



Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

GIFT EXCHANGE

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Grandma's House news:

There are 4 men living in the House and one in the Cabin. **Jordan Lessick** has handed over to **David I.** and we thank him sincerely for his willingness to take on this responsibility of being live-in Faciltator.

David writes:

"Thanks for everything at the house! It's been a great blessing to be here since the end of November. Until then, I'd been living in a tent and was seriously considering insulating it since it was extremely cold, wet, and I couldn't find housing otherwise. So glad I met Jordan and he got me in here. Just having access to the basics like laundry, a shower, and cooking facilities (a fridge!!) was like winning the lottery at the time. It's been 6 months now and because of the stability here I've been able to keep a great job at Country Grocer. And having sold all my possessions over several months just to survive in Vancouver (after the business I worked for folded a year ago), I can finally say I'm rebuilding my life again. The house is great and the guys are great. I wouldn't have thought that 5 guys who didn't know each other beforehand and each have different struggles could get along so well, but we do....it's a very supportive environment."

Neddy of the SSI Land Bank continues to do upgrades at the House with the help of the men who are able to work. We thank the **SSI Community Services Society** for supporting these men. Many thanks to **Fr Scott of Our Lady of Grace Church** for fundraising for **Grandmas House!** Thanks to **Fr Ed Evanko** who produced the Play about the life of Oblate Founder, Eugene de Mazenod, and to all the people who attended and donated so generously. *Tax receipts have been issued.*

Sincere thanks also to:

- **Country Grocer** for grocery tape program. To **Irene C.** for counting the totals of the tapes! Thanks also for assistance with **OLOG** fundraiser.
- **The Catholic Women's League** through **Emily H.** for funds again through the **Country Grocer** grocery tape program.

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- ◆ All those donors who offered clothing, linens, food, or financial donations.

We encourage everyone on Mayne Island to support the local **Thrift Store, Lions Club, St Mary Magdalene's Church Fair** and all the other groups who work for the betterment of persons in need.

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