



# NEWSLETTER

## April 2015

### SHOWCASING CONNECTIONS

What a great start to this after hours activity based program, the participants will be enjoying music especially with the new drums we have, graffiti artists and a wealth of other activities, it will be a great way to end the day.

This program is open to any person in the Community with a developmental disability and please contact reception for further details. It is great to see Clay Tree open and buzzing after normal program hours. The hours for this program are 3.00p.m. -6.00p.m. Monday to Friday and closed the usual Clay Tree closure times. The program is being offered as a FREE SERVICE!!! . Don't delay book your family/client members in now.





## ClayTreeED

I am sitting here writing this to you all after spending a great day with the Tillicum Le Lum First Nations friends, the four hours at the sweat lodge was a very different and wonderful experience for me and I felt very privileged to have taken part. We do have participants at Clay Tree that are First nations and we are learning more about the heritage and cultural diversity of this Nation.

The new Connections program is off to a great start and we are thrilled that Clay Tree is starting to evolve and really step up to providing needs for the community. We are opening this up to the wider community and Susan will be keeping you posted with photos and news

The Kinsmen donated the Bus to us in a "hand over" on Tuesday and that will be such a wonderful addition to the vehicles here, but we are still fundraising like crazy for our wheelchair van.

Operation Trackshoes is going to be bigger than ever with 24 participants attending this year, we are hoping to get a Clay Tree tent and tracksuits for all the athletes.

The AGM will soon be upon us and we have the date of June 24th, starting with a summer meet and greet at 5.00p.m. and as usual we will have a few surprises in store for everyone . I will be contacting all members in May and we would like an RSVP on that one for catering purposes, we are really looking forward to getting all our members together for another great event.

Remember that both myself and Darryl are available for any concerns or ideas you have about the programs/ centre so please call reception for a thirty minute appointment and this of course can be at your convenience.

Regards,

Glenys Patmore





# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Thank you to all that have fulfilled the requirements for sending in the emergency rations in case of an emergency i.e. snow, storm, earthquake etc

We are still waiting for the last few bags to come and if you are having any difficulties with this I would encourage you to call either Claudette Stone or Glenys Patmore on the usual Clay Tree number

## CLAY TREE SOCIETY GARDEN DAY

Thank you to Heather, Debra, Margaret, Darryl, Glenys and Travis for your help with gardening on April 19th. Travis did a wonderful job building the flower boxes! Next Gardening date is: May 3rd - 8:30 - 12:30

We will continue working on the flower beds, weeding etc. We also will be beefing up the retaining walls, so anyone handy with a hammer and saw would be most welcome.

We are looking for donations of good soil and mulch. If you have plants in your garden that you no longer require please call Ken at 250-390-3302 to arrange for a pick up.

We also accept cash donations which can be dropped off at Clay Tree to Glenys Patmore's attention.



We are also looking for a group that would take on the job of weed eating and cutting the grass. Lawn mower/fuel and weed eater supplied by Clay Tree.

## FLEA MARKET

Saturday, July 11th 2015  
@ Clay Tree Society, 10 am - 4 pm  
Tables cost \$15.00 each  
Contact Darlene at 250-585-0516





## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION



On April 7, John Wootten from the Royal Canadian Legion, Mount Benson Branch #256 made a special trip to Clay Tree. Having met with Glenys, he presented her with a donation of \$500 to put towards the purchase of our wheelchair van. John had never been to Clay Tree before however he did mention he had driven by many times. Darryl offered John a tour of the facility. He was happy to have learned more about our agency and was pleased to have met the people we support.

## KINSMEN CLUB

On April 21, the Nanaimo Kinsmen Club stopped by Clay Tree to present the Society with a 14 passenger Ford Econoline. To ensure the vehicle was road worthy, the Kinsmen not only had the van serviced but also had a commercial vehicle inspection done to meet motor vehicle compliance. We are grateful to El Martel and Doole and the members of the Kinsmen for providing us with a van that will be used by all the programs.





# BRIDGES PROGRAM

This month the Bridges Program had an opportunity to head down to Piper's Lagoon. For a brief outdoor trip. This walk was filled with energy including a running demonstration done by Andy Hepp. On



our adventure we discovered the drift wood tree fort nestled in the bushes. We all took a moment to pause and drink in the surroundings, of special interest was the Acorn trees at the end of the path by the rock bluff. It was a great time out! Thank you Bridges.

# HORSEBACK RIDING

Chelsea has been horseback riding at Pyramid Stables for 3 weeks now. She really enjoys going and is always wanting to be the first on her horse. They do activities with the riders and horses like putting a bean bag in a bucket on the ground, putting a ring on a pole, and doing alphabet and number boards.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## April

- 1st Karen Spilchen
- 3rd Lorne Haller
- 4th Yves Moskaluke
- 5th David Jaeggle
- 6th Pat Pridge
- 10th Frank Carelli
- 27th Lorraine Martin
- 29th Donald Caswell
- 30th Willie Webber

### CLAY TREE CLOSURE DATES:

Monday May 18th, 2015 – Victoria Day

### EVENT DATES:

Wednesday June 24th, 2015 – AGM @ Cavallotti Lodge

Saturday July 11th, 2015 – Flea Market @ Clay Tree Society

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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