



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

March 2024

March 14th. "LIVE MEETING"

Susan Ratcliff:

Underwhere: Stories and Myths of Guelph's Tunnels

Presentation:

Underwhere: exploring stories and myths of Guelph's tunnels.

Everyone has heard the story of Al Capone or the Sleeman brothers smuggling the beer from the Albion through a tunnel, but is it true? And the tunnels in the Ward, or at GCVI, or at Heritage Hall? Is there a life underground in Guelph? Let's explore!

Bio:

After spending 31 years as an English teacher, Susan retired into life and work in the community. She chaired the Board of Directors of the Eden Mills Writers' Festival and was a member of Heritage Guelph for ten years. She now works part time as a reference librarian at the Guelph Public Library, and is a committed advocate for heritage both in Guelph and in Ontario.

She is past President of Architectural Conservancy Ontario and President of its Guelph and Wellington branch. She is now Site Co-ordinator for Doors Open Guelph, has been a historical walking tour guide for the Guelph Arts Council for 30 years, is a member of the Yorklands Green Hub Board of Directors and writes and speaks on issues of Guelph heritage. Recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement.

She is mother of two handsome boys, grandmother of three beautiful girls and wife of a very nice man.



10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

March 28th. “LIVE MEETING”

Ruth Rivkin:

Polar Bears in the Canadian Arctic

Presentation:

The Arctic is warming at an unprecedented rate, threatening the persistence of polar bears. I study the genetic basis of evolution in polar bears to understand their capacity for survival and adaptation to climate warming. I use cutting-edge research methods to guide conservation and management strategies that can promote polar bear survival.

Bio:

I am a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Manitoba, working jointly with Polar Bears International, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance. I completed my PhD in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Toronto in 2021 where I studied the role that cities play in shaping biodiversity. Originally from Newfoundland, I now live in Guelph, where I enjoy walking my dogs in Preservation Park and baking sourdough bread.



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Messages : Future Meetings

Meetings for April

April 11th. Brian Skerrett: Yorklands: A National Urban Park

April 25th. Karen Van Ooteghem:

Balance: How Important it is to our Health & And What We Can Do About It

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

March 7th. And March 21st.

**Coffee/Breakfast
RCMC Live Coffee Morning**

9:30 am

Symposium Cafe Restaurant Guelph: 304 Stone Road

Activities & Events

April 13th.

“Jersey Boys”

Hamilton Family Theatre-Cambridge

April 28th.

“Five Alarm”

Guelph Little Theatre

See activities desk for more details

Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

Membership

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to **Martin Alderwick**; 519-763-6939
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Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.