



Salt Spring Island/Mayne Island Branches THE GIFT EXCHANGE

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THANK YOU MACIE!

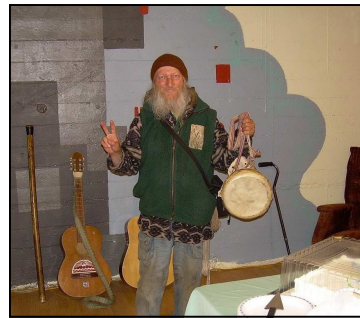
Much to our dismay, we have lost **Macie Pring** as a Board member of the Human Exchange but hopefully not forever and certainly not as our associate on Salt Spring Island and as “sharer of life’s gifts” par excellence! We have been gifted over the years with her poetry and song and know that we will not lose these beautiful pleasures.

But Macie is in constant overload being the mental health advocate for the Island as well as conducting a lunch program and Drop-In at the Yellow Submarine and working as a volunteer for the night shelter, In from the Cold. She also has pressing family needs and ongoing personal health challenges, though they don’t slow her down!



Since 1996, Macie has been active at the SSI Branch of the VHES. We pray her service to the Human Exchange will continue for many a day longer. Bless you Macie!

Palu Rainbowsong has generously entertained us and produced excellent CD’s of our Christmas party last year. Thank you Palu for sharing life’s gifts and for being willing to take care of many needs of many people. It is such compassion and readiness to give that helps us to grow towards a healthier community, sharing life’s gifts with one another.



Mayne Island Branch News

The Chapel has recently been given a new inclusive character, thanks to the generosity and hard work of a number of Mayne Islanders who want it to become a spiritual centre. Besides hosting Sunday liturgies, the Chapel now has regular meditation evenings and Retreat Days. Thanks to **Cecile, Paulette, Vickie, Ann, Bill, Colleen, Barbara, Dove, Leslie** and all who contributed to making the Chapel more inclusive and welcoming. Please phone for information on dates and themes. The Chapel can be used by any group that needs a spiritual/ private space.

Info: **Mayne:** 539-5310 **Cell:** 920-5056 **LD pager,** 1-800-691-9366

THANK YOUs FROM THE GULF ISLANDS

Our sincere thanks to:

Thrifty Foods for the regular cheques from the Smile Card program. Thanks to **Mike B.**, store manager for gifts of chickens for Christmas.

Irene C. for all the thoughtful gifts at Christmas time and GVM tapes. **Cherie of Copper Kettle** for vouchers and much support for the Houses on SSI.

Financial Gifts: Those who support the **Thrifty Foods Smile Card** program; **Irene Currie;**

Margaret B and **Mark S** for monthly support. **GVM** for Grocery Tape program.

Margaret B. for many thoughtful gifts used for Christmas: decorations and toiletries etc.

Macie P. for advocacy and support offered to many people in our houses and in the other SSI programs for those who are poor and marginalized by mental illness..

Imagen for continued free Internet Access and excellent technical support..

Palu and David for working together to make Grandma's House a safe place to live.

Vaughan F. for further maintenance work at Bittancourt Manor.

SWOVA, Island Women against Violence and the SSI Community Services for working with the Human Exchange in the service of people in need on Salt Spring Island

The Copper Kettle for an electric stove in good condition from a donor who needs a counter top stove. Thank you **Norah** for making this donation to our women's house which really needs a better stove.

MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH.

- **Colleen F. at ALEA** for printing brochures at short notice and for printing our Chapel Notices..
- **Annalie S** for beautiful warm jackets for women; very good boots and a warm toque.
- **Pat H.** for men's clothes and **Grant B** for men's clothes and household goods
- **Dawne C** for facilitating pick up of donated beds/desk and monitor ---donations from **Frances G.**
- **Mike** of Edith Point Rd for Christmas Tree / decorations. **Joyce K.** for regular gifts of produce.
- *Financial donations:* **Lazlo B; Yvette B; Mona M. & Daphne B.; Barbara M.; Ferdie & Pat R.; the Mayne Island Agricultural Society and Thrift Store; St Mary Magdalene Church Women's Auxiliary .**
- **Lina B.** for Society Accounting and help with reporting to the **Victoria Foundation.**
- **Joanna W.,** and the **Mayne Isl. Thrift Store** for further bags of linens and towels.
- **Yvette** for assisting Linda at the three women's houses in Victoria..
- **Cliffe D.** for bags of men's and women's clothing as well as many household items of great usefulness, plus jigsaw puzzles for recreation.
- **Shirley H.** for condensed Readers' Digest books for our people. Much appreciated.

*All who have dropped off goods anonymously or whom we missed. **We thank you all.***

In the Gulf Islands, monetary gifts (with memo re usage)
may be mailed to:

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