



# NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2015



## SHOWCASING RICHARD MCLELLAN

What a fantastic day we had at the Campbell River Association for Community Living on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had been asked to present what aging means at Clay Tree Society and so we asked Richard if we could present a day in his life at Clay Tree. Richard agreed and he and Brenda Booth worked on a presentation which Glenys Patmore introduced. Susan Easter compiled a video as Richard went about his days work. At the actual event Brenda presented it and then Richard answered questions afterwards. It was a great success and CLBC have asked to put the presentation on their website.





## ClayTreeED

As I sit here writing to you all the blossoms are out and the daffodils are everywhere. Spring is a time of growth and I feel that Clay Tree is moving into a "Spring" phase. We have a new program starting after Easter called "Connections" and it is starting to gain lots of interest. It is an after program program and will run from 3pm till 6pm, Monday to Friday. Please send back the forms that all your participants took home or telephone Cassie at reception for more details.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> Clay Tree is hosting a transition workshop from 5 pm till 7 pm called "On my Way", this is planning for life after high school and we are hosting this in conjunction with Inclusion BC, again if you would like to register for this event or need further details then please contact us.

Art from the Heart was a blast on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, Darryl has written a full article for you on this but it was great to see almost 100 both old and new friends out-bidding for the wonderful art work.

Great news that the Gala is a complete sellout on March 7<sup>th</sup>, we have a wonderful crowd coming along for what is going to be a great event, we will be posting the photos on our website and if you don't have a ticket for this year then be sure to book early for the next one.

It's that time of the year to renew your membership and we encourage you to do this as soon as possible remembering that you need to have purchased your membership 3 months prior to the AGM to be eligible for voting.

Best Wishes,

Glenys Patmore





# ON MY WAY

## Transition Planning Workshop

March 11, 2015 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Come and learn about the process of planning for your family member's life after high school! This workshop will include practical, step-by-step tips and tools such as a sample plan for Community Living BC supports.

Doreen Shaw is a parent and member of the Board of Directors at Inclusion BC.

Karen DeLong is a parent and is currently the Director of Community Development at Inclusion BC. She has worked in the field for over 20 years.

Light supper and refreshments will be provided

### **COST**

FREE

### **WHERE**

Clay Tree Society  
838 Old Victoria Road  
Nanaimo, BC

### **CONTACT**

Glenys Patmore  
1-250-753-5322

**For more info visit**  
[www.inclusionbc.org](http://www.inclusionbc.org)





## GLENYS PATMORE SAYS "MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN!"

Whether it be for the needs of participants, staff, caregiver/families, stakeholders, or board members Glenys will always find time.

With Clay Tree Society having a front desk receptionist, Cassie, people interested in having a tête-à-tête with Glenys need but to just pick up the phone, call Cassie, and make an appointment.

Glenys embraces an open door policy because input and feedback are crucial to her vision for the advancement and growth of Clay Tree Society.



Life Skills – "Berry" big thank you to Purdy's Chocolates for the donation of Chocolate to make the chocolate covered strawberries.

Picture - Linda Lobello, Andy Hepp and Lacey Houbregs

## ATTENTION ALL GARDENING FRIENDS

We are having a garden clean up day at Clay Tree Society on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015



8:30 am - 12:30 am. Please bring your garden tools.

For further information contact:

Ken at 250-390-3302 or [kjma6457@gmail.com](mailto:kjma6457@gmail.com)





On Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Clay Tree hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> annual art auction. Linda, Sheila and Emily Elgie catered the event. Guests were offered a light buffet then proceeded to the lounge to view the art. In attendance were almost 100 guests which included many of the artists who had contributed to the show. Jeff Jorgensen, our auctioneer, continued to engage the audience with his wit and humour. At times, bidding wars ensued. The highlight of the evening unfolded when Ken and Mary-Anne Armstrong were unrelenting in their pursuit of purchasing a piece of work that Gary Gorten had created. Gary's paintings convey the timelessness of American folk art balanced with the precision of city living. He was elated when Jeff announced the final bid was \$300.



Telephone Bids  
in from Victoria





### **CLAY TREE CLOSURE DATES:**

**Friday April 3rd, 2015 – Good Friday**

**Monday April 6th, 2015 – Easter Monday**

**Monday May 18th, 2015 – Victoria Day**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** **February**

- 4th                 **Dean Rownd**
- 15th               **Dawn Seriani**
- 18th               **Lacey Houbregs**
- 24th               **Joanna Steele**

## **March**

- 13th               **Janine Gibson**
- 24th               **Kaelin Britten**
- 27th               **Mary Feron**
- 30th               **Richard Cottle**

### **EVENT DATES:**

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

**Wednesday March 11th, 2015 – “On my Way” Transition Planning Workshop**  
**@ Clay Tree Society**

#### **CONTACT US:**

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# REMINDER MEMBERSHIP 2015

Our members are an essential part of the Society

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

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 58 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.



## Membership Form

# 2015

Claytree Society for People with Developmental Disabilities

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Ph: 250-753-5322 Fax: 250-753-2749 Email: claytree@shaw.ca

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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