

Sept-Nov 2018

I can smell AUTUMN dancing
in the breeze.
The sweet chill of PUMPKIN
and
crisp sunburnt LEAVES.



Where did the summer go! Here we are well into our Fall program at SLR and the days are getting shorter and a bit nippy. The time has come once more to get those winter tires on, hunt for that snowbrush you tucked away last spring, and emotionally prepare yourself for what's coming. Our seasons are inevitable and as Canadians we celebrate them all, especially Fall.

Save the date



WINTER 2019 PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

Wednesday, Nov 28, 1:30 – 3:30. Doors open 1:00 and Presentations begin 1:30 sharp at Siloam United Church, 1240 Fanshawe Park Road East. Listen to the moderators and facilitators describe their courses and activity groups. Our Program Previews are lively and fun and provide an opportunity to socialize and enjoy free coffee and cookies.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the spirit of fairness for both **current and new members** and also to reduce the load on our volunteer registration staff, changes to the registration process have been made. These changes will also be explained at the Program Preview session.

- Registration forms will **NOT** be accepted prior to the distribution of the brochure.
- Registrations received after the brochure is distributed will be numbered and placed in the order received but **will not be processed** until after the Program Preview.

As well changes have been made to the registration process at the Program Preview:

- You will be given a **numbered registration form** as you enter the Program Preview.
- After** the presentations are over, you will then fill out and take your completed registration form to an Ambassador who will do a quick check to make sure everything is filled out correctly.
- Only then** will you proceed to the payment table where your registration and payment will be accepted.
- After the Program Preview**, the office will combine (in numerical order) those registrations received at the Program Preview with those received prior - thus assuring a **fair and equitable** opportunity for both current and new members.

--**Finally**, to allow time for our volunteer registrars to process forms, you will be notified **within 2-3 weeks** whether you have been registered in your chosen course.



FIFTIES SOCK-HOP

Wednesday, November 14 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

West Haven Golf and Country Club Fanshawe Park Road West. Cost: \$20. This is your chance to don your poodle skirts and saddle shoes or peddle pushers and sneakers to enjoy an evening of fun at West Haven. The SLUGS ukulele group and SLR Gina Barber singers will also provide entertainment. A Fifties inspired finger-food supper will be served for your enjoyment.



Our annual FESTIVE BANQUET

will be held Thursday, December 6 at 12:00 noon at the Highland

Golf and Country Club, 1922 Highland Heights (west of Ridout on Commissioners Road) The cost is \$25 . Come join us and celebrate the fun and spirit of the season.



Moderators/Facilitators Workshop

will take place Mon January 14 from 10:00 to 12:00 at Grosvenor Lodge. This workshop will

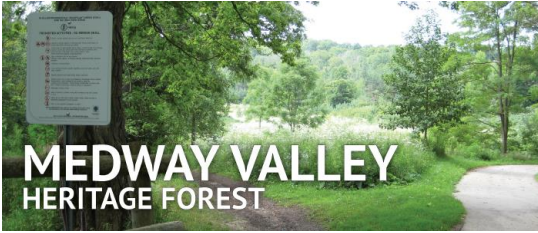
include Moderators of study courses and Facilitators of discussion and activity courses. We will meet as a large group and hear announcements, applicable policies and practices then break out into smaller groups to talk about specific issues and then return to the whole group for wrap up discussion.

What's New

The Coach House, where you will find the SLR office, has a new look. The renovations are complete, the space has been cleaned and organized and is already being used. Drop by and see what has been done.



Looking Back



The Fall Nature Walk took place on Thursday Sept 27, 10:00 – 12:00 at Medway Valley Heritage Forest. We are so fortunate in London to have so many beautiful nature areas.



A Bus Trip to Cowbell Brewery Blyth, took place on Thursday, October 18. Members of SLR who

attended reported an excellent tour of the Cowbell Brewery, a great lunch and a visit to a cheese factory.



The SLR Meet and Greet Luncheon was held Tuesday,

Sept 12, at Grosvenor Lodge. An enjoyable lunch was enjoyed by all. Members had an opportunity to catch up with old friends and new to start the Fall season.

Thanks to Diana Lloyd our Social Committee Chair for arranging such great events for our members.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

This may soon be just a memory



Road construction is still ongoing on Western Road. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our members. Making sure you allow lots of time to get to meetings and courses at Grosvenor Lodge is very helpful. We will try to keep you updated with any disruptions.

In the most recent President's letter it was noted that construction is scheduled to be completed this year, but traffic delays will continue until completion.

With the exception of two recent short-notice closures, the Western Road entrance has remained open. Grosvenor Lodge staff is doing an excellent job communicating with the contractor, ensuring that the entrance remains accessible. In the event that the entrance is blocked again by construction members will notified in advance by e-mail.

Our parking areas can be accessed from Platts Lane by entering the Western residence parking area (going North, on your right just before bend at Western and Wharncliffe, just past Trott Drive on your left). Turn right in the parking area, go to the very end, take the short track and turn left to bring you in front of the Coach House.

Autumn Trivia Quiz

The weather is getting a little cooler with autumn is on the way. See how you do with these trivia questions

What word was commonly used before the 16th century to refer to the autumn season?

Reap Crop Harvest Fall

What English Romantic poet wrote the poem "To Autumn", which describes the season as a time of 'mellow fruitfulness' but also evokes a sense of melancholy?

Paul Verlaine John Keats
William Wordsworth John Byron

In the Northern Hemisphere, autumn begins in September. When does it begin in the Southern Hemisphere?

March February January April

What term refers to the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox?

Reap Moon Blue Moon Bright Moon
Harvest Moon

In what 'autumn' movie can you see Richard Gere and Winona Ryder walking through a beautiful fall foliage?

Autumn Song Autumn Sonata
Autumn in New Year Autumn Leaves

What English novelist and poet, best known for her book "Wuthering Heights", wrote a poem containing the verses "Every leaf speaks bliss to me/ fluttering from the autumn tree"?

Anne Bronte Emily Bronte
Jane Austin George Elliott

Which of these birds do NOT migrate in autumn?

Storks Ravens
Swallows Hummingbirds

What is the name of the popular harvest festival celebrated in China

Lantern Festival Moon Festival
Sun Festival Dragon Festival

Fall Courses

Fall Study courses are well under way. As I look over the list I am struck by the similar themes that run through so many of them: brilliance of ideas, triumph over adversity, intriguing, fierce and proud people and the power of our environment and geography.

Participants tell of the triumphant human spirit overcoming adversity, both individuals and groups. We hear of the great triumphs and disappointments in sports, and survival in spite of challenges both environmental and geographical. We learn about the awesome power of plants and books to sustain and heal our spirits.

*Thank you to the Study Group Committee
For this selection.*

Fall Activity Courses provide a variety of learning experiences. This semester the **Discussion Groups** consist of two political topics guaranteed to stimulate participation: The London Municipal Elections and The U.S.A. And the World Ahead. Although the other two discussion groups seem disparate; The Pursuit of Happiness and Let's Talk About Death and Dying, they actually are both concerned with living our best life from beginning to end.

Activity Groups include opportunities to enjoy artistic pursuits; Music, Drama, Art and Creative Writing. There is also courses for those of us wanting to improve computer skills such as creating Power points and learning about Podcasts. Finally learn about playing the ukulele and the recorder.

Thank you to the Activities group committee