Series

Thursdays in the Halpern Room
note different start times



December 5

9:30 - 11:45

"Revolution on Stage" - Part 1

A showing of Bertolt Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera* (1931)

The Threepenny Opera (1928) was an immediate success with audiences in Germany and around the world, and its songs are still familiar to us today. It also was a powerful attack against dramatic and aesthetic conventions, an attack that would permanently alter the course of theatre and cinema and that would lay the foundation for Bertolt Brecht's status as one of the most significant art theorists of the twentieth century.



December 12

10:30 - 11:45

"Revolution on Stage" - Part 2

Dr. Florian Gassner on *The Threepenny Opera*

Florian Gassner is a Fellow of the New Europe College in Bucharest and he has represented the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) at the Donetsk National University. He has also taught at Mount Allison University, and he joined the University of Kassel as a guest professor in 2016/17. His areas of specialisation include the cultural history of Central and Eastern Europe, Germanophone literatures from Eastern Europe and the interplay between music, religion and literature. He now teaches at UBC.

Series lectures for January are on p. 14

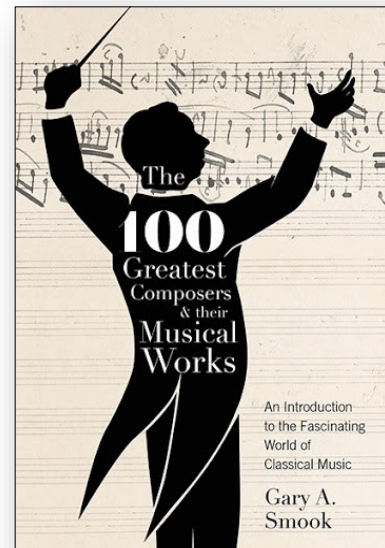
Yet another Brock House member has published a book.

The 100 Greatest Composers and Their Musical Work *An Introduction to the Fascinating World of Classical Music*

Long-time Brock House member, **Gary Smook**, has written and published an introductory book to help people appreciate classical music. His exploration takes the reader inside the rich music and colorful lives of the world's greatest classical composers. From Bach to Stravinsky and beyond, the life stories of these gifted composers are reflected in the classical masterpieces we enjoy to this day.

This comprehensive collection presents biographical snapshots of the major composers in the context of distinct historical and stylistic periods and in relation to their notable contemporaries. Special attention is given to recognizing their prominent musical works. The book delineates the many forms of instrumental and vocal music; and it explores the "basics" of tonality, musical structure, performance criteria, the orchestra and its instruments, orchestration, chamber music, and the cataloguing of musical works. As well, the newcomer to classical music will find advice on building a musical library.

This book is an excellent source of information about classical music in a unique and entertaining format, and will help lay the foundation for a lifelong love of classical music.



Meet the Brockites

By
Lisa Smith

Have you ever wondered how much you have in common with your fellow members at Brock House? Each month in the Gallimaufry we will be randomly choosing a "Brockite" for a brief question and answer session touching on a variety of topics. It promises to be fun and interesting! Introducing this month's Brockite:

Doris Gregory



Where were you born? **Vancouver, B.C. – Vancouver General Hospital**

When (approximately) did you join Brock House? **1991**

What do you enjoy participating in at Brock House? **Meeting and greeting fascinating people and yakking about my book; Kate's wonderful Stretch and Strength classes.**

What is/was your profession? **Psychologist (school and clinical), writer, columnist and publicist; currently occupied in trawling my book on BC Ferries and in coffee shops**

What are your hobbies/interests? **Promoting myself and my book; welcoming new immigrants to Canada, (Trump's loss is our gain)**

What is your favourite food? Drink? **Kaz's tasty tuna fish sandwiches on brown; fabulous chai tea at Dharma Kitchen on Broadway**

What is your favourite colour? **I love all the colours of nature.**

What is your favourite movie? TV show? **12 Angry Men; Foyle's War for its authentic portrayal of Britain at war**

What is your favourite place on earth? **Spanish Banks at sunrise and sunset**

What is your favourite way to relax? **Lying on my couch writing stories in my head**

What kind of weather do you prefer? **The temperate rainforest climate of my youth**

Any pet peeves? **Bigots and despots and other vermin**

Discounting family, if you could meet an individual from the past, who would it be and why? **Socrates, because he asked the right questions**

Have you ever had an unusual or paranormal experience, (ghosts/UFO sighting, ESP, remarkable coincidence, etc.) you wouldn't mind sharing?

No, but I met Edith Fiore, California's self-styled expert in past life regression. She offered to regress me back to the 17th century but I declined.

If you could choose three words to describe yourself, what would they be? **One-book wonder (words fail me)**

Any advice for the youth of today? **Prepare for the worst but expect the best, however, do focus on the present. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow you may be gone too.**

Jericho Park Bridge

By
Gillian Olson & Judie Cummer

I am always amazed and delighted by the talents our members exhibit every day. The pages of this little publication manifest exactly that each month. Thank you Brock House members for spreading the joy this year and every year. Here two of our members were inspired by a local bridge. Completely serendipitous! -Ed.



 **Gillian Olson**



 **Judie Cummer**

Healthy Eating for Seniors



This informative, & detailed guide includes recipes, menu plans, and information on good nutrition. The handbook is available in English and French and has also been culturally adapted and translated into Chinese and Punjabi.

To order a printed copy, phone **8-1-1**. Or order a copy online using HealthLinkBC's Resource Order Form:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/services-and-resources/resource-order-form>

-Thanks to Ivy O'Flynn

Year-end Tax Tip



The year 2019 is quickly coming to an end. Whether you own your own home, have investments or live on a fixed income, have you talked with your investment planner about tax-saving initiatives? The month of December is a good time to discuss tax planning with your financial advisor before year-end.

If you are considering a charitable donation to Brock house Society for the current year, it must be made before December 31 in order to receive a charitable donation receipt for the year 2019.

Thank you.

-Joanne Enns, Administrator

**Look for this thought-provoking class, convened by Henriette Orth,
in your Winter 2020 Program Brochure. - Ed.**

21 Things You May Not Know About The Indian Act

Canadians are hearing and reading much about Indigenous People these days on radio, TV and almost daily in our newspapers. At Brock House, a group of us are studying the book **21 Things You May Not Know About The Indian Act: Helping Canadians make reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a reality** by **Bob Joseph**. The book is 172 pages and goes into some detail of the negative effects each article had on Indigenous People. *21 Things...* has been an instant best seller, won awards and Shelagh Rogers says this book is, "An invaluable resource....The time is right for this book".

From the introduction in the book:

"The Roots Of the *Indian Act* lie in the *Bagot Report* of 1844 that recommended that control over Indian matters be centralized, that the children be sent to boarding schools away from the influence of their communities and cultures, that the Indians be encouraged to assume the European concept of free enterprise....The *Bagot Report* provided the frame work for the *Indian Act*, 1876."

The following is a list of articles contained in the book. (You can find much more information if you google the title of the book.)

The *Indian Act*:

1. denied **women status**;
2. introduced **residential schools**;
3. created **reserves**;
4. **renamed** individuals with European names;
5. restricted First Nations from leaving reserve without **permission** from Indian Agent (update: 18/04/16 - the pass system was a policy endorsed by the government; it was never an Order In Council or Regulation but was definitely designed to keep First Nations on the reserve);
6. enforced **enfranchisement** of any First Nation admitted to university;
7. could expropriate portions of reserves for roads, railways and other public works, as well as to move an entire reserve away from a municipality if it was deemed expedient;
8. could lease out uncultivated reserve lands to non-First Nations if the new leaseholder would use it for farming or pasture;
9. forbade First Nations from forming political organizations;
10. prohibited anyone, First Nation or non-First Nation, from soliciting funds for First Nation legal claims without special license from the Superintendent General. (This 1927 amendment granted the government control over the ability of First Nations to pursue land claims.);
11. prohibited the sale of **alcohol** to First Nations;
12. prohibited sale of ammunition to First Nations;
13. prohibited pool hall owners from allowing First Nations entrance;
14. imposed the "**band council**" system;
15. forbade First Nations from speaking their native language;
16. forbade First Nations from practicing their traditional religion;
17. forbade western First Nations from appearing in any public dance, show, exhibition, stampede or pageant wearing traditional regalia;
18. declared **potlatch** and other cultural ceremonies illegal;
19. denied First Nations the **right to vote**;
20. created **permit system** to control First Nations ability to sell products from farms;
21. is a piece of legislation created under the British rule for the purpose of subjugating one race - Aboriginal people.

Major amendments were made to the Act in 1951 and 1985. In the 1951 amendments, the banning of dances and ceremonies, and the pursuit of claims against the government were removed. In 1985, Bill C-31 was introduced. The process of having to give up one's status as an Indian was terminated in this bill.

-Henriette Orth & Glenys Acland

Brock House Chess Players

Thanks to everyone who came to play in our semi-annual friendly match with Bonsor Seniors Chess Club. We regret that on account of a variety of circumstances, some of their members could not come. We also apologize to our own members who came to play but had no opponent. We fielded six players who played two games each. The final score was tied at Bonsor 6 Brock House 6.

This was an enjoyable event, and everyone appreciated Brock House's hospitality with cookies and coffee. Thanks to Brock House Society for supporting this endeavour.

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

The following are the chess puzzles for December & January.

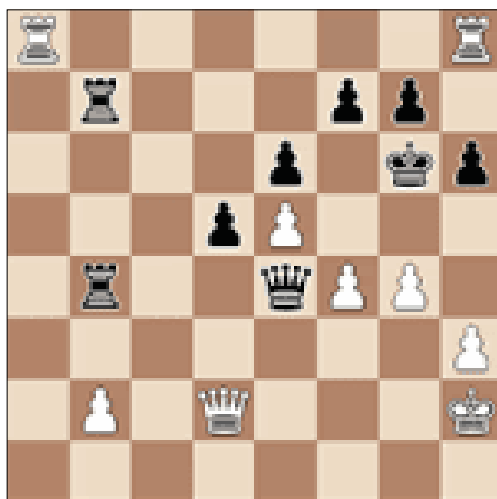
-Alejandro Ramirez, Convenor



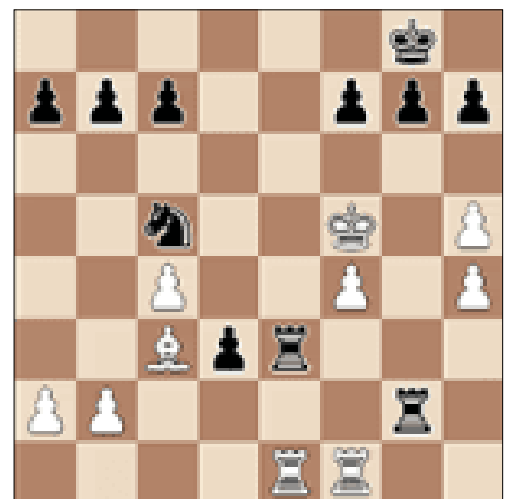
White moves and wins in 3



Black moves and wins in 3



White moves and wins in 3



Black moves and wins in 3



Note: As usual the chess group will discuss the results during chess sessions.

Starting at Four

by Parker O'Brian

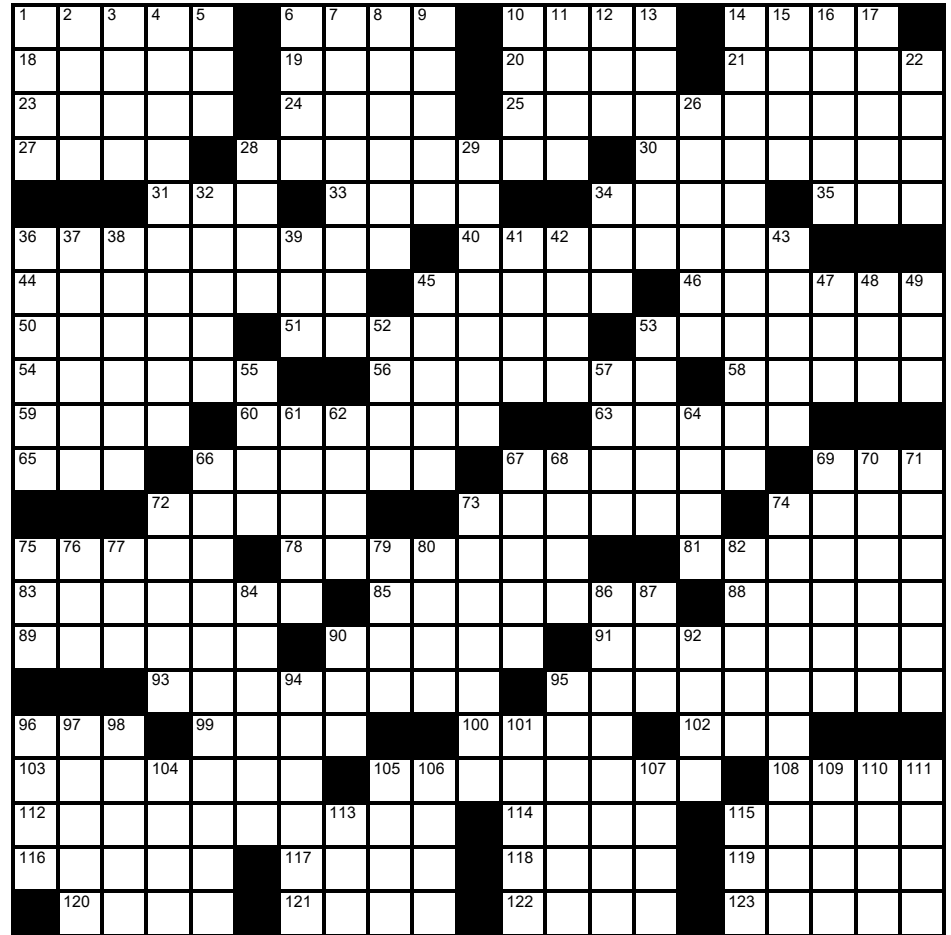
Across

1. Some like it hot
6. Bill producers
10. Cowardly lion
portrayer
14. Uno + dos
18. Less friendly
19. Tell's partner
20. Kind of arch
21. Walks through water
23. Scoundrel
24. Actual
25. Once quadrupled,
discussion groups
are transformed
into multiple hesita-
tions?
27. Where the buck
stops
28. Close to the end in
the ring
30. Taboo
31. Highlands negative
33. Worry
34. Part of UCLA, abbr.
35. Tee preceder
36. After doubling,
structural designs
give way to gym
class equipment?
40. Surpassed
44. Irritating
45. Facilitates
46. Leaning to the right
50. Marie Antoinette,
e.g.
51. Large country
houses
53. Err
54. "Ed Wood" Oscar
winner
56. Speculate on
58. Bridge locales
59. Latin 101 verb
60. Soccer players with-
ing on the field,
often
63. Become edible
65. Seattle clock setting,
abbr
66. "Enough already!"
67. Fur pieces
69. Math degree
72. Range rover
73. Actors Peter or An-
nette
74. Siberian river
75. 1963 film starring
Price, Lorre and
Karloff, with "The"
78. Ancient perfume
ingredient, var.

81. More likely be to
X-rated
83. Environment of 34
Across
85. Feature at many
galas
88. Fixin' to
89. "Raging Bull"
Oscar winner
90. Lingering traces
91. Job perks
93. Sweet wine
95. When one more is
added,
abandonment
turns into too
many Japanese
beverages?
96. Fast no more
99. Tenn. neighbor
100. It was dropped at
Woodstock
102. Legendary Giant
103. Disapprove of
105. Tofu source
108. "Darn it!"
112. After one
disappears,
progress morphs
into Burt, Fred
and Rachel?
114. Wabbit hunter
115. Marsh wader
116. Fourth largest
continent, abbr.
117. 100 dinars
118. North Sea feeder
119. Muse of poetry
120. Kennedy and
Turner
121. Ballad of John
and ____
122. Simon ____
123. County on the
Thames

Down

1. Many a turban
wearer
2. Unpopular spots
3. When repeated, a
1997 Jim Carrey
comedy
4. When topped up by
three, tennis
swings give way
to a ship's crew?
5. Exist
6. Concerning
7. Spacecraft part
8. Prepares, as a
campaign
9. Nobel, for one



10. Shake, as a tail
11. Not fer
12. Curse
13. Eye part
14. When tripled, hefty
savings turn into the
contents of a record
album?
15. Indian princess
16. Draw forth
17. They follow quarters
22. J.F.K. arrivals once
26. Draw forth
28. Do followers
29. After doubling,
scrounging activities
lead to bronze and iron
periods?
32. Bewildered
34. Pkg. deliverer
36. Cap attachment
37. Letter shaped
construction pieces
38. Show friendliness to
39. GPA, abbr.
41. Operates
42. ____ Trueheart of "Dick
Tracy"
43. He was Bourne in the
USA

45. Accustom
47. Dieters' units: Abbr.
48. Project conclusion
49. French pronoun
52. "Happy Days Are Here
Again" composer
53. ____ waters run deep
55. Sci-fi staples
57. Buck and kang follower
61. Whack-____
62. Hawaiian coffee
64. Rigg's role on TV's "The
Avengers"
66. After an increase of five,
precursors become a track
meet?
67. Zaps
68. Archaeological find
69. Boring pest
70. Quinze et quinze
71. Torment
72. Obscure
73. After a loss of three,
stimulation leads to a final
down on the gridiron?
74. After halving, ancestors are
reincarnated into modern
parents?
75. X-ray unit
76. Pet detective, ____ Ventura

77. It may move you
79. "Go ahead!"
80. Basilica feature
82. Discharge
84. Site of the 1980 Summer
Olympics
86. Obeyed
87. Gun a motor
90. Tolstoy title word
92. Element #10
94. Stool pigeon
95. Tibia's neighbour
96. Young newts
97. Nirvana attainer
98. Singer known as "The
Velvet Fog"
101. Java joints
104. Work in the garden
105. Badlands Nat'l. Park
locale
106. Site of the 1952 Winter
Olympics
107. Summer drinks
109. Pitcher stats
110. ____ d'Azur
111. Fort attacked by
"Goldfinger"
113. Kia model
115. Part of a bray

Christmas Fair Wrap-up

***Thanks to all the Brock House Society members who volunteered to make the Christmas Fair a huge success.
We could not have this annual event without the support and generous donation of time and energy of our members.
Best Holiday Wishes!***

-Joanna Walentowicz, Christmas Fair Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you Volunteers - Gifts and Games, Treasures


Sincere thanks to the volunteers on Friday and Saturday for the Brock House Fair.

First of all a huge thank you to Lee and Nebojsa for their patience and delivering all the donated items to the Billiards room. Also for then transferring the packed and priced boxed items to appropriate rooms for set up on Friday and Saturday.

Joanne and Yolanda, you were both tremendously supportive and involved in solving any issues that came up throughout the time we were sorting and pricing.

Thanks to the Billiards players who had to put their game on hold for the duration of the sorting and pricing, we appreciate your sacrifice!



 Stan Hohnholz



Without the following volunteers, we just could not have a successful sales day, a huge thank-you to Georgie Graham and Hilda Wiebe, for managing the Treasures section along with their excellent volunteers - Margaretta Shirkoff, Maureen Thackery, Virginia O'Connell, and Sharron Williams.

To the energetic crew who managed to find spots in our rather small area for all our Gifts and Games items - Chick Bachop, Kay and Larry Sackney, Kay Ley, Joy Yorath, Klaus Krombholz, Eileen Hendry, Kathleen Hallam, my heartfelt thanks for so much help in making this a successful encounter. We now have a perfect traffic control person amongst us--but I shall keep that person's name to myself!

Grateful thanks to Stan for delivering cold water to us.

Finally, to all who donated items for our sale, our appreciation for continued to support our wonderful Brock House. With gratitude,

*-Joan Krombholz, Convenor,
Gifts and Games & Treasures*

5 Reasons Baking is Good for Mental Health

1. Cooking is meditative: Any activity which takes your whole attention...can have a calming, meditative quality...

2. Baking stimulates the senses: ...which in turn increases feel-good endorphins.

3. Nourishing activities feel good: Baking...is ultimately about nourishing ourselves and others...

4. Baking is creative Psychologists have found a strong connection between creative expression and overall well-being – so experiment with that recipe...

5. Make other people happy: One of the best things about baking is that you can give away your creations...

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Thank you to our members for your healthy ways, creativity and generosity!

-Glenys Acland, Convenor, Home Baking



Sue Girling



With a ho, ho, ho,



A do, re, mi,



And numbers 1 through 503,



The Christmas Fair was fun for you, and fun for me.

Thank you everyone!



Stan Hohnholz



Merva



The Porcelain Painters

always appreciate the opportunity to display their work and talk to members and guests about this fine art form. If you're interested in learning more or commissioning a piece, the group meets **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in the Art Room. Ask for Merva.

Thanks to all for another marvelous Christmas Fair.

Workshop News

At the start of November, we wondered whether we had crafted enough items to support our part in the annual Christmas Fair. By the morning of the fair we wondered whether there would be enough space to display all the items that were available. Fortunately, Susan arrived early and arranged everything so most items were visible even if they were a wee bit crowded. By the early afternoon the displayed choice had diminished and by closing time the remainder was easy to pack away. The laminated cutting boards and trivets were the most popular items but wooden scrapers, small boxes with sliding lids, wooden pens, engraved Christmas tree ornaments, strum sticks, folding step stools, wooden trucks, card holders, bird houses, wooden canes, small tables, small tea light stands, a tooth fairy box and many bowls were appreciated by the generous crowds swarming through the Halpern room. Throughout the day it was interesting to watch how people responded to the arrangement of the displays and how the successive, passing fairgoers would initially focus on the same select items as if their initial response was built into human nature. It was also interesting to see that the three small vases for dried flowers (or candles) that seemed to be invisible all morning were all carried away shortly after they were garnished with a few fresh twigs and flowers. Throughout the day it was nice to have the

enthusiastic support of many old and new volunteer woodworkers including: Steve N, Susan L., Alan M., Ron N., Bill F., Bob D., David Y., Marita B., Ray P., Robin N., Wally M., Max v., Karen M., and Steve F.

This sizable number of volunteers seemed to have a grand time processing sales, organizing the stocks, socializing and explaining the value and wonders of wood to everyone that would listen.

If any of the volunteers convinced you that you should try working with wood but you lack the experience or confidence to take on a woodworking project, **the workshop will be offering a practical woodworking class in February and early March for novices and people that need some guidance to be comfortable working with wood.** If you already have a bit of experience with woodworking tools and want to take the orientation for working in the shop, please contact the Workshop Convener at the Brock House workshop on Thursday morning or e-mail wramey@mail.ubc.ca with "Brock House Projects" in the subject line. You can also contact the convener if you have other questions about the workshop or just want to ask us about your own special project needs, repairs, woodcrafts or a general tour of the shop.

-Bill Ramey, Convenor



Bill Ramey

Stan Hohnholz



Sante, Cheers, Salud to our Donors!

Thank you to the donors who helped make our Christmas Fair a success. With your generous donations we are all contributing to Brock House operating costs and programs. A true team effort.

-Patricia Peters, Convenor, Jewellery



Stan Hohnholz



Needle Crafts

The Needle Crafts group had a busy, enjoyable, and highly successful day at the Christmas Fair this year. The Meyer Room was packed with happy shoppers selecting their purchases and enthusiastic group members helping them to find exactly the items they wanted. Many thanks go to the members of our group for their work at the Fair and for the many hours they put in creating such a variety of high quality projects. Thanks also to other Brock House members for their generous donations of yarn and handmade items, and to Christine Chou for volunteering her sales skills.



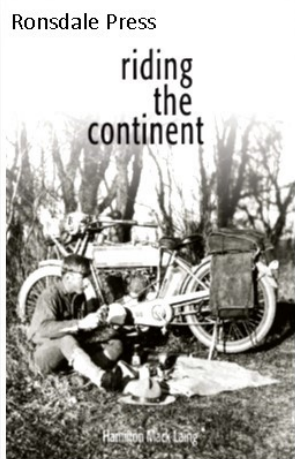
The Needle Crafts group: Maribeth Ruckman, Betty Gunter, Angela Wong, Diane Goodale, Christine Albert, Joanna Walentowicz, Dee Loucks, Anita Kilberg, JoAnne Sturch, Elisabeth Buxbaum, Linda Hull, Truus Kotwal, Bev Gray, Marjorie McLean, Nancy Werk, Sonja Mitchell, Kendy Ling, Maryanne Broccolo.

-Dorothy Simons and Carol Jackson, Convenors

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January 16 - 10:30 - 11:45

Trevor Marc Hughes

"On Riding the Continent"

Journalist and actor, Trevor Marc Hughes, will give an illustrated talk on British Columbia's first environmentalist, **Hamilton Mack Laing**. "Laing's tale explores the beauty of North America's bird life, describes the sights, scenery and people he encountered,

and takes us along for the ride on a 1915 Harley-Davidson he named Barking Betsy." – TMH



January 23 - 9:30 - 11:45

Dr. John LeBlanc

"Sexual Politics in Thomas Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*"

This session will include both a lecture and the showing of the 1967 version of the film based on the novel. Dr. LeBlanc is a UBC professor emeritus.



February 6 - 10:30 - 11:45

Dr. Debbie Schachter

"Critical Information Literacy: Engaging citizens in reflective practices in the information age"

Dr. Schachter is the University Librarian at Capilano University, an adjunct faculty member with the UBC iSchool and sessional faculty at the Langara Library Technician program. She recently completed her Doctor of Education with the University of Edinburgh on the topic of critical information literacy.



**BROCK
HOUSE
Society**

Robbie Burns Day Thursday, January 23rd, 2020.

Help celebrate
the 261st Birthday
of Scotland's best
loved poet

Robbie Burns

Thursday,
January 23rd, 2020
1:45 - 3:15pm

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

Entertainment:

Edward Mornin will Pipe in the Haggis
Peter Scott will give the Address to the Haggis
Enjoy music from members of the Blackthorn Band!

Ticket prices:

Members: \$17 and Guests: \$20

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



Our Brock House/Kerrisdale Handbell Ringers' Wednesday Sextet performed at the Opening Day of Christmas @ Hycroft in their beautifully decorated drawing room.

From left to right: Elizabeth Herejk, Kit Chan, Mona Kriss, Nancy Lai, Amy Poon, Jean Peggie.

-Amy Poon

Registration for the Winter Program begins January 3.

If you want to learn how to register online click/tap on the *Website Tips* Quick Link on our homepage and then click/tap on the *Registration* learning handout to see a step by step guide. If you have difficulty following the steps, drop by the **Computer Room on Monday afternoons to get assistance** (see below).

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Computer Drop-In Every Monday, 1:00-3:00 in the Computer Room

David, John and Brian are available to assist any members with their computers, tablets or cell phones. They will also help with certain programs. Be sure to bring your questions to them every Monday during this drop-in class! On-going.

BROCK HOUSE *Society*



Friday Flicks

Start time: 1:00 p.m.

\$2.00 - Exact change please.

January 10

Yesterday

UK/USA - 2019 - 116 Minutes

A struggling musician realizes he is the only person on Earth who remembers the Beatles, and performs their songs as his own.

January 17

All Is True

UK - 2018 - 101 Minutes

After the Globe Theatre burns down in 1613, William Shakespeare (Kenneth Branagh) returns to Stratford to spend his retirement with his wife, Anne Hathaway (Judi Dench).

January 24

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

UK/USA - 2017- 115 Minutes

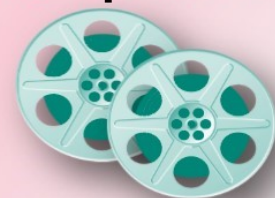
By erecting three roadside billboards, a mother taunts local police about the lack of arrests in the case of her daughter's murder.

January 31

The Bookshop

UK - 2017 - 112 Minutes

A widow puts grief behind her and, against opposition, risks everything to open a bookshop, the first in a sleepy English town.



Brock House Milestones

Our condolences to
the families and friends of
Donnell Norstrom



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by email, please write to:

brockhouse@telus.net

You can also view it on our website:

brockhousesociety.com

by using the "Newsletters" link on the lower
right of the homepage.

If you'd like to submit an article or creative
content, please contact me at

BrockHouseGallimaufry@gmail.com

-BevAnn Lister Dean, Editor



Gloves, Toques, Scarves & Blankets

Brock House Restaurant and Brock House Society will
be giving back this holiday season and are looking for
warm donations to provide to the residents of the
Downtown East Side. Donations of gloves, toques,
scarves, and blankets would be greatly appreciated! **We**
will need all items by Friday, December 6. The
donation box is located beside the greeter's desk.

Thank you!



PASS OR NOT TO PASS?



THAT IS THE QUESTION

Harrison Hot Springs Bridge Tour **Save the dates!**

April 28, 29, & 30, 2020

**This annual event is an enjoyable three days
of duplicate and Chicago bridge,
prizes, fine dining, and use of hotel amenities.**

We're crunching the numbers and promise another
outstanding deal which will include two dinners,
two buffet breakfasts, two nights' accommodation,
bus transport to and from Brock House,
and lessons by Ed L'Heureux.

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

Registration

Brock House members' registration is Monday, February 10 to Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Non-members may register Monday, February 17 until Tuesday, March 10.

To Register

By Phone:	Brock House – 604-228-1461 Monday to Friday 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
On Line :	www.brockhousesociety.com
In person:	Brock House, 3875 Point Grey Road, Vancouver, B.C., 3rd floor
By mail:	Brock House Society, 3875 Point Grey Road, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1B3

Full payment required at time of registration
Cash/Cheque/Visa/MasterCard or Debit Card

A Few Last Words

Attention All Volunteers
Save the date!

December 20

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

in the Conservatory
To celebrate the Christmas
Season, we are inviting you for
Champagne and Shortbread

Look for details in the Friday Update
and please note that
registration is required

Guest Lecturer Parking

The parking spot next to the enclosed garbage area is reserved for guest lecturers during Brock House Society business hours. A complimentary spot is one of the small things that we're able to offer speakers. Please help us keep it free for them.

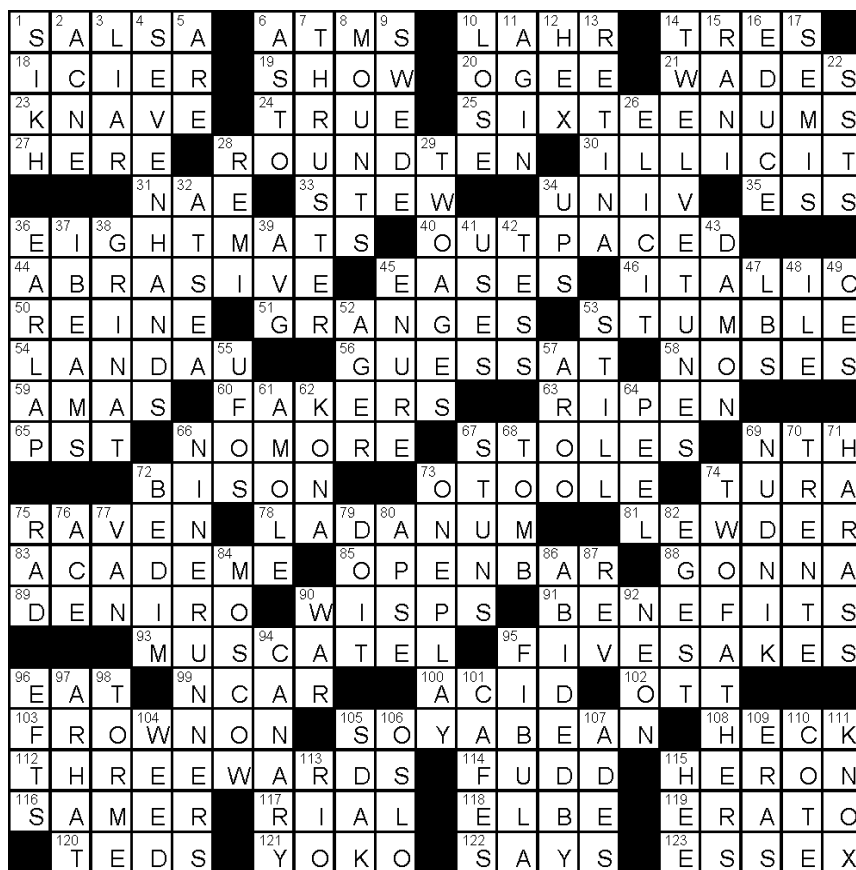
Thank you.

-Joanne Enns, Administrator

Starting at Four

by
Parker O'Brian

Puzzle answers



Special Events at a Glance

Friday, December 6	Christmas in the Country Tour
Sunday, December 8	Handbell Ringers Christmas Concert
Tuesday, December 10	Halpern Performing Arts: Bernard Cuffling
Wednesday, December 11	Christmas Luncheon
Monday, December 23 - Wednesday, January 1	Brock House Closed
Friday, January 3	Winter Program registration begins
Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Board Nominations Information Meeting
Thursday, January 23	Robbie Burns Day Celebration
Sunday, January 26	Brock House/Kerrisdale Choir Concert
Wednesday, March 25	Annual General Meeting
Thursday, March 26	Mardi Gras with the Brock House Jazz Band
Tuesday, April 28 - Thursday, April 30	Harrison Hot Spring Bridge Tour



Brock House Christmas Luncheon
 Wednesday, December 11th
 11:15am, 12:00pm & 12:45pm Sitings
 \$40 members and \$45 guests
 Register online or through the office.

LUNCH MENU

Brock House Society DECEMBER 2019

Bernard Cuffling:

An Actor's Christmas in Canada

Tuesday, December 10th 1:45-3:15pm.

\$8 members and \$10 guests

Register online or through the office.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Cream of Chicken Spinach & Feta Quiche Potatoes & Salad	3 French Onion Soup Ham & Onion Tart Potatoes & Salad	4 Fasoulada Soup Moussaka Green Beans & Salad	5 Tomato Soup Meat Loaf Mash Potato & Salad	6 Italian Wedding Soup Fish & Chips
9 Green Bean Soup Bangers & Grits Okra, Green Beans & Salad	10 Seafood Chowder Shrimp Crepes Potatoes Gratin & Salad	11 Brock House Christmas Luncheon 11:15, 12:00 & 12:45 \$40 members \$45 Guests	12 Yellow Pea Soup Tourtiere Harvest Vegetables & Salad	13 Beef Barley Soup Fish & Chips
16 Coffee & Sweets only	17 Coffee & Sweets only	18 Coffee & Sweets only	19 Coffee & Sweets only	20 Coffee & Sweets only
23	24	25 BROCK HOUSE CLOSED Reopens: Thursday, Jan. 2nd	26	27
30	31	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Everyone!		

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.

Robbie Burns Day
Thursday, January 23rd, 2020
 1:45pm to 3:15pm
 \$17 Members and \$20 Guests

LUNCH MENU
Brock House Society
January 2020

New Members' Reception
 Tuesday, January 28th, 2020

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY BROCK HOUSE CLOSED	2 Coffee & Sweets only	3 Coffee & Sweets only WINTER 2020 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DAY
6 Leek & Kale Soup Guineuse Beef Stew Colcannon & Salad	7 Napa Cabbage Teriyaki Chicken Legs Carrot & Rice	8 Borscht Meat Cabbage Rolls Potatoes Latkes & Salad	9 Tomato Soup Meat Loaf Mash Potato & Salad	10 Beef Barley Soup Fish & Chips
13 Red Cabbage Soup German Pork Stew Potato & Salad	14 French Onion Soup Ham & Onion Tart Potato Gratin & Salad	15 Lentil Soup Butter Chicken Basmati Rice & Salad	16 Spinach Soup Spanakopita Greek Potatoes & Salad	17 Manhattan Clam Chowder Fish & Chips
20 Spanish Bean Soup Spanish Chicken Thighs Red Rice & Salad	21 Beef Barley Soup Beef & Mushroom Pie Mash Potatoes & Salad	22 Vegetable Soup Chicken Pie Peas & Salad	23 Turkey Vegetable Soup Turkey Shepherd's Pie Mix Vegetables & Salad	24 Wonton Soup Fish & Chips
27 Corn Chowder Sausage Casserole Okra & Salad	28 Tomato Vegetable Soup Vegetable Lasagna Mix Vegetables & Salad	29 Potato Leek Soup Shrimp Manicotti Polenta & Salad	30 Chicken Corn Soup Chicken Chow Mein Vegetable Sir Fry & Rice	31 Italian Wedding Soup Fish & Chips