

Clarkson Club Interest Groups - 2009-2010

Antiques Coordinators: Elizabeth Cyr (388-7744) and Anna Campbell (265-2047) azoomzoom@yahoo.com
The Antiques Group invites you to join us when we attend a few lectures, coffee meetings, and the popular lunches with show and tell. We also fit in a few day road trips. There is an annual winter evening dinner in December. We start the New Year with a potluck luncheon in January or February as weather allows. We meet once a month on a Thursday or Wednesday. We share auction notes. We also find a few fun unplanned last minute events. You are not required to attend every month just when you are free to do so. Carpooling and sharing your home as a host for our events are always suggested and welcomed. There are no requirements, just join us and enjoy the time.

Birds & Butterflies Coordinators: Joanne and Nobi Ackermann (265-6774). Increase your awareness of the rich variety of birds & butterflies in the North Country. Communication will be made available to everyone via the Clarkson Club's homepage at www.clarkson.edu/cuclub. You can learn as well as inform others about sightings, nesting locations, food preferences, habitat development & more. To include your information on the website, contact Joanne/Nobi Ackermann (265-6774) or ackermann@twcnr.com.

Book Club Coordinator: Kim Jukic (265-5345). Exercise your intellect by joining us for a monthly discussion of selected books. An excellent way to enjoy books while challenging your mind. Our Discussions will invigorate your mind and soul. We encourage you to read more and to read books that you might not normally choose. Each member has a turn to choose a title and host a meeting. Join us to make friends and have fun! The Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Dog Walking Group Coordinator: Leslie Russek (W: 268-3761 or H: 268-9415), lrussek@clarkson.edu. We are a group of dog-loving people who get together for dog walks, dog hikes, and hopefully, some play dates for the less athletic people and dogs. Some of us go out every Sunday morning, but we could add different times and events depending on who is interested.

Children's Play Group Coordinator: Louise Heintzelman (261-4374). If you have children newborn through preschool age and want to meet with friends, this group is for you. Small numbers meet in various homes to play and socialize on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and Tea Around the World Coordinator: Seda Vural Remus (prefers email) vuralseda@gmail.com (tel) Coffee and tea lovers gather once a month on a Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come meet friends from the community while discovering new and exciting teas and coffee from around the world. We will try a new type of coffee or tea that is unique to a region in the world. Join us even if you are not a current fan; after all, coffee is an important drink in Turkish society as indicated by the following proverb: "A cup of coffee commits one to 40 years of friendship."

Couples Bridge Coordinators: Susan Conry & Bob Meyer (265-8128). We play intermediate bridge in member's homes once a month, usually on a Saturday night, but never on a hockey night.

Fitness Group Coordinator: Shirley Metcalf (265-4769). Learn about fitness programs available at Clarkson, you may be surprised at the number of classes that exist. Shirley organizes a gym orientation every September which demonstrates the use of the exercise equipment in the Clarkson gym. Look for email from University Announcements with info on classes offered (and their related costs).

Garden Club Coordinators: Jane Atesoglu (265-4445) and Suella Young (265-6384). Enthusiastic gardeners and informative speakers share their secrets and hobbies. The 3rd Tues. of Sept. (9/15/09) is the harvest dinner and planning meeting for the coming year. This past year's program featured members offering advice and organizing meetings on various garden related subjects. Speakers from the gardening community were invited to participate. Great refreshments top off each monthly meeting. In March, members help raise funds for the American Cancer Society by selling daffodils. Member volunteers raised \$2,950 in 2009. In May, members have their annual perennial plant sale to raise funds for charity. This year the proceeds were donated to The Potsdam Animal Shelter (\$1,800.00). The flowers blooming around the gazebo and monument at Ives Park were donated, planted and are maintained by dedicated members of this group.

Ice Skating Coordinator: Liz Bollt, ehaboltt@hotmail.com, (323-3454). Clarkson families can come and enjoy some exercise. The group skates at the Cheel Campus Center arena on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

International Cooking Coordinators: Gulfer Cetinkaya (prefers email) gulfer_cetinkaya@yahoo.com, (212-3538) and Donna Jewett: donna.jewett@verizon.net. We meet once a month at member's homes. Bring a dish with recipe to share.

Lending Cupboard Coordinator: Joanne Ackermann (265-6774). This special interest group is dedicated to helping international students, scholars and their spouses and families. The Lending Cupboard was open for operation the fall semester of 1989 and is located at 148 Maple Street. The faculty and staff of Clarkson and members of the Potsdam community have provided the cupboard with thousands of items for distribution ranging from warm coats and toys to small appliances and major pieces of furniture. Students, scholars, spouses and children from 72 different countries have visited the Lending Cupboard. The cupboard not only provides needed items to help furnish apartments, but also offers another facility for informal social interaction with their host culture. These personal contacts help us realize how important international education is and how foreign students have much to offer our community.

Scrapbooking Coordinator: Vickie Christiansen (265-4703). Monthly meetings (or as often as decided) to put together great keepsakes for kids, parents or yourselves!

Wine Tasting Coordinators: Pat and Peter Turner (265-6918). If you would like to educate your palate or share your expertise with other wine-lovers, come along and get to know your personal taste in grapes.

Want to start a new group? There's always room for more! Contact Interest Committee Chair: Kim Klatt (261-4159) kklatt@clarkson.edu