



Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches GIFT EXCHANGE

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Barbara Jean Clorinda Normandi Schreck, January 22, 1932 –July 13, 2011



A talented sharer of life's gifts, **Barbara Schreck**, or **Pandora** as we knew her, has passed into spirit on July 13th in her home in Montana. Her daughters Julie and Cathy brought her ashes to Salt Spring Island to be scattered around at her request . Stephen Glanville, co-founder of VHES and good friend of Pandora's, played Dust in the Wind on his guitar.

Pandora wrote beautiful haiku and painted rocks with inspirational sayings including our motto: **"Every meeting of Persons can be an exchange of life's gifts"** (see photo)

Here is a recent Haiku by Pandora (with thanks to her daughter Julie and Stephen who emailed it) More of Pandora's prose can be found on our Web-site Publications page. www.humanx.org/publications

*Magic years of youth
Before they said I could not
I believed I could*

*I touch my forehead, finding
It is not so vast a space
As I imagined*

*While in deepest pondering
Each day I am awed anew
By wondrous familiar scenes
How then could I ever leave
This magic island*

Report from Judith at Bittancourt Manor

Hello everyone, we are enjoying sweet time on our deck and the spectacular view. It's even pleasant on the deck during warm rains. The little garden is growing, about a dozen roses came and went. Picking a variety of lettuce for salads and just had a first meal of peas and one artichoke, yum. The blackberries I mentioned last article are in full flower, masses of them, eager anticipation of eating them soon.

A tree blew down, resting on the roof balcony on a windy night, game 6 of Stanley Cup. **Gord the Tree Guy** came to our rescue and removed it...no damage except to the tree !Thank you Gord!

Every Meeting of persons can be an exchange of life's gifts – a Human Exchange.

The Anglican Church is doing their annual **Salmon BBQ July 29 and 30** for the benefit of their work in Mexico, Kenya, and also our VHES houses, Bittancourt Manor and Grandmas' House. We very much appreciate their kindness and will have photos on display.

Visiting friends from Vancouver came to see Bittancourt house when they were hosting a **Salt Spring Peace Event, July 2**. They were very impressed. They are doing a **Charity Benefit Golf Tournament "Have Fun and Do Some Good" in Surrey, September 24**. *I applied for VHES to be one of the local beneficiaries and we are accepted.* Also benefiting is The Shelter Box Programme by Rotary Club.

Cheerio, have a great summer.

From Bittancourt Manor.

SALTSPRING BRANCH -- SINCERE THANKS TO:

- **SSI Foundation** for funds for Grandma's House and for Bittancourt Manor.
- **The Land Bank Society** for many projects to house homeless salt Spring Islanders. Thanks Neddy for all your hard work! Thanks also to the **Woodward's Foundation** for financial support.
- **The Anglican Church Outreach** for fundraising efforts which assist many charities and especially assist us to improve the emergency housing service we provide to men and women.
- The **CWL of OLOG** for ongoing assistance. Special thanks to **Emily H.**
- **Financial Gifts: Mark S.** for monthly gift for people living with mental illness; **Margaret B.** for a generous donation of funds and **Country Grocer** tapes; **Thrifty Foods for Smile Card program. DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR SMILE CARDS!**
- **Judith W.** for obtaining donated services for the House, particular thanks to **Gordon L.** for tree service and to **TPRF** for sponsoring the **Charity Golf Tournament in September**.
- **Counselors and staff of SS Community Services Society** and the **Salt Spring Transition House** for networking with us and for supporting our occupants. **Food Bank** for being there!
- **Cydney S.** of the MHSO for her real caring and ready co-operation in difficult circumstances.
- **Irene C.** for clothes for linens; towels; **Country Grocer** tapes and many useful items.

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- **St Mary Magdalene Church** for sharing fruits of the Church Fair and for so much good done.
- **Mayne Thrift Store** for gifts of towels and linens
- Financial Gifts from **Laszlo B., Yvette B.,** and **all Chapel supporters.**
- **Sylvie I.** for tasty cukes. **Joyce K.** for more veggies and fruit enjoyed by many.
- **Bonnie and Bob** for further gifts of furniture, linens and household items for all our houses.
- **ALEA** for further gifts of Society brochures. Very much appreciated.
- **Carol O'N.** for women's clothing; **MonicaWorks** and **Lina B.** for ongoing expertise.
- **Pat and Ferdie R.** for beds, duvets, blankets and linen for our new house in Nanaimo.
- **Lina B.** for generous assistance whenever asked and for advocating for VHES with funders.
- **Malcolm & Kathy at Remax** for photocopying; **Gulfport Realty** for free mail drop.

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

VHES, Box 8534, Victoria BC V8W 3S1 & memo'd SSI or Mayne Branches
Email: grandmas@saltspring.com *Outside Victoria : 1-800-691-9366*

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