

# WCB RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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## Semi-Annual Luncheon with Art and Hobby Exhibition

**Date:** Monday, October 15, 2012

**Location:** WorkSafeBC (WCB)  
6951 Westminster Hwy.,  
Richmond, BC

(use the “old Rehab” entrance at the top of the ramp)

**Time:** 11:00 AM coffee/tea/Art Exhibit  
12:00 PM lunch  
1:00 PM meeting

**Guest Speaker:** Valerie Cairns from Solus Trust

**Door Prizes Galore**

### Special points of interest:

- 2012 Calendar of Events
- Semi-Annual Meeting/Lunch/Art Exhibit
- Christmas Lunch
- New Members
- In Memoriam

### Current Executive

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### WELCOME MAT

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We are extremely fortunate this month in that we have a guest article from [Hardy Goetsch](#), a former OSO and one of our members who started a tourist business following "retirement", after obtaining his bus driver license. Hardy also spent some months travelling around the world, and in 2010 taught "Tourism" at the university in Jinan and "Western Civilizations" at the university in Tai-An, China in 2011. If all that doesn't exhaust you, how about the fact that he has also written a 250 page book about this "post retirement" venture. Due to space constraints in this newsletter, I have had to break Hardy's tourism memoirs

into two parts and will publish the rest in our [Oct/Dec issue](#).

Thank you Hardy for this fascinating article.

We also have an opportunity to showcase some extremely talented Retiree members at our Semi-Annual Lunch on October 15, 2012. To date we have [7 artisans](#) booked. I have been fortunate to receive some information from some of them and have included a brief review of their interests and their work.

While there were problems with the web site due to restructuring, this is now up and running. Check it out at [www.wcbra.com](http://www.wcbra.com)

*Wendy Pantages, Editor*

# Race Day Reviewed



[23 people](#) signed up and attended our [Day at the Races](#) at Hastings Racecourse on June 24, 2012, and the event was a terrific success. The Racecourse has a spectacular view of the North Shore mountains and Burrard Inlet, as shown in the attached photo, courtesy of Ishbel Kennedy taken on Race Day. For those who haven't been, there is an expansive tiered grandstand which provides multiple outdoor and indoor viewing options.

Members enjoyed a sumptuous buffet lunch at [Silks Restaurant](#), and each table was equipped with a 9" TV monitor to ensure that the group caught all the action from the comfort of their own seats. After the races, some of the retirees went downstairs to the casino to try their luck there. If you weren't able to make it, think about next year!



Art Exhibit



Lunch



Meeting

## Semi Annual Lunch October 15, 2012

The **Phone Committee** will be contacting you to register your attendance. Please send a cheque payable to Carol Sallenback, 2555 -127th St., Surrey, BC V4A 6J8 in the amount of \$16.00 no later than October 4, 2012.

### *Lunch Menu*

*Spring Herb Salad & Selected dressings*

*Sun dried tomato pesto pasta salad*

*Pickles and olives*

*Egg Salad croissants*

*Greek Wrap - cucumber, tomato, lettuce, feta cheese, yogurt sauce*

*European - salami, Black Forest Ham, turkey, Swiss, Tomato, Ciabatta Bread*

*Selection of Dessert Squares and Cookies*

*Whole Seasonal Fresh Fruit*

**THE 'B' SOCIAL CLUB** allows members of the Association to participate in their sponsored "offers" and events.

#### PLAYLAND DISCOUNT TICKETS

WorkSafeBC 2012 Online Promotion Code is: 61muvasu. This promotion code will enable employees to purchase discounted tickets for Playland, Fright Nites at Playland and other select special events held at the PNE, such as Disney on Ice. Visit the Group Sales Online Ticket Program Events Web Page [www.pne.ca/groupsales](http://www.pne.ca/groupsales) to purchase tickets for the event of your choice.

Offer available Aug – Sept. 2012

#### DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS

Discount movie tickets are available until mid-Sept for \$8.75 each. Please contact Sally Melo of the "B Social Club" at [Sally.Melo@worksafebc.com](mailto:Sally.Melo@worksafebc.com) or phone 604 - 279-7442 to order tickets and arrange for payment and pickup.

Offer available until Sept 23, 2012

In the fall join WCB curling. For more information contact Sherry Barker ([Sherry.Barker@worksafebc.com](mailto:Sherry.Barker@worksafebc.com))

Join the golf tournament hosted by the B social club every summer. For more information, contact the Social Committee—see Contact Us on page 6

# The Artists Amongst Us

## Gerry Jansen

Gerry retired from the WCB in October 1994 after thirty years, starting as maintenance carpenter, then carpenter foreman, and finally maintenance supervisor over all the maintenance staff. Working with wood all his life and making all kinds of objects as well as furniture, Gerry took a course in wood carving at a senior centre in Cloverdale. He is still a member of a computer club and works part time with a Wood Carvers group. Gerry's carvings are of ducks and other birds. He will bring four or five of his carvings for viewing.

## Judy Alexander

Judy has been painting and doing other artistic works such as weaving and pottery most of her life. She took numerous courses while at work, and in the late 1990's became involved with textiles as well. She quickly moved from quilting to art quilts and on to using textiles in surface design with her painting. She enrolled in a London based 'City and Guilds' five year diploma course in art and design and advanced experimental machine embroidery and graduated in 2007. Judy took an early retirement in 2005 as a rehab consultant with WorkSafe BC after 32 years.

Since then she has been working full time as an artist where she uses her painting (all mediums) and textiles together at times.

Judy and Christopher were married in 2007, and live in their homes in both White Rock and in Brighton, England. She finds working in her studios in both countries a challenge. She sells her work and takes commissions. More information is available on her website and blog. [www.judyalexander.ca](http://www.judyalexander.ca)

## Peter Hopkins

Peter's career at WorkSafeBC journeyed from Director to Ombudsman, and he was past President of the Retiree Assn as well as Editor of this newsletter until a few months ago. Prior to retirement in 2007, Peter started a small orchid business which he really enjoys. Following retirement, Peter felt he had the time to explore some of the crafts he wanted to do and taught himself to knit in 2008, to cross-stitch in 2009 and currently he is learning to bead. Peter will be showing a knitted piece, some cross-stitch pieces and perhaps a beading example.

## Margaret Perry

Took painting lessons after retirement about 2 years ago. Margaret paints in acrylics and will bring 2 or 3 of her paintings for viewing.

## Grace Hoyrup

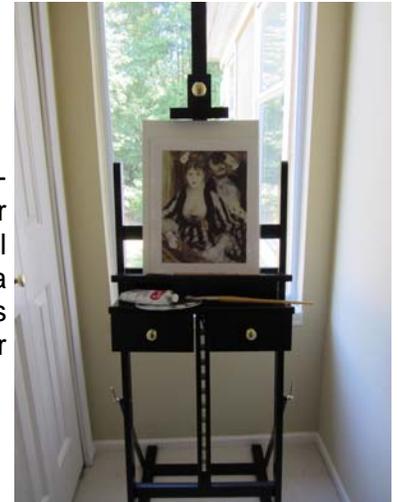
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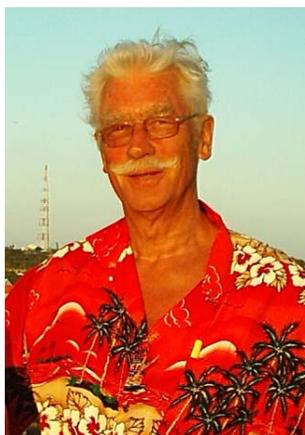
## Pam Price

Will be showing some of her pottery

## Anne Rogers

Will be displaying three or four paintings





## Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus!

BY HARDY GOESCH

### Part 1

Along the same vein I said: "Yes, Hardy, there is life after the WCB". There truly is - certainly for me.

Many of us who have worked for the WCB for some time had been invited by HR to a one day session in preparation for the day when we would officially become seniors. In my case that is now already 20 years ago. Suddenly the last ten years appeared to go twice as fast, and before I knew it, my department had arranged a farewell party and I was free to do what I always wanted, or so the story goes. However I was not ready because I had enjoyed my work and could have stayed on for a few more years. This option however did not exist at the time.

Word quickly spread that I was no longer with the Board, and soon phone calls came from people in industries I had known through my work. The following months I became busy with training sessions. The celebrated huge success of Expo 1986 resulted in the world discovering Vancouver, which led to a housing shortage and an increased demand of construction. Now, 10 years after my retirement, I still spend a few days per month on construction sites to help companies to stay out of trouble with the WCB.

This "huge success" resulted also in increased tourism to Western Canada and especially to Vancouver. Over the years we often had friends from overseas visiting us

and had shown them around Vancouver and its beautiful surroundings. As Edith, my wife, works for a cruise line during the summers, we also had caught the travel bug and had visited different parts of the world. When we did guided sightseeing tours in other countries we learned to appreciate good tour guides. In 2000 a tour company in Vancouver advertised for tour directors. They invited interested applicants to demonstrate their abilities during a bus tour through the city. This sounded like fun and I decided to give it a try. There were about thirty of us, most in our sixties and all candidates were given the opportunity to act as "step-on guides" and give commentaries. When my turn came the lady in charge let me talk for three to four minutes, then she interrupted and said "very good" and I was hired. For the next two years, still with the Board, I honed my talents by acting occasionally as guide for this company on weekends. When I got the "golden handshake", the tourist season was in full swing and I was ready.

From now on I would split my time between consulting and guiding. The same year I was asked whether I could escort a group from Germany through Western Canada. Now this was a challenge! My wife and I had traveled through the Rocky Mountains before but guiding a group as tour director for two weeks was a different matter. I would be lying if I said it was fun. The group quickly spotted the greenhorn, and I was exhausted when we finally came to Vancouver. However never a quitter, I persisted and accepted another tour and then another. Twelve years later I have a reputation as a competent guide in the industry, and I have the option to choose to do a tour. Traveling is expensive - being paid for it is better. In addition it provides the physical and mental exercise which is even more important as we get older.



To be continued in the next issue...

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## Calendar of Events

**October 15** Luncheon, Art Exhibit and Semi-Annual General Meeting

**December 12** Christmas Lunch



### Christmas Lunch

**Date:** December 12, 2012  
**Location:** Marine Drive Golf Club  
**Price:** \$42.00 Please note this includes GST, HST and the Tip

Please make cheque [payable to WCB Retiree Association](#) and mail to Carol Sallenback at 2555 127th St., Surrey, BC V4A 6J8. The money must be received by December 1, 2012. Expect contact from the [Phone Committee](#) to confirm your reservation.

## In Memoriam



Kenneth William [Fordham](#) passed away June 8, 2012  
Dr. Glenn [Willson](#) passed away July 16, 2012  
Dr. Frederick George [Ditchburn](#) passed away August 4, 2012

Dr. Ditchburn was one of the original retirees to be on the Telephone Committee of the Retiree Assn. He could always be counted on to contact retirees to notify them of an upcoming event.