



Clay Tree Society

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Clay TrED

Dear Friends and Families of Clay Tree Society,

I do hope that you are all enjoying the nicer weather as we approach the summer months. As you know the majority of our staff are now vaccinated against COVID - 19 and we hear daily as more and more participants and their families are being vaccinated. This is leading to many of you feeling safer and wanting service to resume as normal and I am asking for your patience in this matter. At the moment we are still working under phase 2 regulations which you can view on our website as we did a short video explaining all the changes that had been put in place. If you need to talk about the service your client/family member is receiving please do not hesitate to contact us, you can chat to Rachel Pearsall her cell number is 250 616 3954 or myself on 250 882 3755 or phone Am on reception to make an appointment. We are really hoping that by the fall we will be able to increase all the service you are receiving at the moment.

You may have heard about the recent break ins we had a few weeks ago, we had fuel stolen from the vehicles and the next night the catalytic converter was taken, we do have CCTV in place but if the perpetrators are wearing hoodies it has been difficult to identify them. Susan Easter gave an interview to CHEK news and we are so grateful to all the people that have stepped forward to donate towards our losses. The donations will be used to upgrade our security system. I am always so saddened that people do this to what is obviously the lifeline between Clay Tree Society and the community and then my faith is restored when we receive so many messages of support.





Clay TrED (Continued)

This monthly update is full of the great things we are still doing, we only were allowed a couple of volunteers during the last year and we have celebrated Joanne Drummond being with us for much of the year. Joanne calls the day she comes to Clay Tree her "happy day", she helps a great deal with Linda's sewing program and we have loved her being at Clay Tree.

We would also ask you to look at the many years Christine has been at the program and received her long service pin and all the other great things that are happening at the centre.

Another (bitter/sweet) celebration is that at the end of May our friend Elaine Manning is starting her retirement, Elaine has been with the society for many years and wears many hats in the course of her work, she has been the practicum mentor as well as helping train new staff and leading such groups as the H.O.P.E. council and many many others. We will be doing a big tribute to Elaine next month and showing highlights of her career over the last (almost 30) years. We do wish her every happiness during her retirement but we know we will still be seeing her and she will remain an important part of the Clay Tree family.

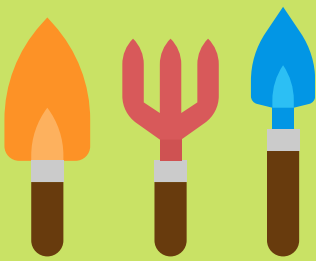
Please stay safe as we work towards the end of the pandemic and let the thoughts of being with our loved ones again keep us going through the tough times.

Kind regards,

Glenys Patmore
Executive Director



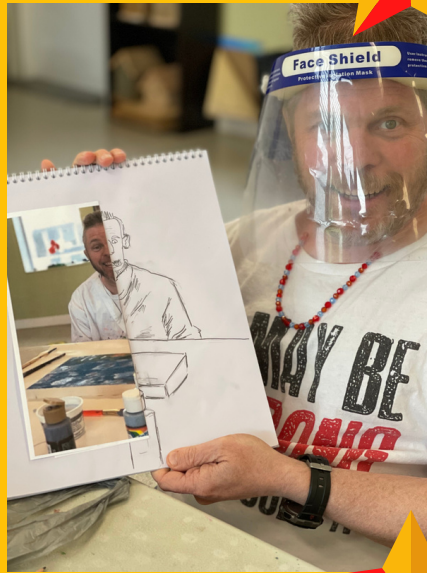
Pre-Covid photo



Spring clean up has started on the Clay Tree grounds. Thank you to the Gardening Group for all your hard work!



**THE PURPLE ROOM
PARTICIPANTS LEARNED
HOW TO DRAW SELF
PORTRAITS THIS MONTH**



We are Grateful!



Awesome Volunteer!



Thank You

The Heart of a Volunteer is not measured in size but by the depth of their commitment to make a difference in the lives of others

National Volunteer Week!
We are very proud to celebrate
Clay Trees #1 Volunteer

JOANNE DRUMMOND



CONGRATULATIONS!



Christine received her Clay Tree pin in honour of her 45 years at Clay Tree!



45
Years!



**CLAY TREE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY MAY 24TH, 2021
(STAT-VICTORIA DAY)**

The small Tomato plants will be ready for pick up in a couple of weeks. Please watch our Facebook page for the date of pick up.

