

# Art Centre News

The Old School House - a public gallery and learning centre

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## RED LETTER DAY

October 7 was certainly a red letter day for The Old School House or maybe we should call it a "green letter day"! CruiseShipCenters, through Larry McDowall presented Bob Mewburn, Chairman of the Board, with a cheque for \$3,380.

These were the funds raised through the Alaskan cruise in September. Many of the "crew" who went on the cruise were here to witness the presentation. We are happy to welcome CruiseShipCenters as our newest partner in Art.

## ANAHEIM IN MAY

Looking for something to do in that "in between" month of May??? Why not fly with us to Los Angeles, visit Disneyland, enjoy a guided tour of the Getty Museum with our own Bill Rhone (also a distinguished architect) and sail home on the Sea Princess. Dates for the great getaway are May 9 to May 16...a great way to FUNdraise for The Old School House. For more information, pick up a brochure at The Old School House, or call Teena at CruisesShipCenters at 248-5800.

## GIVING BACK

Once again our members and visitors to

The Old School House rose to the occasion, and generously donated to our Food Hamper Drive in the month of October. S.O.S. was overwhelmed by the boxes of food we dropped off to them. Winners of our raffle for those generous donors were Joyce Ansdell, Sandra Laroque, Shirley McGill and Dawn Morgan. Raffle prizes were donated by Resident Artists Mary Leigh Campbell, Jason Marlow, Lynn Orriss and Cheryl Rimmer. Our thanks to both prize donors and food donors

## OUR OWN MISS PIGGY

Ted Jolda has done it again!! He has created our new donation "receptacle"...a true work of art!! Thanks, Ted - everyone loves it!! If you do not know what I am talking about, it must mean you have not been in to visit for awhile. Come and have a look.

## OUR PARTNERS IN ART

CruiseShipCenters

Quality Foods

The Royal Bank

Thwaites Norris Insurance Services

Windsor Plywood

Our thanks for your continued support.



### APOD GRANT

The Old School House has received a grant from Arts Partners in Organizational Development (APOD). This "threshold" grant will pay for an expert Needs Assessment which will probably be carried out in February. We would then be eligible to apply for a second grant for expert assistance in Plan Development. These grants are intended to provide short term assistance to strengthen professional arts and cultural organizations in BC, thereby contributing to their long term sustainability.

APOD is a funding body sponsored by the City of Vancouver, the BC Arts Council, the Department of Canadian Heritage, and the Vancouver Foundation - all people we would like to get to know better. The grant is strategically important as a credible way of introducing The Old School House to the community of arts-funding agencies and foundations and could lead to additional funding in the future.

### VICTORIAN TEA

A hard-working team of volunteers and members deserve our warm thanks for "pouring" a very hot Victorian Tea, actually 350 teas, to a sold-out house November 19 to 22. We shower bouquets on the Ticket-makers, Ticket-sellers, Telephoners, Laundresses, Decorators, Kitchen-helpers, Menu Ladies (who shopped for and prepared 100 sandwiches each morning), Pastry Chefs,

the Husbands who helped decorate and set-up - ("Thanks, sweethearts"), and Member-Donors (of Devon cream, jams, jellies, and, yes, Victorian Marmalade; of tea-tables, table-cloths, spoons, dishes, and silver tea sets). Yvonne Hooper loaned us the table linens and bright napkins, St. Mark's Church loaned us their chairs, Nancy Whelan and Joey Legate took care of the publicity and ads, Eileen Iles provided the music, Nancy Hafer greeted our guests, and June Hayward and the Ladies of the Historical Society served the tea. Thank you all!

Deanne Pilchak / Kathleen Watson  
1998 Victorian Tea Coordinators.

*I wish to thank all The Old School House members and volunteers and the people of our community who, with their tremendous spirit of co-operation and overwhelming generosity, have made our Victorian Tea such a successful and happy event.*

This verse is dedicated to you.

### My Thanks to You

For making it so easy  
To come to TOSH each day  
For becoming part of the Team  
Always knowing what to say  
While sharing in my joy or helping me  
through my fears  
For accepting me so readily  
As if I'd been amongst you all for years  
When I felt overwhelmed at times that



this task could not be done

You showed me that together it could

And you even made it FUN!

This has been our first joint venture

But I'm sure it's not the end

You've become much more than co-volunteers

To me... You are my friends.

Kathleen Watson,

1999 Victorian Tea Coordinator.

### ART FROM THE HEART

Here is your chance to "hang" in an art gallery. From February 2 to February 13, we invite our members, staff and volunteers to present one selection of their own work to go on exhibit in the Brown Gallery. The medium is the artists' choice, and must not have been shown in our gallery on a previous occasion. Entry deadline is January 15, 1999, and entry forms are available from the office at The Old School House. Go through your collection and make your choice today. Who knows where this could lead!!

### YULETIDE FAIRE

If you have not had occasion to get in to visit the Yuletide Faire and look for a gift for that "hard to buy for" person on your list, you still have some time left. This year is one of the best yet. There is everything from a \$4,000 medieval carousel horse to simple tree ornaments, and everything else in between including some intriguing raffle prizes. The great

decorations reflect the medieval theme. Jean Grant Horner and her team are to be congratulated.

### TURN ON THE CREATIVITY

Start your planning now... get in the mood! If you want to be productive and creative during those damp and dreary winter months, check over the list of classes available this winter and get in to register at your earliest convenience. Classes begin early in February and run for eight weeks. The fee for members is \$89.00, pottery is \$119.00. Non-members add \$10.00.

#### MONDAYS

Graeme Shaw - Acrylic & Oil

Gina Harris - Pastels

#### TUESDAYS

Pauline Pike - Watercolours

Bill McKibben - Watercolours - Evening

#### WEDNESDAYS

Pauline Pike - Watercolours

- Acrylic & Oil

#### THURSDAYS

Joyce Burns - Introductory

Drawing & Watercolour

Wanda Ashmore - Watercolour

Bob Hunt - Pottery - Evening

For more information and registration forms, call The Old School House at 752-6133. Registration for members begins December 15, 1998. Non-members can register beginning January 12, 1999.



## FREE UP SATURDAY MORNING

Are you looking for a bit of free time on Saturday morning... time to grab that extra cup of coffee or get to those "hard to find time for" chores? Send the kids to The Old School House and we will entertain them for you with classes from 10 - 11:30 for 5 weeks starting in early February. And it will only cost \$49.00. There will be crafts with Isabelle Marchand and painting with Norma Emerson.

Anne Marie Veale will teach five Saturday morning pottery classes with the kids from 9:30 to noon. Fees for this class are \$79.00 and include the clay.

Registration in these classes is limited, so call early

## WINTER HOURS

The Old School House will be closed from 2:00 pm, Thursday, December 24 until 10:00 am Tuesday, January 12, 1999.

Winter hours are as follows:

Mondays: Noon - 5 p.m.

Tuesdays - Saturdays: 10 - 5

Sundays: Closed

**The Best of the Season and Health, Wealth and Happiness  
in 1999**

**to all our Members and Volunteers  
from The Board of Directors**



**"FLAMING CARROT" by Robin La Pleur, Grade 11, Ballenas Secondary Art Student  
FLEUR**