



## Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

# GIFT EXCHANGE

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### **CHANGES AT THE HOUSES**

Since **Grandma's House** came back into service last year after renovations by the SSI Land Bank Society, we have been privileged to have the volunteer services of Jordan Lessick as very capable Facilitator. Jordan has goals in his life that he felt could be assisted by some months of volunteer service as a VHES Facilitator but he now feels ready to move on with his own life goals. He writes:

**"I've been doing a lot of thinking lately and I feel it's time I was moving on...I'm planning on staying here on SSI and I'm willing to stay on as facilitator for a while until we can find someone to take over. I'm very grateful for everything that Grandma's House has done for me in the last year and I would like to talk about how I might still be of service in the future. Thanks, Jordan."**

We wish Jordan every blessing and we are now looking for someone to fill the large gap in our volunteer services that Jordan's decision has left us with.

**If you know of anyone who would like to add the skills learned as a facilitator to a resume, please ask him to contact Jordan for more information:  
250-538-8345**

**Nancy Wigen House** also had changes, as Lisa needed to leave for health reasons. We are so grateful to **Teresa F.** for her tremendous generosity in filling in until we found someone to live in the Facilitator suite who is capable of interviewing new occupants and fulfilling the duties of Facilitator. Much gratitude also to **Russ H.** who has done repair jobs.

**At first everything is quiet, not a sound,  
As I see the night pass into morning,  
and I see the dew rising up to welcome the new day**

**The sun's rays kissing the tree line,  
and the sea reflecting her kisses.**

**Then I hear the birds singing their song of thanks.**

**My heart beats with excitement as I pray my thanks  
to the One who has made all these beautiful things....  
Thanks.**

Poem and Sketch by  
--Raymond Sam



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

**Sincere thanks to:**

- ◆ **Mark S.** (for mental health consumers);
- ◆ **Karen C.** Owner of Gulf Island Pest Control for generosity in financial transactions!
- ◆ **Cherie of Copper Kettle** for referring homeless persons to us and for many other kindnesses.
- ◆ **Neddy of the Land Bank** for partnering with our Society in the effort to make housing available to Salt Spring Islanders in an ongoing way.
- ◆ **The Salt Spring Island Foundation**, especially **Emily H.** for patience with our changing needs and readiness to assist us in difficult times.
- ◆ **The SSI Transition House** and the **SSI Community Services** for partnering with us in our efforts to house Salt Spring Islanders.
- ◆ Special thanks to volunteers, **Lisa, Teresa, Mary, Kristina** and many others who have assisted with Nancy Wigen House occupants.
- ◆ **Thrifty Foods** for Christmas Turkeys and all those who made Christmas a special time for the men and women in our Houses. **CWL** for gifts for the Women at **Nancy Wigen House.**
- ◆ **The Anglican Church of All Saints by the Sea** for ongoing financial and practical assistance.
- ◆ **Irene C.**, and the **Lady Minto Thrift Store** for many thoughtful gifts.
- ◆ Jordan, Grandma's house Facilitator for much helpfulness over and above his normal duties.
- ◆ Our **Landlords**, for partnering in the housing of persons in need of supportive accommodation.

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

- ◆ **St Mary Magdalene's Women's Auxiliary** for interest and support for our charity.
- ◆ **Deborah A.** for furniture gratefully received by family of five.
- ◆ **Mayne Island Thrift Store** for much needed linens and pillows.
- ◆ **MonicaWorks** for upgrading our VHES Web-site: [www.humanx.org](http://www.humanx.org) **Shania** for assisting with newsletter.
- ◆ **Joyce K.** for many boxes of veggies and fruit and many other gifts generously delivered.
- ◆ **Gulf-port Realty** for free mail drop. **Lina B.** for book-keeping services.
- ◆ **Wayne T.** for picking up and dropping off in connection with our Society needs.
- ◆ **Pauline M.** who regularly donates most welcome goods to our Society.

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**VHES, Box 8534, Victoria BC V8W 3S1** & memo donations to **SSI or Mayne Branches**  
Email: [grandmas@saltspring.com](mailto:grandmas@saltspring.com) *Outside Victoria* : **1-800-691-9366**  
[www.humanx.org](http://www.humanx.org)

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