



# Newsletter

**Spring 2021**

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As we start 2021 it is uplifting to have a fresh start after everything, we endured in 2020. While we certainly are not out of the woods yet, the future is starting to look promising as the COVID-19 vaccines continue to roll out around the world. There appears to be a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. But there is no doubt that we are still in the tunnel.

For me, 2020 was largely a blur, with the anxiety and adrenaline of one year ago, as COVID-19 events unfolded, we got to a more optimistic summer as we got outside, and then into a fall and winter with increasing restrictions and further anxiety, before further optimism with vaccines and now, while in a second and third wave and adhering to restrictions we have become somewhat accustomed to, we wait.

Despite the emotional roller coaster, we have each experienced in our own ways, the Community Centre still had a busy year, and it demonstrates how resilient and adaptive everyone involved with the Centre all are.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the society held their **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seedy Sunday**. It was well attended with a Dixie land band playing on stage, many tables with plants, compost education, mason bees, Stocking Creek farms, honey jam, and many other vendors.

COVID-19 forced the closure of the Centre in mid-March 2020 with the Society canceling our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Craft Market, community hall meeting, Chemainus Art Group Show, John Gogo Concert, Yoga, Fitness for Life classes.

Many of our regular users, such as the Saltair Quilters were affected by the closure as well.

We reopened August 4<sup>th</sup>, with our COVID-19 Safety Plan in place, but by October we were in a full shut down again, resulting in having to cancel our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Market.

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The Saltair Childcare (ILM) moved the front outdoor play area to the rear east end of the Community Centre property.

Elections BC rented a large portion of the Centre as headquarters for Provincial elections.

With all these changes happening at the Centre, it is obvious when I look back at what we have accomplished, from accepting the restrictions - physical distancing, wearing masks, sanitizing, still volunteering to make the Centre a safe place to be in the face of the pandemic, and assessing your own health, I want to Thank You all.

Thanks to everyone's commitment in making sure that the Community Centre is safe for everyone once the restrictions are lifted.

**For your information.....**

Saltair Community Society donated \$500.00 each to Ladysmith and Chemainus Food Banks.

The Board of Directors were pleased to announce that with due diligence of the Treasurer, we were able to pay for the building of an **Accessible washroom** between Room 17 and 19.

Congratulations to all those who persevered to make this happen.

**FIRST ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

With the closure of the Community Centre, it was decided to hold an online auction as a fundraiser. Monies collected will go toward building upgrades and facility improvements.

Auction will begin April 28<sup>th</sup> and run until May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It will be posted on our Saltair Community Centre Facebook page.... join in the fun. There will be lots of items to bid on with more photos' being posted as they come in. [Click this link to Participate in our Saltair Centre Online Auction Facebook page](#)

We are tentatively taking booking for the fall and winter months, depending on the Covid restrictions being lifted. Please contact the Centre at 250-210-8180 or email at [info@saltaircommunitycentre.ca](mailto:info@saltaircommunitycentre.ca) for information regarding contact less payments and availability of rooms and the gym. [Click this link to go to Saltair Community Centre Website](#)

### **Membership Dues.**

With the closure of the Community Centre in 2020, the Directors did not collect any membership dues. However, we decided that this year we would start collecting them again. The good news is that the fees have stayed the same. **Single membership** for one year is \$10.00 Family is \$15.00. Please contact the **Treasurer, [jacquelinecieck007@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinecieck007@gmail.com)** for payment details. E transfer is preferred, however, cash or cheques **mail to Saltair Community Centre 3850 South Oyster School road, Ladysmith, BC V9G 1Z4**). I will be contacting all members to update your information and ask what programs/events you would like to see at the Centre, or how you could contribute volunteering at the Centre for any Special Events.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST DIRECTOR Mimi.**

Mimi comes to the Board very qualified to take over the position of Secretary. She was on the Executive of the Chemainus Healthcare Auxiliary as Secretary for two years and is the current Co-Ordinator of the Auxiliary Youth Volunteer Program (aka Candy stripers). Mimi is also involved with our online auction as well. Nothing like getting a new Director fully immersed in the Community Centre fundraiser. **Welcome Mimi. It is great to have you with us!!!**

**Board of Directors 2021**

**President Tim Godau**

**Vice President Chris Bomford**

**Secretary Mimi Zuyderuyn**

**Treasurer Jackie Rieck**

**Maintenance/ Custodian Mel Dorey**

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*The Mission of the Saltair community society is to manage a common space for multi-purpose community use that provides opportunities for quality services and programs to enhance the wellbeing of individuals and strengthens a sense of community spirit.*

**AND**

*Provide rental spaces for community, organizations, small business, cultural groups, family educational, historical meetings, recreation, and leisure activities.*

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