



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2015

SHOWCASING BRIDGES

Bridges would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a wonderful 2015! We continue to be an active and busy program. We are the "out and about" group and it is rare that we spend an entire day at the Centre. We are very much focused on both community inclusion and providing a stimulating and supportive environment for our participants. One of the benefits of our program is that we are a small, intimate group which gives us the opportunity to be participant-driven and pursue goals and activities expressed by the individuals of our group. Although we have a framework calendar each month, we believe in being spontaneous when special community events come up or the sun is shining! We do make full use of community resources. We swim, go horseback riding with ETRA, have weekly library visits, go on many walks at local beaches, trails and parks, visit museums and art galleries, etc. as well as incorporate special outings. We also take courses through Parks and Recreation on a regular basis and attend Bowen Park Seniors on most Thursday afternoons to join their weekly entertainment afternoon. We start a clay class in January that everyone is excited about. Something we would like to share is that thanks to the generous donation of seasonal passes by Nanaimo Harbour Ferry we had many wonderful days exploring Newcastle Island again this year. We cannot thank them enough! Our aim is to create a healthy balance in the program. We incorporate physical exercise, casual, non-structured learning opportunities in the form of discussion groups (often using the library resources), knowledge and trivia games, cooking, art, and general life skills. We continue to get involved with local charities when we can. We collect recycling and fundraise to help support some worthwhile causes and volunteer with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive every year, help out the Legion, etc. Our aim for 2015 is to be more involved with volunteering and we are looking into some new opportunities in this direction. If you know of any organization that could use our help, please let us know. Again, looking back, we have had an amazing year and we are excited to see what 2015 has in store for our program.





ClayTreeED

Happy New Year to you all, and what a great finish we had to 2014 at Clay Tree. The participants party on 5th December was fantastic with a great Turkey Dinner and dancing. The awards were given out for long service and Dan Bateman was given a special plaque to celebrate his 50 wonderful years at Clay Tree and received a standing ovation. We then had Father Christmas arrive early on the 19th December and had another great day.

The changes that have been made in the last few months since I started have been met with enthusiasm and I do appreciate that. Staff are spending time in other programs and participants also get the chance to experience time in a different area, we have girls going out to Arbutus and the woodshop has never been so busy, there is never a dull moment.

The fundraising we have at the moment is Art from the Heart on February 12th and we will be auctioning the great work the guys do here, please come for what looks to be a great evening with lovely food and drink and an opportunity to brighten up your home with some great art.

Our big event the Gala Dinner Dance is being held on March 7th at the Vancouver Island University. It is going to be the event of the year and we have a four course dinner followed by dancing to the wonderful music of Ted Dawes and his "Mood Swings" band. Tickets are available from reception or please call Susan on 250 753 5322 ext 3.

During 2015 we will continue to make positive changes here at Clay Tree and I will enjoy keeping you informed in this newsletter. Don't forget if any of you wish to talk to either Darryl or myself with regards to anything to do with our programs just call for a 30 minute appointment to our reception.

Best Wishes,

Glenys Patmore





MEMBERSHIP 2015

Are you interested in becoming a member of Clay Tree Society?

Are you an existing member who would like to renew your membership?

We seek your support to help us to continue to provide quality programs and services to people with developmental disabilities in the Nanaimo and surrounding areas, as we have proudly done for the past 57 years.

Anyone can become a member of Clay Tree Society by simply completing the attached membership application form, along with a contribution of your choice (payable to Clay Tree Society) *\$5.00 Minimum*

Clay Tree Society membership entitles you to vote at our Annual General Meeting and other special meetings that may be scheduled throughout the year. Membership must be in good standing three months prior to the date of the AGM in order to be eligible to vote.

Membership can be purchased at any time during the year, however it will expire on Dec. 31st.

Our members are an essential part of the Society



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Clay Tree Society for People with Developmental Disabilities

COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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Membership Form

2015

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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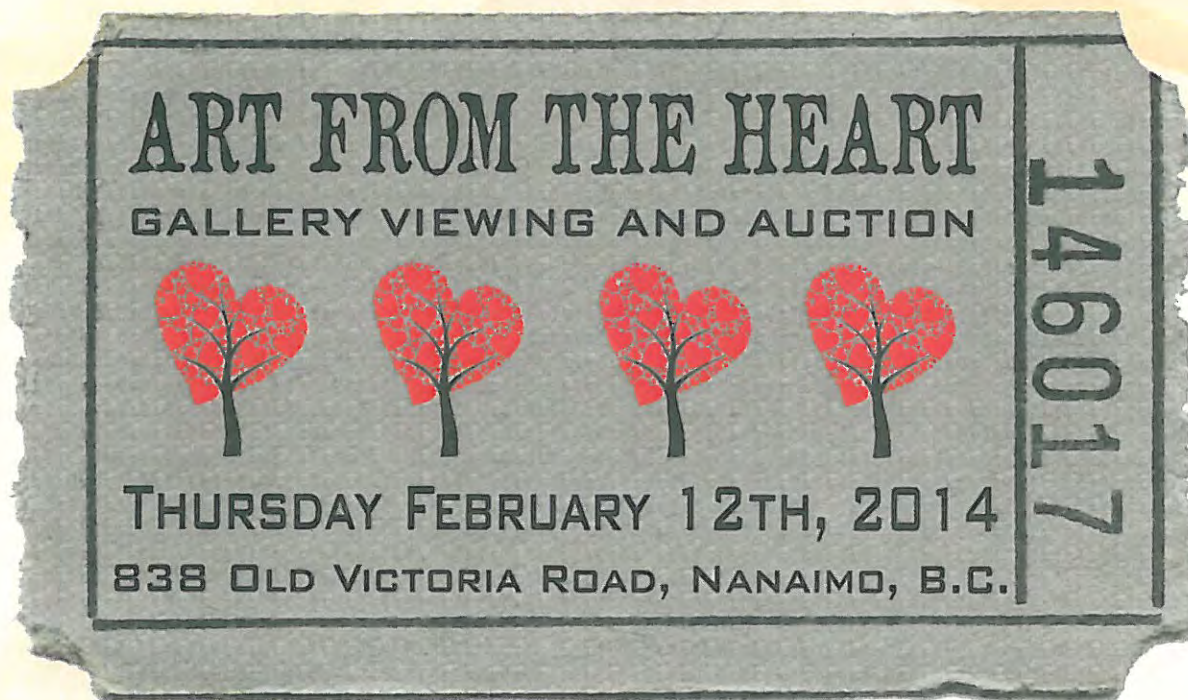
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount \$_____ Please make cheques payable to Clay Tree Society Thank You!



CLAY TREE SOCIETY FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

PROUDLY PRESENTS,



Doors open at **6:00 p.m.** and the auction begins at **7:00 p.m.**

Tickets just **\$10** each and include refreshments and door prizes
Limited number of tickets available by advance-purchase only

Please call **250. 753. 5322** to reserve tickets

Also available from the Clay Tree office weekdays **8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Proceeds directly benefit the artists and art programs at Clay Tree





Jessica

Trevor

David



Brenda



David



Darlene

Chelsea



Victoria

Michelle Terry

Christine

Pam

Gerald



Linda

David

Sheila

Emily



Glenys

Joanna



Joanne

Ed



Wayne

Jacqui

Val

CHRISTMAS 2014



Yves

Megan



Elaine

Roni





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

- 22nd Kelsie Gaetz
- 25th Karstien Tobiassen
- 27th Jimmy Mckay
- 28th Myrna Ager
- 31st Michelle Walker

JANUARY

- 15th Jayleen Brash
- 21st Tina Battye

CLAY TREE CLOSURE DATES:

Friday February 6th, 2015 – Staff Training Day
– Emergency Preparedness

Monday February 9th, 2015 – B.C. Family Day
– Stat

Friday April 3rd, 2015 – Good Friday

Monday April 6th, 2015 – Easter Monday

Monday May 18th, 2015 – Victoria Day

EVENT DATES:

Thursday February 12th, 2015 – Art From The Heart
@ Clay Tree

Saturday March 7th, 2015 – Premier Gala Event
@ Vancouver Island University

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