



Thanks to all who helped produce the January newsletter. This year it was a team effort so kudos all round. Yes I had a great time in Arizona and the weather (sometimes a bit dicey in January) was excellent. Evidently a lot of sun plus rain in December pushed the desert to bloom earlier than usual and the walks around the Phoenix area, particularly in the Superstition Mountain parks, were spectacular. I must say it was difficult adjusting to March in Victoria with a welcoming snowstorm as a reminder that this has been a long and cold winter. But it is good to be home.

Bits from the Board:

The UVRA is delighted to welcome Grant Hughes to campus. Grant is the recently appointed Community Relations Officer and will act as liaison between our association and the university community. Grant reports to Martin Segger in the Department of External Relations.

New UVic ID Cards:

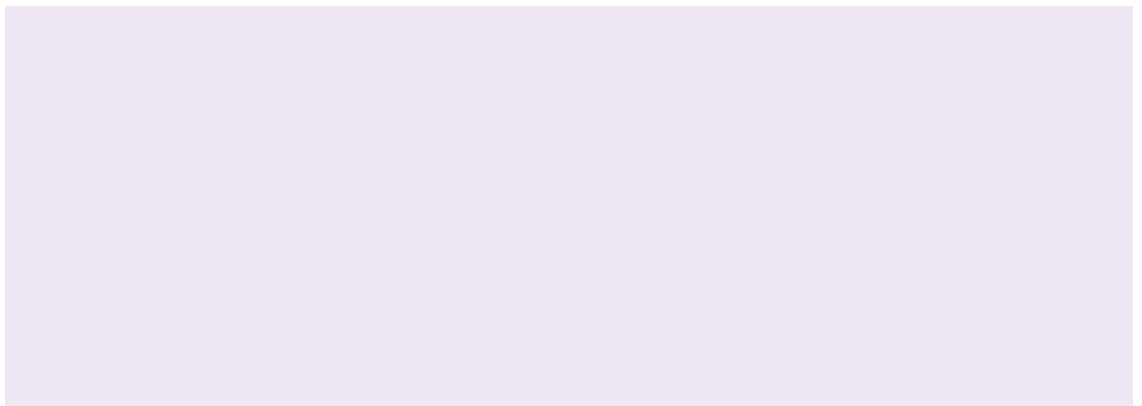
You may have seen notices about new


UVic ID cards for Faculty, Staff and Students. An updated card should have a V-number but no barcode. Please replace your card if (1) it does not have a V-number or (2) if it has a barcode. If the card has a V-number and a barcode this card should be replaced. New cards can be obtained at the Photo ID Centre located in the University Centre.

For more details about UVic ID cards and the extended hours of operation for the Photo ID Centre please visit their website at: <http://stas.uvic.ca/photoid>. There is no charge if you bring in your existing ID card or it is your first time requesting a Retiree ID card.

For ease of identification bring your existing Retiree card or Employee card. If you don't have either it will help if you know your identification number which can be found on a pay statement or on your UVic pension account statement. Failing the foregoing, identification might be done through a match on your name and date of birth.

There is no change to your Library or any other benefits and it is not necessary






members may extend their memberships at the CURAC/ARUCC rates for one or three years.

Information about the CURAC/ARUCC CARP agreement is posted on the CURAC Website (<http://www.curac.ca>).

Upcoming Events:

April 29. Guided Tour. New





Thanks, also, to executive members and committee chairs who assisted in the re-design and content.

As part of the UVic community the UVRA website will have the same look and feel as other departments on campus. It also provided us the opportunity of updating our information and adding new features. In addition, by using the latest templates/design, the site will provide accessibility for all users.

We would like to hear your comments/feedback. Please write to us at