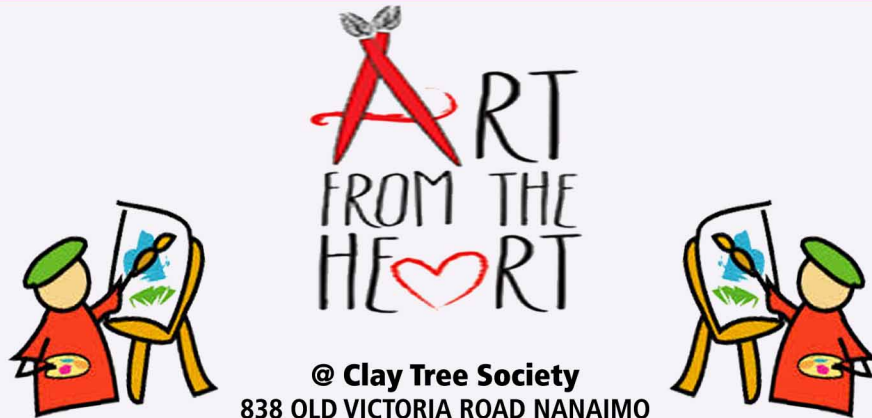




NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016



@ Clay Tree Society
838 OLD VICTORIA ROAD NANAIMO
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH, 2016

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM LIVE AUCTION TO START AT 7PM
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
SILENT AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES

TICKETS \$10.00 EACH
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT CLAY TREE SOCIETY MONDAY – FRIDAY 8-4

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE "CLAY TREE SOCIETY" FOR A SNEAK PEEK OF SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL ART PIECES OUR ARTISTS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON.



BEST WISHES FOR 2016
FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT
CLAY TREE SOCIETY



I would like to wish all the members and friends of Clay Tree a Healthy and Happy New Year, I wish all the very best for you in 2016. Clay Tree certainly ended 2015 as busy as it started with the launch of a new program at the end of November. We have started Clay Tree Employment Services, which already has ten very excited participants for whom we are endeavouring to obtain paid employment in the near future. This new program has been spearheaded by myself and Rachel Pearsall so please feel free to ask us any questions and any feedback is always welcome.

The participant Christmas party was attended by 150 participants, caregivers and family along with staff and Board members. It was a great evening. The meal had been organised by Linda Lobello and was a fabulous Christmas dinner served buffet style (myself on KP duty prior to the event). Brenda worked alongside Linda and many of the staff served at the buffet tables on the evening. Susan decorated the Cavallotti with more staff and participants and you will see her photographic skills put to good use in this newsletter. Darryl ran the cocktail bar along with Marie and Derrick was DJ for the evening. One of the highlights of the evening was the awards for long participation at Clay Tree, and Richard Ollenberger was given his 50 year award by another long standing member Richard McLellan. Elaine did her usual first class job speaking about the recipients prior to them being given their award from Mrs Armstrong who remembered many of them from the time they had been in her class. The dance floor was packed and many people said it was the best party so far, this only means we have much to live up to for next year.

The New Year has started really well and we are renovating a space for the Bridges program to move into. We are working with Vancouver Island Leadership to raise some of the funds and one of the main fundraisers for this event is a Beer n Burger evening on Friday 26th February at Old City Station Pub. The tickets are \$15 and available for purchase at Clay Tree Reception. Eventually this will lead to us being able to have a Seniors program here at Clay Tree which is much needed in the community. Team "Seed" (the name the Leadership team has chosen) have lots of great fundraising ideas and are getting lots of publicity for this project from Shaw TV and the news so "watch this space".

Prior to the above evening we have one of the best nights of the year coming up at Clay Tree on February 11th. It is Art from the Heart where you will see some spectacular art work that the artists at Clay Tree have created. This is a really fun evening and our auctioneer, Jeff Jorgenson will be keeping the bidding fun and fast. The tickets for this event are also on sale at Clay Tree and include light refreshments.

The formal Gala on March 12th is going to be at the Coast Bastion this year and is almost sold out. The theme is "Springtime In Paris" and the Gala committee are having regular meetings to prepare a magical and upscale evening for all the guests. As you know we raised \$23k last year so let's hope we can do the same and get that wheelchair van that Estevan badly needs.

Another move forward is that the General Managers office will be hosting an "open door" twice a week, this is for staff, caregivers and families alongside participants to just call in without notice and see either Darryl or Kelly. The dates are in the newsletter and also in the Clay Tree reception area and always remember that if you need a longer or more confidential meeting, then just call reception and they have the calendars for Darryl and myself and they are free to make appointments for you at a time that is convenient for you either day or evening.

We also have some great projects lined up for 2016 and we will keep you fully informed as we move through the months. The newsletter is produced 8 times a year and we also have our webpage and facebook being constantly updated.

Well, all that is left is for me to say a big thank you to all of you that have helped Clay Tree move on its upward path over the last year and let's just keep moving forward.

Kind Regards

Glenys Patmore
Executive Director





WELCOME!!

January 2016 Open Door Dates:
Monday's - 4, 11, 18, 25 8:30am - 9:30am
Thursday's - 7, 14, 21, 28 2:30pm - 3:30pm

February 2016 Open Door Dates:
Monday's - 1, 15, 22, 29 8:30am - 9:30am
Thursday's - 4, 11, 18, 25 2:30pm - 3:30pm



STANDING STRONG SOCK DRIVE

Dana Roncin was warmly welcomed by the ladies of the Salvation Army. They were pleased to accept 250 pairs of warm socks as well as four hand knitted scarves made by Ruth McLellan. Our next campaign will commence October 2016. Thank you to Richard McLellan and his team and all those who donated socks and wool to help us meet our goal!



CONNECTIONS

The Connections after hours program continues to grow with new participants! The participants have enjoyed a numerous amount of fun activities such as food cultural nights, card making sessions, baking, music trivia, karaoke, science projects, arts and crafts. The Connections program are looking forward to the new year and have been planning some new activities in group discussion. Wishing you all a great 2016!



Clay Tree Society Easter Candy Fundraiser

We are hosting a Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser for Easter. Order forms and booklets were sent home last week. If you would like to purchase anything please return your completed order form back to the Clay Tree office no later than Monday February 22nd. Please be sure to have your name on the order form as well as your phone number. Chqs are made payable to "Clay Tree Society". Delivery date to be announced.

We thank you for your orders and your continued support!





BRIDGES

Bridges has been very busy over the past two months! We are proud to announce that Clay Tree Society was able to help out for the tenth year in a row with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. As a whole, Clay Tree participants spent forty two and a half hours manning the kettles. We are now working hard on our art work for "Art from the Heart" on February 11th.

After Art from the Heart, we will be getting ready for our big move! The pool room in the back of Arbutus will be renovated, and we will be moving into that space. We are all looking forward to what 2016 will bring!

VISIONS

Happy New Year from Visions participants and staff! During the month of December we volunteered for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, attended the Festival of Trees and created beautiful Christmas mugs for participants to take home to their caregivers. After the closure, we have hit the ground running on our Art From The Heart projects. As a group, our goal for this year, is to recognize each of the dedicated people who come and volunteer at Clay Tree Society.



VENTURES

Ventures has had an exciting December 2015 volunteering with the Recycling Exchange, Big Brothers & Big Sisters and The Salvation Army Kettles. We hosted a successful Christmas Craft Sale along with Concepts, Estevan and the One to One programs. We attended a Christmas Cookie Art session held at the Coco Café. We have been enjoying our Thursday afternoon Yoga classes and presented our Volunteer Yoga Instructor with a gift of appreciation. We are also very excited about making Valentines cards with another of our talented Volunteers. Ventures has also been busy creating beautiful works of Art for the Art from The Heart fundraiser. We look forward to making the Ventures program even more exciting in the year 2016.





ARBUTUS

Arbutus has been active as ever in December building a rocking horse, four picnic tables and continued on with our regular contracts. We also enjoyed participating in the Salvation Army Kettle Drive and the Makola Housing clean up. A main focus for us during the month of January is to complete our projects for Art from the Heart. Our goal for this year is to increase the number of orders we are producing, and to find more community based activities to participate in. All the best in 2016!



ESTEVAN

Estevan has a variety of new activities that have been implemented over the past few months such as volunteering at the Men's Resource Center, having readers come in from Literacy Central Vancouver Island, and creating new art projects that participants pick out from Pinterest. On December 2nd, three players from the Nanaimo Clippers came to visit. Participants from all programs came and visited with the players and had their photos taken with them. Due to higher mobility concerns of some participants, our goal is to make connections with more people in the community who would like to come in and bring their talents to the folks in Estevan.

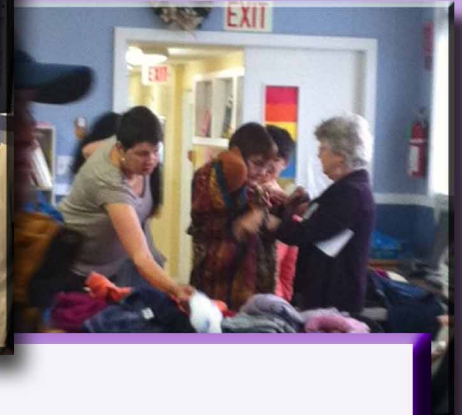




LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills is looking more professional every week with the donation of the blue aprons from Dan Bateman and his sister Jacquie. This year we are focusing on healthy snacks and meals that everyone can prepare themselves. Each program enjoys one month of group skills and with the introduction of our white board we can now identify needed chores in the building. Life Skills is held every Wednesday and in the summer months, open on a drop in basis.

We hope to see you there!



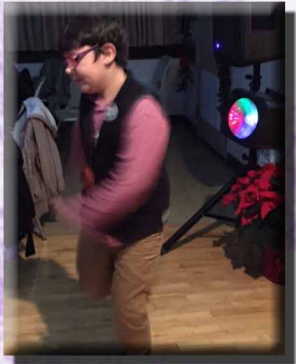
CONCEPTS

The Holiday Season was a very busy time for the Concepts folks! We volunteered for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, made Christmas swags out of holly and bows that were donated by Gord Murchison, attended "Elf - The Musical" at the Chemainus Theatre, held a clothing swap and collected and donated socks for our annual sock drive.





CHRISTMAS PARTY



CLAY TREE CLOSURE DATES:



Monday – February 8, 2016 – BC Family Day

Friday – March 25th, 2016 – Good Friday
Monday – March 28th, 2016- Easter Monday

Monday – May 23, 2016 – Victoria Day

Friday - July 1, 2016 – Canada Day

Monday – August 1, 2016 – BC Day
Tuesday/Friday – August 2-5th, 2016 - Summer Closure

Monday – September 5, 2016 - Labour Day

Monday – October 10, 2016 – Thanksgiving

Friday – November 11, 2016 – Remembrance Day

EVENT DATES:

Thursday – February 11, 2016 – Art from the Heart Live Auction

Friday – February 26, 2016 – Beer & Burger Fundraiser – Old City Station Pub

Saturday – March 12, 2016 – Springtime in Paris – Gala event



The fundraising committee is seeking a few new Volunteers for 2016. If you would like to assist with this great cause please contact:

Darlene Trinkwon at 250-585-0516 or dartri@hotmail.com

Many hands make lighter work – we appreciate your consideration to this request.

Please don't forget to "like" our "Clay Tree Society" Facebook page. Please invite all your friends and family to "like" our page as well.

We have a goal of 1000 likes by the end of 2016 and your help getting us to the goal is greatly appreciated!! THANK YOU!!

CONTACT US:

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250-753-5322
claytree@shaw.ca

Please send us your email address, and we make certain you get a copy of the latest Newsletter! or you can view it online at: <http://www.claytree.org/media>





Beer and Burger Fundraiser
 For the Clay Tree Society
 February 26th 6pm
 Tickets \$15
 Old City Station Pub



Your support to help meet our goal is greatly appreciated!

Clay Tree programs promote greater independence and community engagement for persons with developmental disabilities. Without these programs, these citizens get very socially isolated after graduating from high school. This may be their only opportunity to get engaged with the community, make friends, find employment and learn life skills as adults.

This beer and burger fundraiser gives you the opportunity to help Clay Tree renovate an old building and turn into into a space where programs can be moved into and therefore expand the amount of people Clay Tree can help.

Join us for a fun evening of scrumptious burgers, cold beer, 50/50 draws and a great silent auction.

To Purchase Tickets Contact:
 teamseedlvi@gmail.com Or Visit
 Clay Tree Society – 838 Old Victoria Road
 Nanaimo, BC M-F 8-4 pm
 250-753-5322 ext 0



DONT FORGET ABOUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!

Clay Tree Society PRESENTS
 'Springtime in Paris'
 Gala Event
 at the
 Coast Bastion
 Downtown Nanaimo, BC
 Saturday, March 12th, 2016



Enjoy a fabulous European Style
 four course Dinner

As well as Dancing and
 a Silent Auction

Early Bird Tickets \$100.00ea.
 After Dec, 15th 2015 Tickets
 are \$125.00ea.

For More Information
 call: 250-753-5322





REMINDER MEMBERSHIP 2016

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

2016

Claytree Society for People with Developmental Disabilities
838 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia V9R 6A1

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!