

A Day in the Life: Speaker Series

October 31: Understanding Media

Everybody who is interested in the news has a picture of how it really works. Generally, it's not all that accurate. The news is seen by everybody, but the process to produce it is something of a mystery. This session will bring clarity. If you want to know what reporters and editors are really doing, come and hear the real story, told by one of the regions' senior communicators.

George Orr is a career storyteller. He's worked in radio and television news, taught broadcast journalism at BCIT, and produced award-winning documentary work, all going back to the 1970's. He also taught at the Justice Institute of BC, guiding police forces through their communication challenges.

November 7: A Glimpse into the Guestbook - A B&B Host's Revelations

Julie Startup, newly retired, summarizes her life and learnings as the proprietor of Beachview Retreat. Julie describes these 13 years as both occupation and hobby with many adventures and life lessons thrown in.

Julie Startup MA retired in 2003 her position as Director, Program Management, Corporate Health Consultants to open Beachview Retreat B&B in Deep Cove. Beachview Retreat has been the recipient of the Trip Advisor Award of Excellence since 2010. Julie has taught B&B courses at Capilano University, been a director with BC Innkeeper and Chair of Vancouver's North Shore B&B Association.

November 14: Gutsy Lady Travel

Do you love to travel? Do you want to travel but certain circumstances prevent you from doing so? Perhaps you can't find a travel buddy. Melanie Eng, author and gutsy traveller will share with you some heart-warming stories to discover what is possible, and how to make meaningful connections along the way.

Melanie Eng is author of *Gutsy Lady Travel-How to Build Unshakeable Confidence by Travelling*, photographer and professional speaker. Her courage and positive attitude inspires women to put the fire back in their lives.

November 21: Hearing Loss 101

Jennifer Abbott of *Hear at Home* will share the story of starting her innovative business in North Vancouver. From conception to the realization of a great idea and the running of her successful firm, we will hear all the trials and joys of entrepreneurship. Also under discussion will be the signs and symptoms of hearing loss, denial, testing, choosing a clinic and finding them device that fits your needs.

Jennifer Abbott founded Hear at Home in 2009, a mobile hearing clinic that comes to you, with a goal to ensure that each client has everything they need to hear the sounds of the world we live in. She feels that by offering hearing tests and hearing aids in a clients own environment she is able to make assessments of individual's real life listening needs.

November 28: Southern Exposure – An Antartic Photographic Adventure

Jeff will share his stunning photography and stories of his adventure.

Jeff Topham is a professional photographer, photojournalist and filmmaker base in Vancouver. His recent work from around the world has appeared in *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Globe and Mail*, *VICE* and *EnRoute*. His award-winning documentary film *Liberia 77*, and accompanying photographs were featured at the prestigious Annenberg Space for Photography in Los Angles in 2013.

December 5: All You Can Do Is Laugh

Meet **Lynn Johnston**, creator of the comic strip *For Better or For Worse*.

Lynn is the first woman and first Canadian to win the National Cartoonist Society's Reuben award. Raised in North Vancouver Lynn attended the Vancouver School of Art(now Emily Carr University of Art and Design).First approached in 1978 by Universal Press Syndicate to create a daily comic strip ,Lynn went on to create *For Better or For worse* which first published in 1979. The comic strip went on to appear in over 2000 papers in Canada, the US and other countries and translated into eight languages.