



## Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

# GIFT EXCHANGE

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I have been so blessed to be part of this home. All the women who reside here are now working together... The communication we have between us all has helped us to work together... Cleanup of the home with their help has been a rewarding task. I want to thank you all for this opportunity to live this phase of my life here.... I want to thank the women who reside here now ( Genia, Megan, Ramona)... For all their work, strength and courage... I have learned a lot personally... Two other women have moved on with their journey. We still have one room available. Joan – Facilitator, "Bittancourt Manor"

*We are announcing a competition to find a name that better suits our Women's House. Please go to the Society Facebook and make suggestions, which could be names of women honoured on Salt Spring for their work in the areas of poverty and homelessness. We will announce the winner next Gift Exchange.*

### **GRANDMA'S HOUSE**

Everything is going extremely well here at Grandmas House. I know I mentioned to you that B. might be moving on, but we've spoken since then and it looks like he will be staying. There's really no reason why he would want to move and he realises that. I think some people in early recovery start to feel better and just want to take on everything at once, I know because i'm one of them!!! M. and J. are both doing well too. It's nice we've all become friends here at the house and there hasn't even been one argument between any of us, which is amazing considering the emotional pain each of us is experiencing due to our healing processes.

I've created a chore schedule and we rotate the duties weekly which seems to be working fine. The one thing that we could use is a garbage can for the kitchen. The one we have is tiny and doesn't have a lid; however, it's not a huge concern and we make do just fine with what we have.

You will be happy to know that i've started a N.A. step group here at the house on tuesday evenings. There are seven of us in total and it was, of course, completely optional for the guys living here, but everyone stepped up and joined! All of us are going to meetings pretty much every day and we all work a program through N.A. and it really shows.

I've spoken with everybody at different times and the feeling I'm getting is that there are probably going to be three applications for extensions coming up. As far as I'm concerned everyone is doing great and Grandmas House couldn't ask for better residents-- at this point,... *if it's not broken don't fix it!!!!*

**Thanks to Joan and Jordan for these very positive Reports.  
See reverse side of this page for our gratitude to supporters of these houses.**

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

### **Sincere thanks to:**

- ◆ **SSI Pest Control** for generous donation of services when we have critters doing damage.
- ◆ **Electronic Arc** for being there when we need technical assistance with our computers.
- ◆ **Teresa** for generous hours of volunteering interviewing women in need of housing and general networking for the Society on Salt Spring Island.
- ◆ **Neddy of the SSLBS** for providing a very comfortable home for men facing personal pain and the need for healing in a supportive family-like home.
- ◆ **Emily H.** and the **Catholic Women's League** and the **SSI Foundation** for always being willing to assist.
- ◆ Thank you to **Cydney of Duncan MHSO; SSI Transition House; Copper Kettle** and the **SSI Community Services staff and volunteers** for being partners with our Society
- ◆ **The Anglican Church of All Saints by the Sea** for continued financial support.
- ◆ **Irene C.** for many gifts for our Houses. **Margaret B.,** for years of generosity to SSI VHES.
- ◆ **Country Grocer** for funds from Grocery Tape program. **Thrifty Foods for Smile Card program** and other kind gifts. **Mouats** for supporting us with gifts of goods and discounts.
- ◆ Our good **Landlords,** the **Facilitators** and **all churches, businesses and individuals** who have supported us in any way.

### **MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH - More Info: 250-539-5310**

- ◆ **Pat & Ferdie R.** for furniture and clothing –does anyone need a book-case; card table; or two dining room chairs.
- ◆ Generous Financial Assistance from **Yvette B.** and others. **Shania** for editing and card design.
- ◆ **The Mayne Island Thrift store** for regular gifts or linens and other items for the Houses
- ◆ **Joyce K** for many boxes of veggies and fruit generously delivered.
- ◆ **ALEA** for printing brochures free when needed. Re/max for free photocopies.
- ◆ **Lina B.** for book-keeping services including budgets, Year End statements, and advice.

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

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