



Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

GIFT EXCHANGE

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By the time you read this newsletter, a decision may have been made as to the future of Nancy Wigen House. Illness and finances have threatened the viability of this house but the Owner is ready for a long term solution if we can find one.

Meetings are being held with the SSI Housing Council, the VHES, and other interested groups who all appreciate the service that the SSI Branch of the VHES has offered over 18 years through Grandmas House for men and through this women's house which has also served seniors and a co-ed group and been called several different names reflecting the variety of housing it has offered.

If you do Facebook, you would have kept up with the happenings and the offers of help that have been received. Special thanks to all involved in this important matter especially Nancy Wigen herself, who has told us that Rector Stetson of the Anglican Church offers to assist in any way needed.

Nancy has been at the house with gifts for Easter also Emily of the CWL and Cherie of the Copper Kettle gave at that time to make Easter very special and family like.

However, people move on once their need for the House is over, and we now need new women to fill the house. If you know anyone who is determined to move on beyond drug and alcohol use and become a contributing member of the SSI community please tell them to phone Teresa at 250-537-2259.

At Grandmas House, Jordan is seeking males who would appreciate zero tolerance housing in order that they can achieve their goals – thanks to Neddy for providing Jordan with a rental Cabin on his own. But he is still the Faciliator.



Photo of an Eagle at Fulford Harbour taken by Stephen with the comment that Ray Sam, Nancy Wigen's protegee, loved sketching eagles.

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

Sincere thanks to:

- ◆ **SS Housing Council**, especially **Janis G** , **Charles B.**, **Maryanne B** and **Tom M.**
- ◆ **Rector Stetson** and parish of All Saints by the Sea for ongoing financial and practical assistance.--also to advocate and friend: **Nancy Wigen** herself.
- ◆ **Ethel** for the loving gift of a pumpkin pie for **Nancy Wigen House**.
- ◆ **Cherie of Copper Kettle** for gift card for Easter and many other kindnesses
- ◆ **Neddy of the Land Bank** for partnering with our Society and much helpful advice.
- ◆ **The SS Isl. Foundation**, especially **Emily H.** for readiness to assist in difficult times.
- ◆ **Mark S.** (for mental health consumers); **Margaret Mary B** for always being there with support.
- ◆ **Embe Bakery** for delicious buns at Easter! **Country Grocer** for rebate.
- ◆ Special thanks to volunteers, **Teresa**, **Kryztina**, and to **Nancy Wigen** and many others who have assisted at Nancy Wigen House.
- ◆ **Thrifty Foods** for Easter Turkeys and for continuing the *Smile Card program* to limit of \$1500.
- ◆ **Irene C.**, and the **Lady Minto Thrift Store** for always asking: What do you need?.
- ◆ **Jordan L.** 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.

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- ◆ **St Mary Magdalene's Women's Auxiliary** for interest and support for our charity.
- ◆ **Pat R.** for Easter gifts for children. **Pauline M.** For gifts of clothing and special items
- ◆ **Mayne Island Thrift Store** for much needed linens and pillows.
- ◆ **MonicaWorks** for advice and work on our facebook, web-site and newsletters.
- ◆ **Rose S.** for offer of T Shirts.
- ◆ **Gulf-port Realty** for free mail drop. **Lina B.** for book-keeping services.

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