



The Women's Probus Club of  
North Shore Vancouver

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**\*\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\*\***

**THE CLUB WILL CONTINUE FOR 2024-2025!!**

Two members have been inspired to volunteer for our much-needed leadership positions for the Club going forward. Thank you for stepping up ladies and leading our Club forward.

Membership Renewals will be going out this week at the same \$100 membership fee for the 2024-2025 year.

The June Final Farewell luncheon mentioned at the April meeting **will NOT BE HELD**, as those monies will now be used in the following year budget. There will be a June 17<sup>th</sup> AGM held to vote on the New Management Committee for 2024-2025 and approve the Year End Financial Statement.

## Meeting at West Vancouver Yacht Club

**TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2024, at 10:00 with refreshments at 9:15 am**

**Speaker: Leslie Howard, Author**

### **Turning Fact into Fiction: Using True Stories and Events to Unlock the Creative Mind**

There is parking in front of the WVYA club house and just to the west of the sailing school smaller building. There is also lots of parking at Thunderbird Marina, east of the Yacht club, but it is a bit of a walk along Marine Drive and no sidewalk. There is also a smaller parking lot at the marina just west of the yacht club, shorter walk along Marine Drive, again no sidewalks. We encourage members to carpool. Travelling by car on the Upper Levels Highway, take Exit 2, Eagleridge Drive down to Marine Drive, turn left on Marine Drive to the Yacht Club.



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**May Speaker – Leslie Howard – Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 10:00 am WVYC**

#### **Leslie Howard**

“Although I have been a storyteller my whole life, I didn’t start to earnestly put pen to paper until my retirement a few years ago. My mother, the novelist, Blanche Howard, (a well-known North Shore resident for many years) encouraged and supported my efforts. After studying writing and honing my craft, I eventually found an agent who was able to sell the rights of my debut novel, *The Brideship Wife*, to a publisher.”

In her presentation, Ms. Howard will explain how she has mined true historical narratives as fodder for her novels.



*Bopomo Pictures*

Simon and Schuster held an official Book Launch of Leslie’s latest book “*The Celestial Wife*” on April 4, 2024

## June Meeting – 17 June, 2024

### Annual General Meeting and Speaker – Dr. Paul Evans, Professor Emeritus, UBC: China Revisited

**Paul Evans** recently retired from UBC. Paul is the Director Emeritus of the Institute of Asian Research. He is a specialist of Asian and trans-Pacific international relations. His most recent book is entitled [\*Engaging China: Myth, Aspiration and Strategy in Canadian Policy from Trudeau to Harper\*](#). Earlier, he directed research centres and programs at the University of Toronto and York University, Harvard, and UBC as well as served as Co-CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. A frequent visitor to Hong Kong, he also taught courses in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong in 2012 and 2013.

His recent writings and media commentaries have focused on Canada-China relations, Asian security dynamics, and the emergence of techn-nationalism as a defining force in regional affairs.



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**Buddy Tables will be available at the West Vancouver Yacht Club**

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### **Management Committee Volunteer Needed For Vice-President June 2024 – June 2025**

The Club Management Committee has a succession plan for its Club leader starting with the Vice-President, whose role is to support the current President, then move onto the President's position the following year. This allows the Vice-President to become familiar with the President's duties and gain experience prior to taking the President position. The current President would then move to Past President position and continue to support the current President. The Vice-President will participate on the Management Committee in running the Club and step in to fill in for the President duties when not available. The Vice President will also support the other Committee members as needed.

Duties of the President include:

- Leading the monthly Zoom Management Committee meetings in running the Club
- Oversee the budgets of the club
  - Hosting the monthly speaker meetings and AGM
  - Supporting other Committee members as needed
  - Communicating to members via the newsletters and website
  - Participating in the monthly Probus Canada Zoom District leaders' meetings
  - Solicitating new volunteers for the Management Committee
  - Overseeing any contracts.

The Vice-President, as in-waiting President, will need to be comfortable both in writing and in public speaking to communicate to Club members at events and through the Club newsletters and website. If you like networking and working with a dynamic supportive team, this is an opportunity to volunteer for this position. Please contact Carolyn Armstrong, President at [presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com).

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## **Volunteers Needed For Management Committee Member for Club Member E-mailings and Setting Up Zoom meetings June 2024 – June 2025**

### **Member E-mailings**

A volunteer is needed to email the monthly Club newsletters and other announcements to members (currently 225 members).

This involves keeping an up-to-date email list provided by the Membership Chair. Then forwarding newsletters and announcements as provided by Communications and President to all members. Familiarity with Excel, which is the format the membership data is kept, and Gmail group emailing is helpful.

### **ZOOM Meeting Host**

A volunteer to host the monthly Zoom and special meetings for the Management Committee. The volunteer will set up a Club sponsored Zoom account and set up in advance Zoom meetings for Management Committee members to log on to. The volunteer will also assist in any trouble shooting if problems during the Zoom meeting. Familiarity with running Zoom meetings helpful.

Please contact Carolyn Armstrong, President at [presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com) to volunteer or ask any questions.

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**Special Events**  
**There is still room to register for these 2 EVENTS**

**West Vancouver Art Museum – Arthur Erickson Centennial Exhibit**  
**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

Women's Probus Exhibition Tour of Images and reconstructed model of the home and gardens of Arthur Erickson's Dunbar Vancouver property, owned by the Arthur Erickson Foundation.

Arthur Erickson (1924-2009) taught architecture at UBC and built many competition winning designs internationally and locally including Simon Fraser University, Robson Square, Museum of Anthropology at UBC and many amazing homes in West Vancouver and Vancouver. His awards include the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada Gold Medal, American Institute of Architecture Gold Medal, French Academy of Architecture Gold medal and the Order of Canada.

Location: West Vancouver Art Museum – 680 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue (and Esquimalt), West Vancouver, across from WV City Hall.

Parking: Parking available on the south side of the museum and street parking  
Maximum – 15 people for the tour

**The Tour is FREE, but you must register with the Events Team in Advance**

After viewing the exhibit, join the group for coffee at La Crema. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bellevue Street, WV.  
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**Vancouver Orpheum Theatre Tour**  
**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 1:00 pm – 2:30pm**

Women's Probus Orpheum Theatre Tour is 90 minutes viewing of one of the most beautiful halls in North America. The theatre is a National Heritage Site built in 1927. The interior features antique décor, sweeping staircases, and a domed auditorium complete with ceiling mural and giant crystal chandelier. The tour is led by BC Entertainment Hall of Fame revealing secrets of the theatre's history. **\*\*Note:** Tour includes staircase climbing.

**Orpheum Tour:**

Location: 601 Smithe Street, Vancouver (between Granville and Seymour)

Maximum – 15 people

Cost - \$11.09 per person **Reservation and Payment: Cash/cheque in advance to the Events Team.**

Parking: There is no parkade attached to the Orpheum but there is parking in the neighborhood at meters, and public parking lots. Buses from North and West Vancouver can also be taken to Georgia and Granville and it's a short walk down Granville to Smithe.





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### **Guests are welcome at our Speaker Events!**

Guests fee of \$10 for the May Speaker meeting. Check in at the front desk and get a name tag.  
Note: An individual guest can attend no more than 2 meetings per year.

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### **Aquarium Tour – 18 June**

The Probus Aquarium Tour was a small group enjoying a full agenda with a wet lab demonstration of jelly fish, 4D show on sea turtles, feeding and talk on sea lions, feeding and talk on sea otters and a snake talk and demonstration. Then we enjoyed lunch on the Aquarium’s sunny patio.

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### **Website**

Members Information section is password protected for current members only Check regularly for updated information:

- Most recent Newsletter – you will always have access to your newsletter as well as past copies
- Updated Speaker Schedules
- Photo Gallery
- Special Events and Outings
- Probus Group Discount Travel and Home Insurance Policy

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We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (sḵwǝwú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (selílwitlh), and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) peoples.