

The new bus has arrived!



Thank you to the Gala Committee and the Rogers Foundation for the excellent work in the fundraising involved to purchase the bus for Clay Tree Participants.



Greetings to all the Clay Tree Family and friends. It seems so long since the wonderful sunny days were with us and as we venture into the Autumn and Winter, I just wanted to take this opportunity to catch up with you all and mention just a few of the exciting things that have been happening at Clay Tree and let you know of some upcoming good times.

During the summer we had the Kayak Day and Kickball competition, both were hugely well attended and everyone really enjoyed the days they spent with us, last week we had Art from the Heart and coming up we have our Christmas Craft Fair on November 24th so if you haven't already been to a Clay Tree event then please join us.

A big thank you to all of you that have filled in the surveys, it was a great response this year and I shall be contacting all of you that wanted to take part in the Strategic Planning for the next three years. One of the things that really pleased us was the amount of comments that said how much communication had improved.

As you know we have changed the way we work here at Clay Tree with greater emphasis on client choice, education, life skills and pre employment , this has been a great success so far with open days from the life skills groups, we will be having another information session towards the end of the year and will be giving you all the details shortly.

You may have seen the latest Clay Tree Vehicle on its travels around Nanaimo, after fundraising for over two years and having a wonderful partnership with the Rogers Foundation we finally took possession of a brand new "All singing, all dancing" (translation FANTASTIC) Wheelchair Bus. This was a great day for us and a huge thanks to the Rogers Foundation for their support.

Don't forget our open door times here at Clay Tree, Monday mornings from 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. and Thursday afternoons from 2.30p.m. – 3.30p.m. and of course if ever you wish a more private appointment then just telephone reception and make that call.

Hope to see you soon



The art from the heart was held on October 12th at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 256. It was a successful evening and we raised \$6500. Clay Tree wishes to thank everyone who attended. Especially Jeff Jorgensen our fantastic auctioneer did a fantastic job keeping the crowd engaged.

Branch 256 was the perfect venue for this lucrative event. Clay Tree appreciate all the legion volunteers that donated their time to support this event.





At Clay Tree Society

838 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo

Friday November 24th, 2017

10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FREE Admission

We looking for Vendors – If you would like a table to sell your festive creations, the tables are \$20.00 for one table or \$30.00 for two tables. Please contact reception at 250-753-5322 ext 0 if you would like to have a table or two. Deadline to get a table is November 10th, 2017





Presents

Butterfly Ball Gala Event

at the

Coast Bastion Ballroom
Downtown Nanaimo, BC

Saturday March 3, 2018

5:30 p.m. - Midnight

Fabulous Four Course Dinner
Dancing & Silent Auction

Early Bird tickets \$125.00 each

After December 1, 2017 tickets are \$150.00 each

For more information call 250-753-5322

HURRY !

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Get in on the "BUZZZZ"!

Darryl Racine is taking it off for Clay Tree. Darryl has decided to do a sponsored head shave event to raise funds for the participant Christmas Party. We will be accepting sponsorship/ donations until November 24th. Tickets will be sold for a draw to determine the lucky individual who will get the honor to shave his head.



Developmental Disabilities

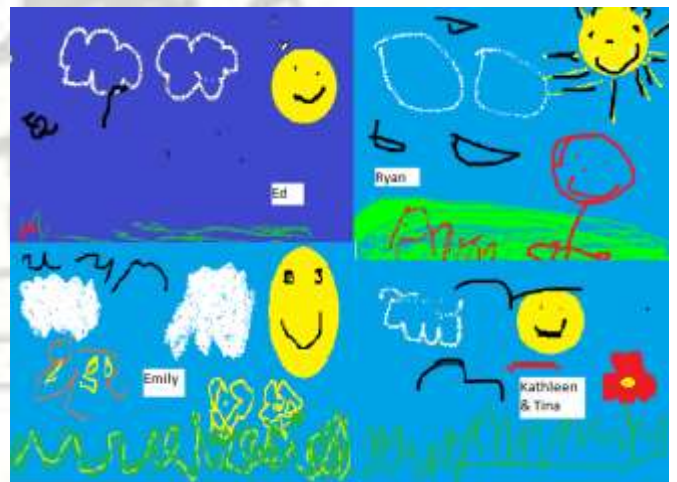
This hair raising fundraiser will be one you don't want to miss!

All sponsorship donations over \$20 will received a charitable donation receipt.

For more information contact Clay Tree reception. 250-753-5322 ext: 0

COMPUTER SKILLS PROGRAM

The computer class has been very busy with lots of different projects. We've learned the importance of internet safety and social media, how to create our own emails, send emails with attachments, create personal folders and save documents in it, learn how to find important information by having internet scavenger hunts and navigating through our Clay Tree website, learning the paint program and doing an "online paint night" with it, creating our own avatars, creating and planning our own trip using google maps and much much more. Our group has had tons of fun with these learning activities!



LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM JUNE – AUGUST 2017

The all-day Wednesday Life Skills Program is exciting and busy. We were able to discuss new topics such as, how food is grown, what local means, how to prepare food from the garden

(Thanks to Myrna's brother Howard), and many ways we can prepare food ourselves.

The afternoon class included topics such as money management, manners, household chores, grooming, and the importance of time.



The group worked hard and helped each other when needed, I'm proud how far everyone has advanced in the past three months.

Congratulations to - Myrna, Emily, Brian, Richard C., Trevor, Janice, Dana, Michael S., Michelle, Lorraine, Meyliss, and Jordan W.

SEWING AND MACHINE KNOWLEDGE

It's great to hear the sound of sewing machines and a group excited to create their projects.

We have mastered sewing on a button, hand stitching a hem and making our own pattern.

One project the group created this term were colorful pillows and some entered in the Vancouver Island Exhibition and won awards.



Our final project was a kitchen towel for the stove and this is a gift to thank a family member or caregiver for their daily support.

The group invited guests on the last sewing day of the term and proudly displayed their achievements.

Well done!!



Myrna, Emily, Lorne, Shirley, Jaylene, George, Ruth, Trevor, Janice, Megan, Dana, Michael S., Arden, Makayla, Jordan and Tia.

June 15, 2017

In the spring of this year, our Executive Director, Glenys Patmore was made aware there was going to be a Disability Pride Celebration in collaboration with the official Canada 150+ Anniversary. The march was sparked by conversations within the Community Inclusion Movement and with the event taking place in Richmond, Glenys wanted Clay Tree to be a part of this milestone.



Committees were formed and countless hours spent on organizing the overnight accommodations, transportation, staffing, volunteers and fundraising.



Early morning on June 15, Clay Tree left the Coast Tsawwassen Hotel and drove in 8 vans to the Disability Pride March. With police escorts and the main road cordoned off, eighty representatives from our society gathered with a large banner and signs sending a message about the importance of inclusion regardless of the challenges we all face.

DISABILITY PRIDE MARCH

October
2017



CONNECTIONS



Connections is now back up and running after the summer closure and it is getting bigger and better all the time. We had a fantastic Saturday trial in July, which was so well attended and a great time was had by all the participants and staff. We have recently operated on 3 Sundays and we are going to try the following Saturdays and after we will review which day is most popular and then in the New Year



we will continue.

The weekend activity days on offer are as follows:



Saturday October 21st

Saturday November 4th

Saturday November 18th

A \$5 registration fee will cover the cost of supplies and a wonderful healthy hot lunch is included in this price.

Performing Arts:

The Performing Arts Group did a skit that took place on an airplane. They had a pilot, Stewards, first class and economy. They did a great job of simulating a plane however there was just way too much leg room.



Music Mix:



The music mix meets Wednesday mornings. Recently we had the opportunity to announce the art from the heart fundraiser live on THE WOLF radio station. Frank did an awesome job advertising the event live. Following the radio station debut the participants toured the Long & McQuade music store on Comox Road.



14 July 2017

Clay Tree had an excellent day out on Westwood Lake kayaking. All participants enjoyed the hot summer weather and paddling on the lake.



08 September 2017

Clay Tree held a kickball and barbeque event at the local park.

A big THANK YOU to Country Grocer for supplying the food for the event.



ANNETTE VASSEUR

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Annette Vasseur. Annette was loved by everyone and had a smile that would light up a room.

She enjoyed art and made friends easily. In June of 1975 she began attending Clay Tree and in 1993 moved to the Estevan Program when it opened.

In November 2014, Annette transitioned to Halliday House in Parksville where she resided until her passing.



Closures:

Monday November 13, 2017 Remembrance Day – STAT
Monday December 4, 2017 Staff In-service
Friday December 22, 2017 – January 1, 2018 Christmas Closure

Dates to Remember:

Friday November 24, 2017 Christmas Craft Fare & Open House
Thursday December 7, 2017 Information Session: two sessions are being offered 1PM and 5PM.
Please contact reception to register.
Monday December 11, 2017 Participant Christmas Party – Coast Bastion
Thursday December 21 2017 Christmas Closure – Last day for Participants
Tuesday January 2, 2018 Clay Tree to re-open
Saturday March 3, 2018 Butterfly Ball Gala Event

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