

April 16, 2024



April is National Poetry Month. Established in Canada in 1998 by the League of Canadian Poets, National Poetry Month takes place every April and brings together schools, publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, communities and poets from across the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in Canada's culture. So, enjoy some poetry this month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS For details check our website at www.slrlondon.com



Just a reminder that **SLR's Spring courses begin the week of April 22nd**. There is still time to sign up and become part of the great SLR learning experience



SLR's 30th Annual General Meeting will be held on April 18th at Siloam United Church at 1:00pm. We will present our financial status along with information on what we have accomplished and our plans going forward. Nominations for board membership for the coming year will be submitted for your approval. **NOTE: Please bring your own cup or mug for liquid refreshments**



SLR Coffee Socials continue on Fridays at 1:30 pm one week and Saturdays at 10:00 am the next week. The topics are open and easy, with no research or preparation. We chat about anything and everything. Don't miss out on this great experience with your peers.



Join over 3,000 Londoners on **Saturday, April 20 for EarthFest** at Citi Plaza and the Central Library for music, speakers, exhibits, arts, an Indigenous ceremony, kids' activities and more in celebration of Earth Day. Free event. Checkout details at www.EarthfestLondon.ca/



PORT STANLEY THEATRE – “THE BEAVER CLUB”
Thursday May 23, 2:00 p.m. Port Stanley Theatre Cost: \$48



SLR FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

(ONLINE), Friday, June 7, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration opens at 3 p.m. following the Preview



SLR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Do you have Friday, June 14th, from 1 to 4, marked on your calendar? If not, why not? That is when SLR will be celebrating our 30th anniversary at Grosvenor Lodge. While the party is primarily for members, if you would like to bring a guest, we ask that you register them, along with yourself, through our website. The event is free to members, but we will welcome donations for any non-members who come with you, either by cash or by Interact. There will be food (including cake) beverages, and musical entertainment from Jim Chapman, who many may know. There will be sing-along opportunities, you can be sure. It will be chance to enjoy the grounds of Grosvenor Lodge in all their summer beauty.

CELEBRATING SLR VOLUNTEERS



Shari McNeill adventure with SLR kicked off in September 2015, right after wrapping up her professional sales career. She discovered SLR during a curious Google search for "Things to do in retirement in London Ontario." Shari was instantly intrigued. Enthralled by Study Group topics, she soon joined the Blue Curriculum Committee, and continues to enjoy creating new courses that make learning fun. With her interest for tech, she's often at the helm of courses with a digital twist—though Cannabis 101 was a delightful detour! In mid 2019 Shari suggested to fellow tech-enthusiast, Ed Jambor, that they should automate the course registration process. Sandy Kechnie joined in and together they created the current slrlondon.com website with online registration - just as the pandemic hit. Shari currently serves as the website Webmaster, diligently maintaining its functionality and overseeing each semester's course uploads. Shari also helps other members use software tools like Zoom and MailChimp. Shari embodies her love for SLR, finding it an avenue to continuously learn, connect with others, and navigate the ever-evolving technical landscape. "I love SLR." says Shari, I wanted a way to keep learning, meet new people, and stay up-to-date in a technical world. I sure found it!

Grant Miles



A friend of ours, an SLR member, encouraged us to join after our return to London from Ottawa. My wife Barbara was the first to join. I followed in the fall of 2017. My first study group experience was titled The Vikings, led by Helen Olmstead. I had planned to explore Viking Ships, but that topic being taken, I dove into researching Viking Law. I must say that this was a great way to start. And I was hooked.

Since that time, I have had the opportunity to prepare and present 16 study group presentations. This spring I am participating in Arctic Horizons – Canada’s Northern

Challenges group.

Study group umbrella topics have been well thought out. I enjoy the research and presentation, but it is more than that. The group dynamic plays a big part as the weeks unfold and more folks present. The interplay of discussion and social interaction makes for a meaningful and pleasant learning experience. And I should also use the word rewarding.

I have had an opportunity to be a co-moderator. I am currently a member of the SLR Marketing and Communication team and in this capacity have encouraged members of other groups and associations to join.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS

Recently, SLR members have received phishing emails and many have expressed concern. Hopefully the information below will answer any questions you may have

Phishing is an attempt by perpetrators masquerading as legitimate businesses or a concerned person to acquire your sensitive data, such as your bank account numbers or contact list. You are told a “story” to hopefully convince you to buy gift cards, send cash, etc. Do not respond to it. Instead, either delete it immediately or, instead of hitting “reply”, forward it to the person mentioned in the email to ask if they sent it. (Note: Every email has at least 3 email addresses in it: the sender’s, yours, and the reply-to address. With legitimate emails, the sender’s and reply-to addresses are the same. In phishing emails, the reply-to address is a fictitious one the hacker uses. If you do reply, then you give the “phisher” access to your contact list.)

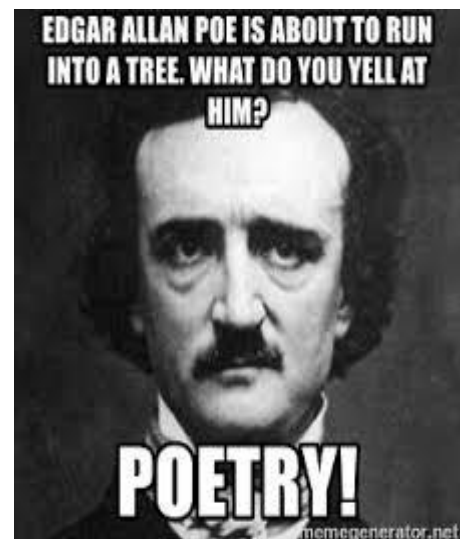
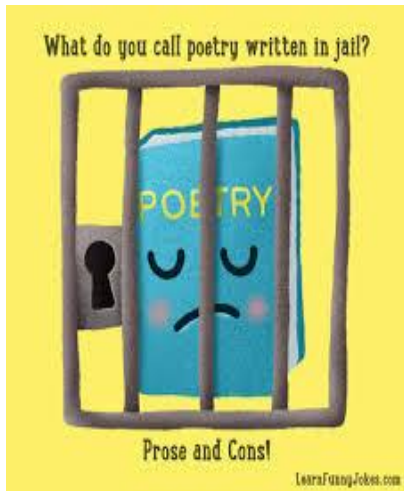
Hacking is a more dangerous kind of email containing a link (usually underlined and in blue) or file attachment. If you click on it or open it, you are being hacked. Hacking comes in many forms, all of which involve giving the perpetrators access and control over your files and computer, including confidential information such as banking

details, your contacts and any information you have stored in file on your computer. Hackers can install monitoring programs to access passwords or shut down your PC, demanding money to release it. Large companies have been hacked simply by sending an innocuous email to an employee who clicks on a link giving hackers access to the entire system.

As we cruise the internet, particularly social media, we are enticed to click on a link to see something special or funny. **BE CAREFUL.**

If you think your emails and contacts have been accessed, change your passwords. We hope this helps clarify the issue.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



PREVIOUS RIDDLES

- What is the difference between a jeweler and a jailer? **A jeweler sells watches and a jailer watches cells.**
- A man and a dog were going down the street. The man rode, yet walked. What was the dog's name? **Yet**
- I am something people celebrate or resist. I change people's thoughts and lives. I am obvious to some people but, to others, I am a mystery. What am I? **Age**

NEW RIDDLES -Poetry riddles

- Thirty white horses on a red hill. First, they champ, then they stamp. Then they stand still. What am I?
- Voiceless it cries, Wingless it flutters, Toothless bites, Mouthless it mutters. What am I?
- You may enter, but you may not come in, I have space, but no room, I have keys, but open no lock. What am I



Happy Birthday to all of our members born in April.

Aries celebrate their birthdays between April 1 and April 19, while anyone born between April 20 and April 30 is a Taurus. Aries are typically seen as "passionate and independent" trailblazers, while Taureans are often "smart, ambitious and trustworthy."

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