

Minister's Message

In early March, I was out in North Saanich quite often and I was surprised that a lot of the daffodils had already come and gone from the vast fields in that area.

It reminded me of a favourite story about a daughter who told her mother that the next time she came for a visit, they had to visit the local daffodil garden together.

Not really knowing what all the fuss was about, the mother reluctantly agreed and they set off together to see them.

The day was overcast and foggy, so the mother was impatient and tempted to turn the car around, but her daughter seemed so excited that she couldn't bring herself to do it. "It's alright Mother. You'll never forgive yourself if you miss this experience," she assured her.

After about 20 minutes, they turned down a gravel road where they saw a small church. On the far side of the church was a hand-written sign that simply said, "Daffodil Garden." The pair walked down the path and turned a corner to be confronted by the most breath-taking sight imaginable.

It looked as if someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns – great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink and butter yellow. Each different coloured variety was planted as a group so that swirled and flowed like its own river. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who has done this?" the mother asked.

"Just one woman," her daughter responded. "She lives on the property. That's her home. She pointed to a well-kept a-frame house that looked very small and modest in the mist of all the glory. The two walked up to the house.

On the patio was a poster that read: "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking."

The first answer was simple: "50,000 bulbs."

The second was: "One at a time by one woman. Two hands, two feet and a very little brain."

The third was: "Began in 1958."

Immediately, they understood the daffodil principle. They thought of this woman, whom they had never met, who, more than 40 years before had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Still, just planting one bulb at a time, year after year, she had changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of indescribable magnificence, beauty and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is learning to move forward our goals and desires, one step at a time – often just one baby-step at a time – and learning to love the doing – learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

The Board had a very successful Planning Meeting in April. We have tentatively planned the events for the coming year. There is a copy of the events calendar available at the Centre.

The next important event for the Centre is a **Special Tea and Garden Party** to be held at Rev. Joanna's on June 11. We will have Music, Silent Auction, and a prize for the best Hat. Tickets will be \$25.00 more info coming soon.

Thanks to Phyllis for coming up with the idea of a Volunteer of the Year. Jeni Hillier was a worthy recipient.

Our volunteers are a very important part of our Centre.

Everyone enjoyed the Special Sunday on April 10th with Nancy Shipley Rubin. Both the Sunday Service and the Workshop were well received.

Those of us who attended the Circle of Love on Quadra Island enjoyed the experience and all of us came home **High on Love**, and are looking forward to the upcoming Circle of Love in October.

That's all for now.

Love and Blessings

Anne Millar

CIRCLE OF LOVE GATHERING – OCTOBER 17-21 UPDATE

You can now register for the Circle of Love on our website: www.cslvictoria.org There is a registration button that allows you to use your credit card on paypal or to use paypal itself if you have an account. Note: This is if you are paying the early bird registration fee in full. Using the online registration, there is a handling fee, making the registration \$459 until June 15th and then \$510 after that.

You may pay \$450 by cheque to the Centre if you register before June 15th and then \$500 after that.

If you wish to pay monthly, you qualify for the early bird registration fee if you begin payments this week. Payments will be \$100 monthly through August and \$50 in September.

This is going to be a stellar event! Karen Drucker, the first lady of New Thought music will be the headline artist and speaker. Hollywood actor turned singer and CSL minister, Rev. Jonathan Zenz will also be speaking and performing.

The fabulous Lisa Ferarro will be music director and will partner in song with Erika Lockett. Gary Lynn Floyd and Amy Bishop round out the music program. For all the Amy fans, please note she will be auditioning for THE VOICE in the U.S. next season!!

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hearn, the former head of United Centers for Spiritual Living, will be a keynote speaker, together with Dr. David Leonard and others to be announced.

The Kingfisher has rooms at varying rates, the least expensive being \$99 per night for a double room. The meal package is \$362 and will be charged upon check-out at the resort. The restaurant offers outstanding meals! The Kingfisher is now taking reservations and when you call, let them know that you are attending the Circle of Love Gathering. Reservations are now being made, and space is limited, so be sure to make yours as soon as possible. If your name is on the list in our social area, please call now to reserve your room. We will begin promoting this event outside our Centre soon.

In addition to being a fundraiser for our Centre, it will be a fabulous event! It will bring back memories of Asilomar on a smaller scale for those who attended those events!!

Prices for Rooms (based upon two people the room. If there is a third person, add \$25.00)

Ocean View - (1 Queen-sized bed and one double) \$99

Ocean View – (1 King and one double) \$99

Arbutus Suite (1 King-sized bed) \$169

Chinook Suite (2 Queen-sized beds) \$194

Orca Suite – (1 King and 1 Murphy bed) \$214.

To view these rooms/suites, go on line to www.kingfisherspa.com.

Note: the prices quoted online will be higher than what we pay!

To book your reservation, call 1-800-663-2929

May 15th 12:30 to 4PM Inspired Aging WORKSHOP

Thrive, Rewire and beat the Aging Myth. To age magnificently we need a holistic approach: mind body and spirit. Learn the latest research on how to feed and nourish the brain and exercises to rewire and enhance body and brain function. Hear inspiring stories of others who have blown away the aging myth. Experience innovative techniques like Brain Yoga, Mortar March and Brain gym to energize your body. Re-power yourself to age with vitality.

TROWARD CLASS

Rev. Carrie will begin a Troward Class September 17th in Polynesian Room at 250 Douglas Street. The class runs eight weeks, culminating November 12th.

This class is a prerequisite for Practitioner Training, although anyone who has taken Foundations or Beyond Limits is free to join. Troward's influence on the teachings of Ernest Holmes is reflected in all of Dr. Holmes' books. It's a class for those who wish to truly deepen their spiritual connection.

Course fee is \$250. A payment schedule may be arranged. Credit cards accepted. There is a sign-up sheet in the social room - or email revcarrie@telus.net.

BEYOND LIMITS

If there is a sufficient number of registrants, Rev. Carrie will again teach Beyond Limits – a great opportunity for newcomers to enrich their New Thought experience. You will learn how to do your own Spiritual Mind Treatment – as well as to get a great grounding in our teaching. A sign-up sheet is in the social room at the Centre.

Rev. Carrie's Talk Titles for May

May 1 – Whatever Was I Thinking?
May 8 – Out of Your Mind
May 15 – Is That the Truth?
May – 22 – Fire, Ready, Aim
May 29 – Just a Hunch

Soloists for May

May 01: Elizabeth Adams
May 08: Jenny Rhodes
May 15: Merissa Cox
May 22: Nelson Brunanski
May 29: Darlene Haynes

Thanks to all you talented people for your very special gifts – and to Louise Eldridge, our music director. We are enjoying having Nelson Brunanski back to our Centre to lead our chorus on Sundays!!

TREASURE TABLE

Our Treasure Table will offer items for sale on the second Sunday of each month. Bring your treasures along to share. It's a great place to shop!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Co-op Number: Don't forget to use Michelle Marier's Co-op number when getting gas as the rebate is coming back to the Centre. **29857**

Thrifty Foods Gift Cards: A wonderful way to support the financial health of our Centre is to use a Thrifty's Food Card. We have lots of them! Please see Pat Alfke Wright if you don't yet have one. When you load up your card and use it to buy groceries, the CSL Victoria receives 5% of everything you spend!

Pastoral Care Cards: Do you know someone in our congregation who is ill or in need of a pick me up? Contact Jeni Hillier at 250 598-8802 or j.hillier@shaw.ca. She would be happy to send a card.

Prayer Scarves: We provide prayer scarves or shawls to members of our congregation who have lingering illnesses or challenges. Irene Parkinson and Bonnie Youngman have created several of these and they are so appreciated by those who have received them! Rev. Carrie attaches prayers to the scarves before gifting them. If you know of someone with a serious illness who would benefit from one of these gifts, please contact Jeni or Rev. Carrie.

Please note: From time to time we will take pictures or videos of people at services or events to put on our Website or Facebook. Please let us know if you do not want to be included in this.

ONGOING EVENTS

Amazing Grays: This women's spiritual discussion group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month. For information, please contact Christine Rerrie at crerrie@shaw.ca