



Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

GIFT EXCHANGE

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Deck at Grandma's House. Photo: Derrick Nash

As Spring approaches, and rental properties on Salt Spring are snatched up by visitors and holiday makers, affordable rentals are even more difficult to find. So we tend to have our occupants requesting more extensions to their stay at the Houses.

If you are in a position to make a room available in your home for someone who needs a low rent but would be willing and able to contribute to the well-being of your property, please contact us for possible names and references.

Contact **Patricia or Linda:**

1.800.691.9366 or 250-920-5056

Thrifty Food's Smile Card Program:

We have more cards to give out, so if you can help, please page **Patricia at 1-800-691-9366 Cell: 250-920-5056**. Thrifty Foods donates 5% of total spent to our Society if the Smile Card is used to pay for your groceries. Simply load the card with funds before you pay for your groceries.

Things we would be glad to receive:

- Art materials: paints; canvases; brushes; crayons; paper etc to encourage talented people in our houses and to provide art therapy.
- Bookcases.
- Phone cards so people can keep in touch with relatives and find work and permanent accommodation.
- Store Gift cards especially for food.
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THANK YOU!

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:*

** 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 Cell: 250-920-5056

On Mayne Island-- Phone 539-5310 E mail: grandmas@saltspring.com

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

Salt Spring Island Branch: Our sincere thanks to:

- Financial Gifts from **Margaret B., Mark S.** (monthly gift for people with mental illness); **Jean H. Estate** for furniture, mirror and TV stand. **The Salt Spring Foundation** for ongoing funds.

Margaret B for numerous beautiful gifts for the Houses including Art supplies for the occupants and monthly financial assistance. **Irene C.** for always being ready to assist us in any way possible: delivering newsletters; donating gifts in kind; giving financial donations; and transporting goods.

- **Thrifty Foods** for ongoing gifts; **Imagen** for much support; **GVM** for discounts/ tape program.

Sharon and all the women at Bittancourt for their co-operation and patience as we slowly complete maintenance tasks. And for advertising Patrick's Book: *City of Gardens*.

- **Derek S.** and **Jim A.** for assistance and use of vehicles to support needs of the two houses.

SS Community Services and **Copper Kettle** for much assistance and advice.

- Our dedicated **Landlords** for their services and co-operation.

Mayne Island Branch: Our Sincere Thanks To:

- Financial Gifts from **Laszlo B.,** and **Chapel users; Yvette B.**

Cecile for introducing us to **Zensho** and ongoing support. **Peter R.** for silent Retreat in March.

- **Joyce K.** for continued gifts of veggies and fruits. **Carol N.** for excellent clothing

MonicaWorks for taking on the hosting of our Web-site www.humanx.org as a donation to our society. See her work: <http://www.monicaworks.com/> Also for knitting warm scarves and hats.

- **Lina B.** for genuine interest in our Society and for offering excellent advice.

Joanna W., and the **Mayne Isl. Thrift Store** linens and other items.

- **Whoever** sends Grocery Gift Vouchers to low-income families—your generosity is appreciated.

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

- *Patricia would like to thank everyone who assisted at the time of her recent medical emergency! It turned out to be nothing serious, but was a challenge at the time and a blessing in the long run!*

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

VHES Box 8534, Victoria BC, V8W 3S1

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

Patricia's Cell: **250-920-5056**