



Butchart Gardens Centre Day Trip - September 2, 2016

FOOD, FRESH AIR, AND FUN

This year Clay Tree Society took a trip to Butchart Gardens to have its annual picnic. The staff undertook a huge operation to get all participants up to Victoria for the day to visit the beautiful gardens. It was a fabulous day with sunny weather too! The participants had a great time strolling round and looking at the beautiful flowers and trees.



Lunch was prepared by the Concepts Life Skills Class. A delicious selection of sandwiches, juice, chips and desserts were served by Linda Lobello and volunteer Sheila Elgie. After lunch those attending were able to tour the rose, Japanese, Italian and sunken gardens before meeting back at the buses. Glenys shared that she was overwhelmed with joy when she saw everyone posing in front of the Butchart Gardens sign knowing this day had been a complete success.



LETTER FROM THE ED



A big "hello" to all our membership and friends.

As we move into the Autumn, we have so much to tell you about both what has been happening over the last few months and the upcoming events. Most of them are being reported on in full but I will summarize here.

The renovations to the Bridges program is almost complete and we will be having a grand 'Opening Ceremony' and inviting some of our funders and Team Seed to help us celebrate, watch this space for the date and you would be most welcome to attend.

We are so thrilled for Yves Moskaluke and the Employment Services program which is going from strength to strength, Rachel Pearsall is reporting on that for you, and of course Connections with Tim Beer as supervisor is also doing well and Darryl is letting you know how that goes.

The Flea Market and car wash was a great success with over \$900 being raised and considering that it was in competition with the VIEX at the same time the fundraising team did really well. My niece, Nicole, came to stay for a few weeks and came into Clay Tree to volunteer to teach dancing which culminated in the Clay Tree Dance Troupe coming third amongst all the other dance schools on the Island.

Last Friday September 2nd we took the whole of Clay Tree to Butchart Gardens and had a fabulous time and I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers that made this day really special. The amount of texts and calls I received afterwards was so touching thank you to all that contacted me. The day after Butchart Gardens we raised \$400 at the HAM radio fundraiser with big thanks to Darryl, Joan, Margaret, Meyliss and Janine.

We have our CARF Accreditation coming up on September 14/15/16 and the entrance conference will be held on Wednesday September 14th at 9.00 a.m. in the Ventures program. Light refreshments will be served so please come along and feel free to ask any questions or offer to meet with the Accreditation Officer.

On October 17th there is going to be a 'Beer 'n Burger' evening at The Old City Station Pub tickets available at \$15.00, and then on October 19th we are hosting the Business before Business with our Lifeskills group here at Clay Tree.

Training for the new staff is being really well received and I am still hoping to open the Seniors program by the end of the year.

All of this could not be achieved without the wonderful support from you all, remember at any time if you have any suggestions or comments just telephone reception and an appointment will be made for you. Also Darryl has open door twice a week on Mondays and Thursday, which I must say is keeping him and Kelly busy.

Remember as the weather gets miserable "keep summer in your heart".

Kindest Regards,



STAYING CONNECTED WITH CONNECTIONS



The Connections program continues to spark interest by incorporating a wide range of activities, appealing to everyone, in the after-hours program that runs from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. throughout the week. The monthly calendar is posted at the entrance to the room highlighting the events that have been scheduled for that day. Darryl works closely with Connections supervisor, Tim Beer. Both he and Thomas Darling submit their ideas well in advance of the next month so that this calendar can be created.



To highlight a few events, the topic “Cartoons” was the focus of an afternoon. An open discussion delved into the stories behind comic book characters, DC and Marvel Universes and superheroes. Darryl brought in his super-8 projector and showed two black and white reels of comics from the 1930’s. With no sound other than the frames feeding through the threading switch, it was reminiscent of classic Hollywood cinema.

Tim and Jen hosted the Evolution of Rap Music with a comparison of rhythm and rhyme and how they are connected. Participants were encouraged to create their own rap son. Tim had composed his own version by incorporating the many layers of Clay Tree and the importance of the people we support.

Guest speaker, Mariko, volunteered to do a presentation on the history of the Japanese Kimono and how it is worn. Taking 20 minutes to get dressed into her kimono, she then entered Connections captivating the room. She was immediately greeted by Dan with, “Konnichiwa” (meaning good day). Having been introduced, Dustin was quick to add, “I remember you coming in and making sushi with us.” Mariko shared the history of the Kimono. It came to Japan around 800AD and went through many changes in terms of styles and settled around 1600. After the Meiji restoration, western clothes were introduced and the Japanese embraced a new arrival of attire since kimono clothes were targeted for robberies due to being unfit for running. Participants were offered the opportunity to dress in a kimono with Lorraine jumping at the first chance. Smiling during the wrapping of the sash and tying of the bow, she quickly reached out to give Mariko a big hug. Thank you, Mariko, for being an invaluable volunteer and supporter of Clay Tree.



CONNECTIONS RAP SONG BY TIM BEER



The Connections Rap Song

By: Tim Beer

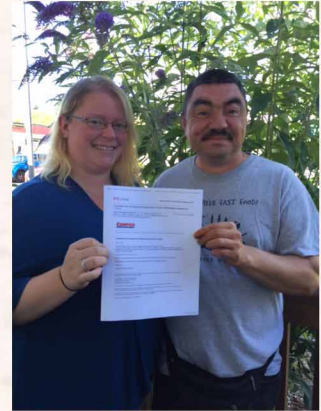
Hey welcome to Connections
Where ya know there's no rejections
To hooking up with everyone
From wherever they may come
We make gluten free brownies
For all the out of townies
And lots of cool art
That comes straight from the heart
Connections is the place to be
So you can easily see
We got modeling clay
So you know you wanna stay
To check out all the fun
Under that shining sun
Come one come all
Be you big or small
To Connections down at Clay Tree
I'm sure y'all agree
It's the only place to be
So tell all your sisters and bro's
That you're really in the know
About the direction of Connections

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations YVES MOSKALUKE

A big congratulations to Yves who is the successful candidate for the seasonal Parking Lot Attendant position at Costco! Yves will be collecting carts for members in the Costco parking lot. He is looking forward to having more financial freedom this summer and working towards a full time permanent position in the near future.



Congratulations to Jessica & Trent Forcier on the birth of their new son "Beau".
Beau was born on July 15, 2016 and weighed 6lbs and 2 oz.

CONGRATULATIONS CONCEPTS!

During the summer months the Concepts program raised \$80.00 by selling popsicles and ice cream sandwiches to staff and participants. The money raised will be used to purchase dog leashes for the therapy dogs at Victim Services.



KAYAK DAY



After months of planning on July 15th, Clay Tree Participants and Staff visited Westwood Lake for a day of Kayaking and swimming.

Everyone that wanted to experience kayaking was given some paddling instruction and teamed up with a staff/partner in a boat and the adventures began. For many participants this was a first experience of kayaking, and for those who participated in last year's paddle on Long Lake added to the experience using new skills or paddling techniques.

Alberni Outpost provided us with two double kayaks and two double Hobie peddle/paddle boats. The Hobie Mirage drive is a peddle boat that holds two people and has a wing like propulsion system that lets you fly across the lake with little effort. Truly a new experience for everyone and a ton of fun!

In all we had over 50 participants and most staff paddle a boat. It was Michaels goal to have all of Clay Tree participate in this awesome day and we are proud to announce the goal was accomplished!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success! A very special thank you to Eloise Patmore for volunteering to be the certified Lifeguard for the day, to Linda Lobello and the Life Skills class for providing a lovely lunch for everyone and to volunteer Joanne Cottle for keeping everyone on schedule for their turn in the kayaks.

Michael Lee & Susan Easter – Event Coordinators



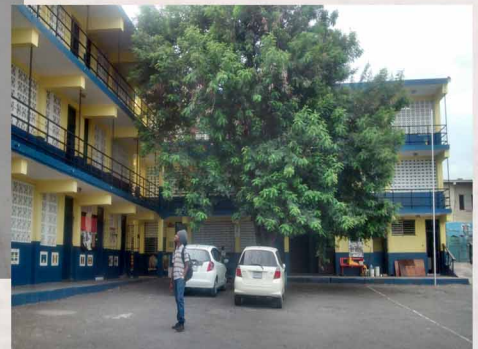
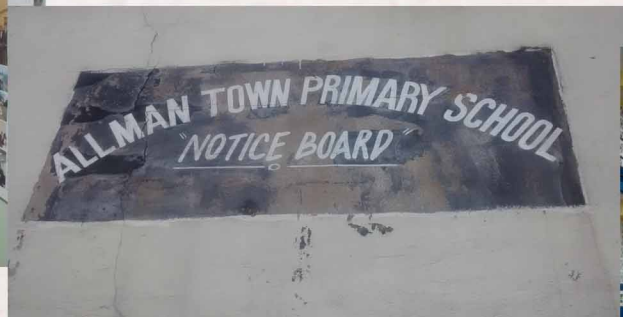


Allman Town Primary School is situated in Kingston, Jamaica. It is located in the heart of Kingston near the National Heroes Park, The Ministry of Education, and neighbors Trench Town and New Kingston. Allman Town may not be the richest neighborhood in Jamaica's capital city but walking through it I learnt of many individuals in the community striving to succeed and support others to do the same. From an individual who was awarded the Queen's Award for his outstanding community involvement and leadership, to another receiving a highly regarded scholarship to a Scottish university for her phenomenal academic achievements.

Part of this high achieving group is the Principal of Allman Town Primary who received the award for Principal of the Year 2015-2016, of all the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary educational institutions in the whole of Jamaica. While meeting with her she told me of her ambitious plans for the Primary School and its significant role in shaping the youth in the surrounding community. Thanks to Clay Tree Society's Flea Market on August 20th 2016, and 4 tables funded by our Executive Director Glenys Patmore and all those who donated to our cause (notably Margaret Gaskill) and Jen for managing the stand, I was able to make a donation to this Primary School. The Principal of the School was highly interested in what we do at Clay Tree Society and talked of the importance of including individuals of all levels of ability in the community, especially from Primary School age.

With the money she received, Allman Town Primary will be able to continue hiring a behavioral coach for their students this coming year, something they thought they would have to stop because of shortage in funding. What I learnt on my visit there is that community oriented groups such as Clay Tree Society and Allman Town Primary don't only make an impact within their own institutions but in the entire community. Nanaimo may have greater access to resources than many communities in Kingston, but what is certain is that both places benefit greatly from active community involvement by all, including the participants at Clay Tree Society! So thank you to all those who helped organize the Flea Market and bought from our stall, you contributed to a great cause!

Eloise Patmore.



LEMON SQUARES AND THE FLEA MARKET



Margaret Gaskill's Famous Lemon Square Recipe!

Top:

Ingredients

- 4 Eggs*
- 1/4 Cup of flour*
- 1/2 Cup of sugar*
- 1/4 Tsp of baking Powder*
- 1/3 Cup of Lemon Juice*
- 1/4 Tsp of salt*
- 1 Tsp of Lemon Rind*

Instructions

- 1. Beat Eggs*
- 2. Combine all ingredients*
- 3. Bake at 350 Degrees (F.) for 25 minutes*

Optional: dust with icing sugar

Base:

Ingredients

- 2 Cups of flour*
- 1 Cup of butter*
- 1/2 Cup of Icing Sugar*

Instructions

- 1. Mix together*
- 2. Press into a 9x13" pan*
- 3. Bake at 350 Degrees (F.) for 20 minutes*

Tips: Use the whole lemon, and really squeeze all the juice, and use all the rind for strong lemon taste.

Thanks Margaret!



Flea Market

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Flea Market & Car Wash fundraiser!

Special thank you to Darlene Trinkwon for all your work organizing the event and to everyone that worked at the Flea Market and Car Wash!

We raised almost \$900.00!
Congratulations to Myrna & Howard on winning the 50/50





THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU TO ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
BRANCH NUMBER 256 FOR YOUR GENEROUS
DONATION OF \$1,000.00.**

**THIS DONATION WILL GO TOWARD THE
CONNECTIONS PROGRAM WHICH IS CURRENTLY
NOT FUNDED.**



In Loving Memory

A heartfelt "Thank You" for your memorial donations in honour
of
Jack Keno, Margaret Ferguson and Denise Ethel.



KICKBALL TOURNAMENT



You're Invited!



We are "Kicking off" Community Living month with a

Kick Ball Tournament
Friday October 7, 2016 10am-2pm
Sid Clark - Gyro Park

Please join us for a day of fun!!
Bake Sale – Dunk Tank – Art Tent – Music & Dancing
Face Painting- FREE HOT DOGS & POP

If you would like to attend this FREE event please
R.S.V.P. with
Clay Tree Reception at 250-753-5322 ext "0" by -
Monday September 19th.

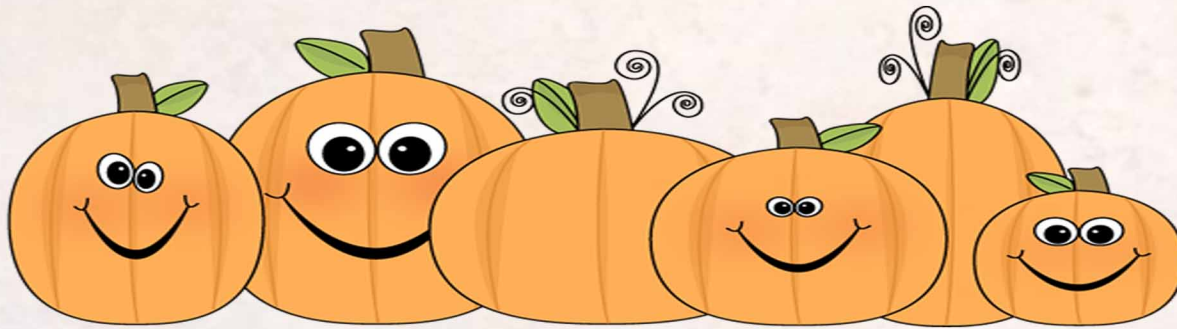
Clay Tree Society for People with Developmental Dis-
abilities
www.claytree.org FB – Clay Tree Society

CLOTHING SWAP AND BEER 'N BURGER



Clothing Swap
Janice Muckle goal - Concepts program
28th September

If you would like to donate clothes for the Clothing Swap
please have your clothes to the
Concepts program by Friday September 23, 2016 - Thank you.



Clay Tree Beer 'N Burger Fundraiser

Monday - October 17, 2016

6-9 pm at the Old City Station Pub

Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the Clay Tree
reception desk Monday to Friday 8-4pm

October 10th - deadline to purchase tickets.

DOOR PRIZES - 50/50's and Silent Auction



DATES TO REMEMBER

Clay Tree Society CARF Survey dates
September 14, 15 & 16, 2016.

CLAY TREE EXCELS AT VIEX



CLAY TREE DANCE TEAM WINS 3rd PLACE AT THE VIEX DANCE COMPETITION!!

Our Clay Tree participants and Staff had the opportunity to sign up for the dance competition at the VIEX this year.

The team competed against 12 other Competitors and won \$200.00 for Clay Tree taking the 3rd place position! Dance instructor Nicole Reddington Choreographed the dance for the dance team to the music of "HAND JIVE" from the movie Grease.

The team practiced for two weeks and are very proud of their 3rd place win!!



Clay Tree showcases at VIEX

After many hours of planning and preparation the work done by participants went before the judges at the VIEX on August 18th 2016. Everyone was thrilled to see the many ribbons and best of show items in art, woodworking, fabric and plastic canvass, and home arts.

This year the Cedar Women's Institute donated a \$50.00 prize for the best decorated cake and the Life Skills Group entered a wedding cake done with fresh flowers. We are pleased to say that our cake made the finals and went on to win best of show and the prize money.

It's a year until we go again and many are already thinking of what we can do to make Clay Tree proud.

Thanks to the office, staff and participants for all your help and support this VIEX year.

IMPORTANT DATES



Closures:

Monday October 10th- Thanksgiving

Friday November 11th- Remembrance Day

Thursday December 22nd- Last day for participants 2016

Tuesday January 3rd 2017- First day back for participants and staff

Events:

September 14th-15th-16th- CARF Survey

Friday October 7th- Kickball tournament

Monday October 17th- Beer 'N Burger Fundraiser

Wednesday October 19th- Breakfast before Business, Chamber of Commerce
7:30- 8:30 AM

November 26th- 27th- Christmas craft fair and GIANT bottle drive

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!!

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SUMMER FUN!

