



Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

GIFT EXCHANGE

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Christmas ship, with Santa, sailing to Mayne Isl. Dock

Things we would be glad to receive:

Plastic for winterizing the old houses;
Working Computers for each house.

Gifts for Christmas such as
toiletries;
phone cards;
grocery vouchers;
Turkey

The Smile Card Program: We have more cards to give out, so if you can help, please page **Patricia** at **1-800-691-9366 Cell: 920-5056.**

Mayne Island Branch News:

Donations of all kinds are received and dispersed at 313 Mariners Way: 539-5310

Chapel of St Francis of Assisi: *sharing spiritual gifts with those who are marginalized:*

The next Day Retreat under the guidance of Peter Renner, Buddhist lay monk from Galiano, will be held on **Sunday January 18th**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH -- a day retreat on the topic of
"Women Anointed, Women Ordained: Re-Membering our Heritage from Early Chistianity."

combining information/ video/ song and meditation.

TIME: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Pot Luck Luncheon in the House at 313 Mariners (salads and cold cuts/ finger food suggested.)

REGISTRATION: \$15.00

Please register your name and phone number with: Pat Gasston: 9-5519; Patricia Fitzgerald: 539-5310 / Cell: 920-5056

- Meditations are held in the Chapel weekly—phone for details.
- *Monthly Gatherings* to share spiritual gifts and to give support to those who are marginalized will be held again in the Spring. If you are interested in taking part contact us at: *Outside Victoria: --1-800-691-9366 In Victoria: 250-361-2762*
On Mayne Island-- *Phone 539-5310 E mail: grandmas@saltspring.com*

Many thanks for taking part in "the exchange of life's gifts"!

Our sincere thanks to:

GVM for the Grocery Tape program—remember to hand in your **GVM** receipts to us.

Irene C. for distributing our newsletters and for collecting items useful to our houses.

Margaret B. for further goods including some beautiful art prints that are very much valued by our women at Bittancourt Manor.

Financial Gifts: Betty B for generous gift. **Margaret B** and **Mark S** for monthly support.

Thrifty Foods for the regular cheques from the **Smile Card program**. And for turkeys for Thanksgiving for the two houses. Thanks to all who use the cards to raise money for VHES

Rainer, who is leaving Grandma's House for all his generous facilitating. **Shawn** for taking over.

Sharon for many hours of volunteering at the women's house. Her son for maintenance work.

Cherie of Copper Kettle for your unfailing support for homeless people. **Community Services Food Bank** for being there for low-income individuals and families.

Macie P. for attending courses aimed at further equipping her for support work with people with mental illness.

Imagen for continued free Internet Access and excellent technical support.

All the women and men at the houses for taking good care of them.

All whose names we have missed but who have 'shared life's gifts'. **We thank you.**

MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH.

Paul and Grant for many excellent articles of clothing and footwear and for offering to take donations to the Victoria Houses and to do other cartage.

Malcolm and Bob for toiletries that will make great gifts for Christmas.

Financial Gifts from **Laszlo B.** and **Chapel users.** **ALEA** for printing our Chapel Notices.

Becky for loaning wonderful DVD's for others to view. Peter for donating labour for electrical work at the Chapel.

Joyce K. for regular gifts of produce much appreciated by people in the houses..

Lina B. for advice and generous and prompt accounting services.

Joanna W., and the **Mayne Isl. Thrift Store** for warm blankets and household articles and warm clothing/ footwear for the people in our Houses.

Whoever is sending Grocery Gift Vouchers to low-income families

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

In the Gulf Islands, Monetary gifts may be mailed to:

VHES Box 8534, Victoria BC, V8W 3S1

(With memo re usage)

Email: grandmas@saltspring.com Outside Victoria Society pager: 1-800-691-9366

On **Mayne and Outer Islands:** Tel: 539-5310

For Houses in Victoria : **418-9997** For Sidney Houses: **361-2762**