



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015



You're Invited!



We are "Kicking off" Community Living month with a

Kick Ball Tournament

Friday October 2, 2015 10am-2pm

Sid Clark Gyro Park

Please join us for a day of fun!!

Bake Sale – Dunk Tank – Art Tent – Music & Dancing –
Face Painting- and more!! PLUS – FREE HOT DOGS!!

Please call Clay Tree Reception to RSVP by Friday September 25th.

250-753-5322 ext. 0





ClayTreeED

I hope that you all enjoyed the long hot summer that seems to be quickly turning into fall. Here at Clay Tree we have been having so many events that I hope we don't leave anyone out of the newsletter.

The AGM was well attended in June and we have already decided that next year we will have this event on a Friday evening so that you don't have to rush home and we are going to have an "Open Evening" here at Clay Tree to showcase the year's events.

We are very grateful to all the individuals and agencies that have donated to Clay Tree and some of them are featured in this newsletter, with these funds we are able to fund our Connections program along with Life Skills and also we have bought a flat screen TV for the common room so that all the participants can enjoy it.

The Connections program is growing, and we now have the Handy Dart collecting at 5.30p.m., that means more people in the Community can enjoy this unique exciting activity based program.

The Employment Bureau will be open in November this year, this program will help both our clients and others in Nanaimo to fulfill their potential within the job market. More about this in the coming months so watch this space.....

We are working hard to create new and exciting programs that fulfill the needs of our clients in the Community, please remember at all times that if you would like to come and talk to me about any of these then just call into reception and make an appointment to see me.

We all had a great time at the dance at the Cavallotti with Chevy Ray and The Fins and don't forget to come out and support us at the Kickball Challenge as Clay Tree kicks off Community Living month in October.

The Gala tickets are also now on sale and the early bird special will be available until December 15th, it will be a wonderful evening and we are hoping for a repeat of this year and a complete sell out.

A big thank you to all the staff, members, participants, that make Clay Tree goals come true throughout the year, we couldn't do this journey without you, I will be very happy to keep you all informed with our progress not only by newsletter but the web site and facebook.

Kind Regards

Glenys Patmore

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenys Patmore".





THANK YOU!!

We are so grateful for the many people that contribute to our Society!
We would like to thank the following people and organizations as well as all of the Anonymous people that so graciously give to our Society.

We now have a big screen TV in our common room
-- Thank you to the Gaskill Family -- Margaret, Meyliss, Elizabeth & David --
as well as Terry and Tiana Young.

The Cedar and Nanoose Lion Clubs -- donations to our Life Skills Program.
The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #256.

To all of the people who worked so hard on our grounds
this summer to keep it looking nice!





CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

GREAT NEWS!!! As of September 14th, 2015, we now have HandyDART Service for the participants of the Connections Program. If you would like to sign up for the HandyDART service please contact HandyDART at 250-390-3000.

As you know Connections our after hours program has been going really well now for four months, we have regular staff and also special guests from time to time. On July 23rd Darryl and Glenys hosted a iFrench themed eveningi it started with a talk on France and then the fun began with sparkling apple juice complimented by crepes a la chocolate and a selection of different cheeses, music and laughter was the order of the evening and a great time was had by all.

Linda Lobello is also hosting a regular cookery lesson and the first one was making a watermelon cake. The participants enjoyed making the cake and had a great evening with Linda.



As we have now established the program we would like to start expanding and can take more clients Monday to Friday. If you would like your family member or participant to attend or anyone you know of that you think may benefit from this program, they do not have to be a day time client of Clay Tree then please telephone reception 250-753-5322 ext 0 and speak to Reception.



KNIT-TASTIC

Ruth and Lacey have joined the Vancouver Island Community Knitters Association (VICKA). They will be knitting scarves and blanket squares to be distributed to the needy in the winter time. If you have any yarn that you would like to donate Ruth and Lacey would appreciate your help!

Donations can be dropped off to the office with the attention of "Ruth & Lacey - Concepts Program".





VIEX

After weeks of planning and preparation August 19th finally arrived. We carefully loaded the van with woodworking, art, life skills baking and two beautiful scarecrows and headed to the VIEX. The Clay Tree entries were displayed and looked amazing.

On Friday August 20th the participants were able to view their items and what a thrill to see, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. To everyone's surprise we also had "Best of Show" in 4 divisions, woodworking, art, baking and the scarecrow completion.

A Big THANK YOU, to the participants and staff who worked so hard to make Clay Tree Shine!!!





AGM

The Clay tree Society Annual General Meeting was a great event, attended by many of our membership as well as supporters from the community.

The evening started with a meet n' greet, wonderful food and a glass of wine helped the guests mingle, new friendships were made and stories shared. The meeting also included a presentation to Richard McLellan for 50 years service at Clay Tree.

The video of "A day in the life of Richard McLellan" followed an introduction by Brenda Booth and then a speech by Emily Elgie, who along with Dan Bateman, (visiting from Calgary and is also a recipient of the 50 year award), handed the special commemorative plaque to Richard and there was not a dry eye in the house. Richard accepted a well-deserved standing ovation.

Over 30 new members signed up, which was wonderful. We also had Staff selling Clay Tree merchandise and a table showcasing the Arbutus workshop and products made by the participants.





CLAY TREE CLOSURE DATES:

Monday – October 12, 2015

Wednesday – November 11, 2015

Christmas Closure – Last day for the participants Tuesday December 22nd, 2015.

CLAY TREE RE-OPENS for the new year January 4th, 2016

EVENT DATES:

Friday – October 2nd, 2015 – Kickball Tournament

Saturday- November 28th, 2015 – Christmas Fair

Tables are \$15.00 each – please contact Darlene Trinkwon for more details 250-585-0516

**Friday – December 4th, 2015 – Participant Christmas Party – Cavallotti Hall.
More details to come in the October Newsletter.**

Don't forget to "Like" our Clay Tree Facebook page – please invite all your friends and family to "Like" our page as well.

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