

President's Message for July 2023

It's time to relax and catch our breath! June started with our 35th anniversary/Seniors Week celebration and introduced some new activities/events. We invite your feedback, - what would you like to see as annual events or ongoing activities? Please contact us with your thoughts.

We are slowing down and regrouping over the summer with some reorganizing, some Centre maintenance and some R&R. There may be a few days in July when we are closed to get stuff done and/or give our hard-working volunteers a rest!

The calendar details we know today are:

- There will be **NO BINGO on July 14th and 21st** and we will be **CLOSED** those days.
- We will be **closed on Saturdays and Sundays** except for private rental events.
- We will not be opening early for **Indoor Walking after July 7th**. Instead, we invite those who wish to walk indoors to drop in and walk at their convenience any time we are open from Monday through Thursday through the summer.

Any changes from this calendar plan will be sent in an email post to our subscribers, posted on <https://oliverseniorcentre.com/events-calendar/> and on the door and/or added to our phone message. If you would like to join our email subscribers list, send an email to oscs@eastlink.ca.

Our summer Art Show, in collaboration with SageBrushers Art Club, is now hanging in the Centre. An artists reception will be held Saturday, July 8th from 1:00 to 3:00 and artists will be in attendance on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:00 All pieces in this show are for sale.

We are inviting interest in hanging a show from other art groups or independent artists in the South Okanagan/Similkameen area. Please email OliverSeniorCentre@gmail.com, with the subject "Art Show attn Julie Russell" with your medium, style, name and contact information. All art must be wall-hung for 3-6 weeks and, ideally, for sale (we charge a 20% commission).

In closing I'd like to thank all our volunteers, many are unsung heroes who went 'above and beyond' to make Seniors Week and our 35th Anniversary a great success, including, but certainly not limited to:

- Try Something New: Kat L'Heureux (rock painting + Gallagher Lake Helping Hands), Joan Aiello (Flower Arranging + Decorating), Elke Robinson (Vibrant Health + Ballroom Dance), Anne Matheson (Trivia Night).
- Food & Kitchen: Roberta Casselman(meals), Bobi Emblin (pancakes & healthy snacks), Lena Crossland (concession +cleanup/dishes), Val Durham, Lucille Israel, Sandy Knippleberg, Glenda Holden and many more...
- Olga Kawaza (Opening, counsel, Line Dance), Chris Roberts (Line Dance), Georgena Forsythe (photography), and many more.
- Sally Franks and Linda Payne for the Evans family (Evelyn, Agnes, Tom Doris) art and Tara and Ron Hovanes and Yvonne Moore for Maude Venables paintings in the wonderful Oliver Pioneer Art show curated for this occasion.

....Til next month, have a great summer! Julie Russell, President