



# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

*Clay Tree Society*  
PRESENTS



*"Springtime in Paris"*

*Gala Event  
at the  
Coast Bastion*

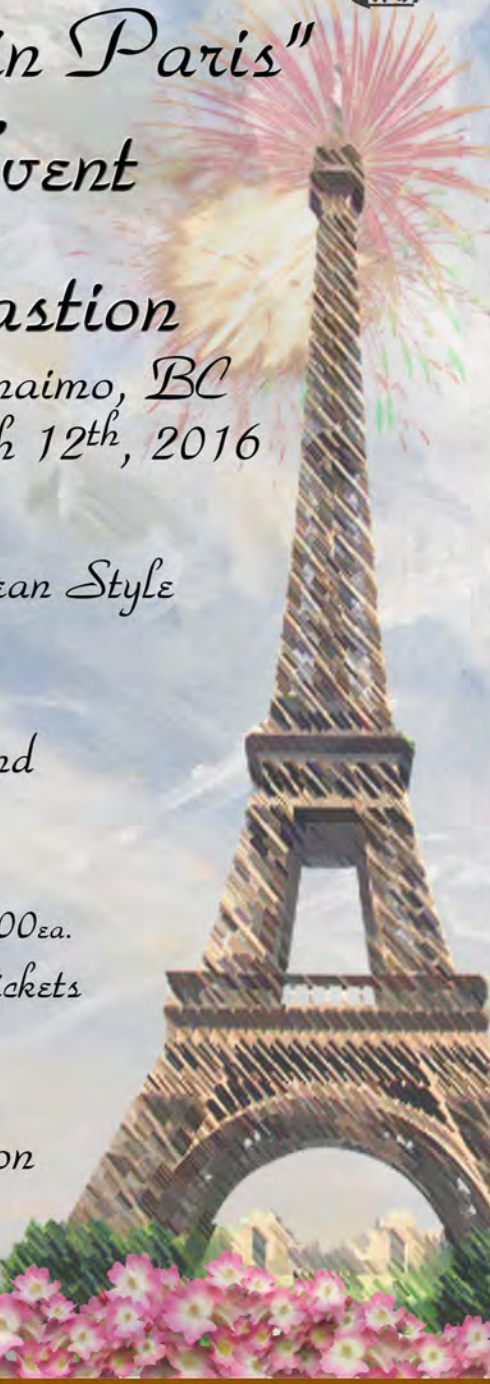
*Downtown Nanaimo, BC  
Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*Enjoy a fabulous European Style  
four course Dinner*

*As well as Dancing and  
a Silent Auction*

*Early Bird Tickets \$100.00ea.  
After Dec, 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 Tickets  
are \$125.00ea.*

*For More Information  
call: 250-753-5322*





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I hope that you are all enjoying the transition from the wonderful summer we enjoyed to the beautiful autumn that seems to be following. Clay Tree itself is going through a transition period from the great 6 day programs we have delivered for the last 58 years to broadening our service to firstly the Connections program that is going from strength to strength, The Group home that we looked after during the summer, the Life Skills program that is almost bursting at the seams to our latest offering "Clay Tree Employment Services"

We are so proud to be able to share with you all that the Employment Bureau will be up and running at the end of the year with a launch on November 23rd. Although many of the staff have shared some of the training it is Rachel Pearsall and myself who will be spearheading the initiative until we have more trained staff to join us. Susan Easter is helping with the launch and she is preparing all the publicity materials etc for that. The launch will take place in the evening of November 23rd with a presentation and an outline of how this is going to be working. Although it is invitation only, if any of you are interested in attending then please contact Reception. There will be a tour of Clay Tree and also refreshments prepared by Linda Lobello and her team will be served. We are so proud that we will be able to offer this service to people with a developmental disability and I will update you as the program unfolds.

The next Clay Tree Gala has been launched and no doubt you will be seeing our posters around the town, for any of you who missed it earlier this year it was a wonderful event and I recommend that you buy your tickets as soon as possible to take advantage of the early bird special, I can promise you a night to remember.

I have recently been away on training and conferences and was lucky enough to be on the International Exchange where I heard from many agencies and service providers from around the world about their services to our people and it certainly gave me food for thought. I was lucky enough to have a day with Dr. Robert Schalock, who developed a framework that describes quality of life, this framework is used by CLBC as it fits well with their vision of supporting individuals with developmental disabilities to lead good lives in welcoming communities. I certainly came back to Clay Tree excited to share all my knowledge with the staff here.

We have so much happening at the moment so please keep looking at our Facebook page and website to keep updated and remember for any concerns just telephone reception to make an appointment with either myself or Darryl.

Kind Regards

Glenys Patmore



Glenys with daughter Eloise Patmore.

Thank you Ellie for all your help this summer on reception and in the connections program! You truly will be missed!





# INTRODUCING CLAY TREE SOCIETY'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBER KEN WATSON



**Ken Watson, Senior Business Relationship Manager with Coastal Community Credit Union, brings 25+ years of expertise in Business and Financial Services to his relationship approach of providing viable financing solutions that assist his clients grow their businesses and execute their projects profitably.**

**Prior to joining Coastal Community in 2008, Ken was the Regional Manager ñ Western Canada of a National Financial Organization where he successfully grew the marketing and sales team from three people in BC to 16 across the four Western Provinces focusing on profitably growing the loan portfolio.**

**Ken has first hand experience as a private business owner, as the Chief Financial Officer and Partner in an Engineering/Manufacturing Company with multi-national sales and more than 30 employees he understands the critical role of cash flow management within a private company. Providing him with a unique understanding and perspective of the business ownerís needs for financing solutions.**

**Ken has had the privilege of being an invited Instructor in the Faculty of Management at Vancouver Island University, where he taught courses in Professional Sales, Principles of Marketing and Principles of Management.**

**Ken has served on the Board of Directors for The Leadership Society of Vancouver Island in the role of Treasurer. He is passionate about applying his expertise and leadership in Strategic Planning, Business Development, Process Improvement and Finance to the organizations and clients he works with.**

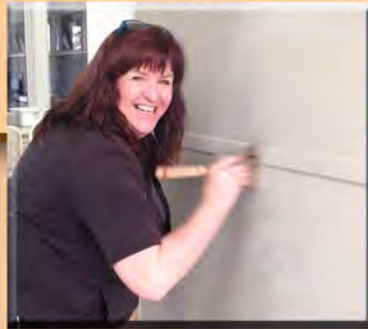
**Ken graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Master of Business Administration Degree. He has completed the Canadian Securities Course and has achieved the Designations of Accredited Commercial Lender, Fellow of the Credit Union Institute of Canada and Associate of the Credit Union Institute of Canada through Dalhousie University.**





## THE BEGINNING OF A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Clay Tree was contacted by Maegan Gibson of Old Navy at Woodgrove Centre. Interested in a community partnership, she enquired if there was some way that she and a few volunteers from their store could take on a project that would benefit our society. On October 15, Maegan, Jacquie, Chantel and Taylor showed up in their painting Old Navy clothes ready to undertake the work. Thanks to these four very giving volunteers, the painted partition in the kitchen is now completed to accommodate the Life Skills Program.



## SWEET SUMMER SAILING

This summer, Karen, Mary, Richard and Cody from the Ventures Program had a blast sailing in the picturesque Ladysmith harbour. Cowichan Independent Living offers an adaptive sailing program that we've been privileged to participate in for the last few years. The individuals ride in the sailboat with their guide sitting behind them and a safety boat following.

This is what our participants had to say about their experience:  
Cody- "It was good. My favourite part was looking for the mermaid."  
Karen- "It was lovely." Richard- "It was fun." Mary- "fun, fun, fun."





## KAYAKING ADVENTURE

On a beautiful September day, a real splash was made on Long Lake. Thanks to Alberni Outpost, we had access to two large double kayaks, paddles and safety gear. Instruction was provided by seasoned kayakers, Michael Lee and Lisa Toews. Our certified life guard, Eloise Patmore, volunteered her time to ensure aquatic measures were in place.



With much support from those along the shore, 11 participants were able to cruise the calm waters of the lake. There was racing, splashing, paddling instruction and the overall thrill of being in a kayak for the first time. Some individuals were dripping wet when they returned to the dock however the smiles were testimony to the excitement of experience.



## ESTEVAN'S DAY OUT

With a lot of preplanning and team effort, Estevan was able to orchestrate a picnic day on July 21 and it included everyone in the Estevan program. Robins Park became the hub of activity with a kick ball game and plenty of fans to cheer on the players. In partnership with Loaves and Fishes, lunches were provided. There were various sandwiches, cheese strings, yogurt, drinks and even a Kinder-surprise. The society provided reusable Clay Tree lunch bags.





October 2, 2015 - To kick off Community Living month Clay Tree hosted the Kickball Tournament for all of the local agencies. With over 300 people attending and 6 teams of 10 people the Tournament was a complete success! This community inclusion event was not being held due to cost of funding the event. Employee Terry Young asked to bring the event back to the community and submitted the request as his goal resulting in Clay Tree hosting the event. Other than the kickball tournaments happening throughout the day Participants had the opportunity to get their face painted, participant in the art tent creating hand painted banners, danced to the music provided by local D.J., - (Teresa Battle) enjoyed a hot dog lunch with chips and beverages. We also had a dunk tank for participants to dunk the volunteer staff members. A professional photographer (James Holland) was onsite for the event and everyone is looking forward to coming again next year.

**CONGRATULATIONS CLAY TREE DRAGONS ON WINNING THE KICKBALL CUP!!**





## CLAY TREE CLOSURE DATES:

**Wednesday – November 11, 2015**

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

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



## EVENT DATES:

**Monday - November 23rd, 2015 – Employment Bureau Launch**

**Saturday- November 28th, 2015 – Christmas Fair 10am - 4pm**  
**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 November Newsletter.**



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

### CONTACT US:

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and we make certain you get a  
copy of the latest Newsletter!  
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# Save The Date



## Clay Tree Society Christmas Craft Fair

Located At Clay Tree  
838 Old Victoria Rd, Nanaimo

**Sat Nov 28th 2015**  
10am - 4pm

Vendors we still have tables \$15!

Call or email : Darlene 250-585-0516

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