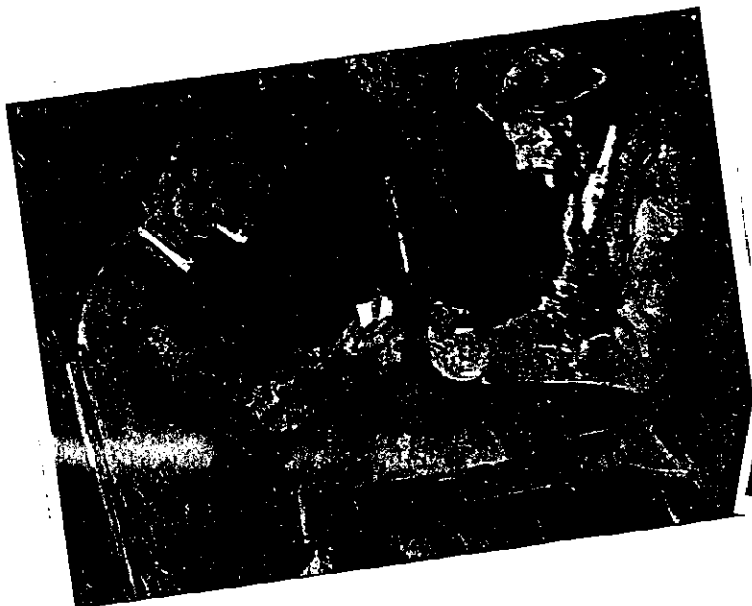


# G N A S H



Here it is! Volume I, No. 1 of G.N.A.S.H.  
That's...Good News Around the Old School House...  
Our very own VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER to help us get acquainted,  
get and stay in touch, and pass on bits and bytes of  
positive news, views and interesting tidbits.

Right now I want to thank everyone who contributed to this  
first newsletter, whether with a natty name, ideas, or  
jottings in the newsletter books. Without your input, I'd  
have no output, so keep the copy comin'!



PRESENTING THE OFFICE STAFF OF TOSH:

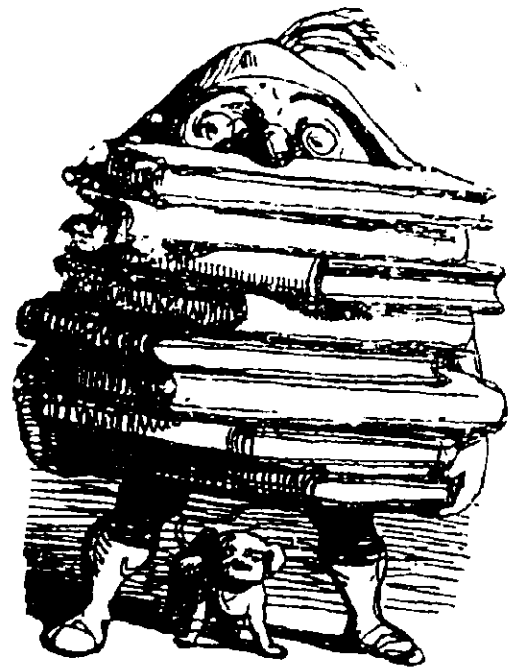
ADMINISTRATOR (Administratrix??).....Barbara English  
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.....Pat Cloran  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.....Linda Cameron  
(Welcome to Linda, who comes to us from Victoria)  
OCCASIONAL ADMIN. ASSISTANT.....Cynthia Minianni

WHO'S WHO IN OUR VOLUNTEER WORLD?

CO-ORDINATOR OF ALL TOSH VOLUNTEERS.....June Watson

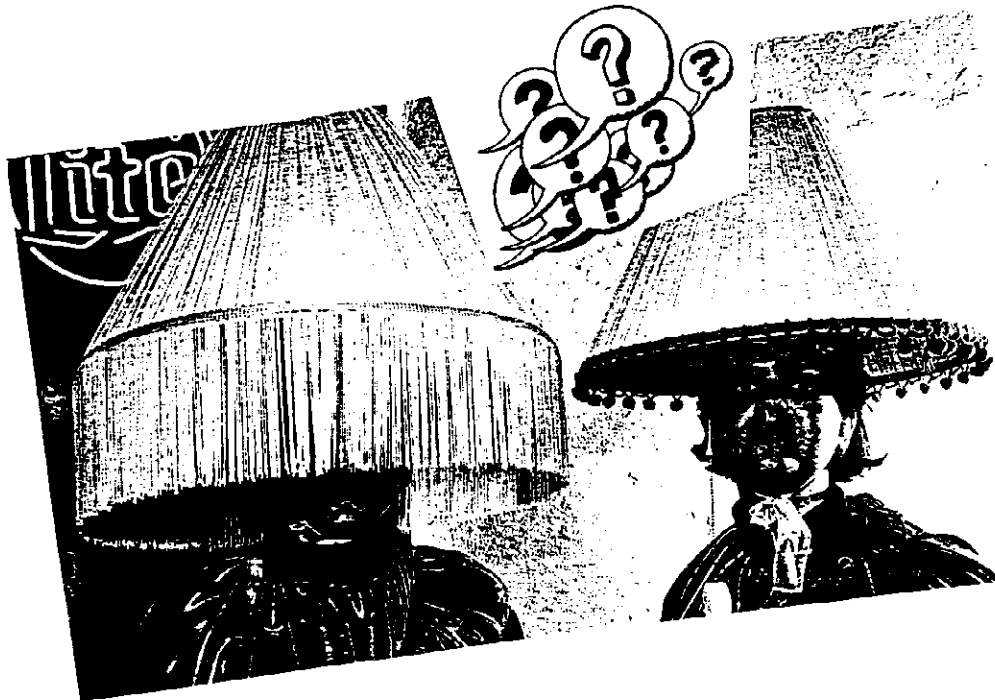
SPECIFIC VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATORS:

Gallery Shop Inventory.....Anne Morrison  
Gallery Shop (Sales).....Lenore Hellum  
Reception.....Deanne Pichak  
Tours.....  
Cultural.....Tina Beard  
Hospitality.....Betty Torbet  
Telephone.....Cheryl O'Brien  
Tallying.....Erna Stobbauer  
GNASH (Newsletter).....Nancy Whelan



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

At the last Volunteer Committee Meeting, our co-ordinator, June Watson, brought up an important point. All volunteers who want suggestions, ideas or problems put before TOSH administration, MUST communicate through the appropriate volunteer committee co-ordinator (see above) rather than go directly to the Administrator or her assistants. This will allow volunteers' concerns to be dealt with more efficiently and will leave office staff free to deal with their own work uninterrupted.



OBSERVATIONS BY VOLUBLE VOLUNTEERS  
(notes from the Diary and the Newsletter Scribblers)

Our resident artist, Wanda Ashmore, has achieved ASSOCIATE status in the Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA).  
Congrats, Wanda!

A volunteer who visited the TOLKAN KILN at Malaspina College in Nanaimo says: It is the oldest form of fixing clay in the world, originating in Japan. I think there are only four left in the world and extremely interesting.

Thank you to "...Gladys and Charlie Killop and Nancy Ward for service recognized by 5-year service pin, not to mention a few others.

Best Wishes to artist/volunteer Enid Cheney who celebrated her 80th birthday in June.

A note for bird fans (you ornithologists, i.e.) from Nancy Ward: I recently read about the journey of the Capistrano Swallows who fly 12,000 miles from California to Argentina for the winter and spend the summer in and around the Mission San Juan Capistrano. The interesting thing is that they arrive there on March 19th each year. The story went on to say that the Swallow carries with it, in its beak, a small twig and when it gets tired the twig is used as a boat on which it rests before resuming its journey. Even if this is just a legend, I think it's a lovely story, don't you? Such courage from such a little bird, and inspiration for all of us too.

ALL YOU SINGLE LADIES, LISTEN UP - Heather Ewonus has this tale to tell:

Scene: TOSH Reception Desk

Cast: Heather

Small, Friendly Boy

Plot: A little boy made friends with me and asked, "Do you swim?"

"Yes," I said.

"Can you do a cannonball?"

"You should see me!" I replied.

"When can you come swimming with me?" he asked.

("Single women can get dates in the most unexpected places, I've found," says Heather.)

And this, I expect, is not the ONLY tale of "Romance at the Reception Desk"...stay tuned.

# CHATTER



BY BUBBLES  
FRANKLANDER



"Quick, Leo, the FLIT!" Did you hear about the wood/sow bugs in the Brown Gallery? Seems a sharp-eyed visitor mentioned (sotto voce, we can only hope) that a stump base in our "Down the Garden Path" exhibit was full of the above mentioned creepy-crawlies. Fortunately, Leo Cyr was on hand to take care of the problem before a potential buyer of the item had a house full of bugs. ("We Never Promised You a Sow Garden" la-la...!) "Always something exciting happening," concluded our reporter

(EDITOR'S NOTE!!!!!!) Now these are the kind of items that can liven up our GNASH - so keep your eyes peeled, your ears tuned, and your pencils at the ready...Thank you, thank you.

NOTE to "RUM CAKE": I'm saving your great entry to add spicishe and shavor to our next Newsletter. NW

"Lots of tourists with tales to tell: Solved all the political problems with a couple from Ottawa." (Shop Vlntr.)

Some days in the shop, this is the way it is: "My finger was busier on the (visitor) counter than writing sales slips..."

DO YOU KNOW?...that Pauline Pike and Wanda Ashmore framed paintings can be sold @ 15% off framed price - call them at home (or in studio) and they will come and remove frames.

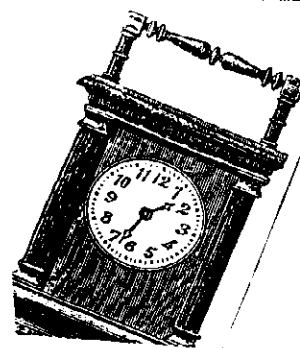
NEW SHOP Talk: "Great fun to watch the faces of regulars who weren't expecting the change!" Said occasional-but-now-more-frequent visitors, "We have to come back and see what's new with all the changes."

Thought for any day: IF NOTHING CHANGES  
NOTHING CHANGES  
(Courtesy - Barbara's office decor)

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY OCTOBER!

A new twist on the '96 Christmas Showcase:  
The Showcase will be in three parts this year with  
1. "Ornaments" Nov. 12-18; 2. "Showcase" Nov. 19-Dec. 9 and  
3. "Angels" Dec. 10-23

A tea for Volunteers at Valhalla has been suggested to  
disseminate information about the new Showcase format.



F. Y. I.

Here is the official TOSH mandate:

1. Support and expand arts on Vancouver Island by developing programs emphasizing visual arts and complemented by musical, literary and film presentations.
2. Encourage amateur and professional regional artists by the presentation of workshops and demonstrations.
3. Have studio space available for working artists where the public can meet them and view their work.
4. Provide the facilities for the recognition, exhibition and sale of the work of emerging artists.
5. Develop a regular schedule of exhibitions and presentations by professional artists whose works are not usually readily available in our area.
6. Serve as a learning and resource centre, working closely with school, community and cultural groups by developing tours and classes.
7. Provide a vigorous, welcoming art centre for all ages and audiences in the community as well as for visitors.

OOPS! DEPT.

Is "ERROR" giving you a bad time on the cash register? June says this procedure is one to restore our sanity:

1. Press CLEAR
  2. Press SOME/ANY AMOUNT
  3. Press CONSIGN key
  4. Press CHARGE key
- VOILA!?

## THE GIFT OF A NEW SHOP

There have been lots of positive comments on our new look in the gift shop. Anne Morrison and her Inventory committee members Beryl Hamilton, Ray Riches, and Betty McCullough arranged the new set-up after the "wreck & repair" crew were finished. Granted, there are still a few bugs to work out but time and some \$\$\$ will come to our aid.

## I'VE LEARNED...

...that there are two things essential to a happy marriage - separate chequing accounts and separate bathrooms.

...that whenever I'm in a big hurry, the person in front of me isn't.

...that it is easier to keep up than to catch up. (Fits nicely with my C.A.Y.G. theory - "Clean As You Go" NW)



Ed. Note: This could be an interesting "department" of GNASH - let's have your findings or own ideas on "I've Learned..."

...and that's -30- on our first Volunteer Newsletter - GNASH - Good News Around the School House. Many thanks for all help and contributions. I'm hopeful that this first edition will inspire/incubate many new ideas on the part of volunteers for upcoming newsletters. Keep up the good work with your "scribble habits" and remember...Jot The Gems of your day in the handy scribblers.

FALL  
Happy Summer, Happy Hosting, Happy Tour Guiding...after all, we're lucky enough to LIVE here!

# VOLUNTEERING

Need is greater  
than ever

How Can I Help?

Tell me  
more

Take the Volunteer Challenge

Where's my  
niche?

SUPPOSE YOU KNEW...

...that "Volunteering makes people feel good, physically and emotionally. And like 'Runner's high', it's probably good for your health...in recent studies of nearly 2,000 American (read Canadian) women who volunteer on a regular basis, feelings of 'highs, warmth and increased energy' were prevalent in surprisingly large numbers of these women." from: "Psychology Today"

...AND HERE ARE SOME QUOTES FROM OUR VERY OWN CANADIAN TOSH VOLUNTEERS:

"I would urge others to become TOSH volunteers to help the community, meet nice people, enjoy the diversity of art."

"...being a TOSH volunteer adds a new dimension to my life; I've become acquainted with some very special people."

"TOSH has helped senior volunteers enjoy many days - giving and receiving."

"I enjoy the exposure to the quality and variety of art work that the gallery displays and I meet other artists at a personal level."

Do you know some potential volunteers? Bring them around. Give them the good word. And remember...MEN, though in the minority here, DO volunteer, and we need more of them. Talk to Lenore - she has quite the pitch, and I quote: "Does this man belong to you? Well, we need.....etc."

Assess your interests

Do your homework

Ask for the job



HELP!.....S.O.S.!.....M'AIDER!.....MAYDAY!!!

Dear V's:

This is a general call to all quarters of the volunteer brigade at TOSH. Please take time to contribute to GNASH, our new newsletter. (Unless you want me to make it all up!) There are scribblers to scribble down your thoughts at the Shop and Reception desks, and a new notebook will magically appear on the kitchen bulletin board for those hiding out "behind stairs". So please...no gnashing of teeth...think, observe, suggest, copy, compose, cut and paste, but PUT SOMETHING IN THE BOOK. Thank you, Gracias, Merci beaucoup. Or - you can FAX me at 757 9330. Sorry, I still haven't made it to E-mail.

Nancy Whelan

#### GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS:

Neat new stuff in the shop -  
Jewellery by Sierra Sam of  
Nanaimo; OLD FISH/NEW FISH PINS  
BY CAROL SEWARD OF NANAIMO;  
"Flax" Jewellery by Lorna D.  
Flach of Ladysmith; CLOCKS AND  
FISHES BY MAKIKO TANIGUCHI OF  
RICHMOND.

#### GOOD WISHES TO:

long time TOSH volunteer,  
Myrtle Ostrom, who will marry  
on October 12th. "Y'all come,"  
says Myrtle, in the book!  
A tea is planned in Myrtle's  
honour on Sunday, Sept. 22 -  
mark it in your book!



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

our new TOSH director,  
Keith Kuhn, who married in July!