

Invitation to Celebrate a "New Horizon": SCOC Computer Class

Submitted by Queena Shen, Staff

We are thankful for the New Horizon Grant, for the opportunity to bring our computer program project to life. Our goal is that the technology class can bring more seniors out of isolation, increasing meaningful interactions by participating in social activities through learning about technology. We continually modify the course outline accordingly to meet the changing needs of the seniors. So far, we have learned different computer terminology to help connect seniors to the current technology available. We have covered all the features of Google, Bluetooth and internet browsers. In October, we will learn about navigating through different social media platforms. Our final step in November will be to prepare for the project showcase, featuring six projects. Advanced and intermediate classes will be instructed on how to create the project. One on one classes are available for practice. The projects will include presentations on topics of interest: photo movies, creating posters, business cards, and connecting on social media. In February, we will have a celebration where the learners will present their projects. We would like to invite you to attend this event to support your friends who have become "techies" as a result of "New Horizon".

Where is Grandma?

Sent in by Ingrid Oppermann

The computer swallowed Grandma,
Yes, honestly, it's true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.

The reply from him was negative, not a thing was
found 'online',

So, if inside your 'inbox',
My Grandma you should see
Please 'copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her,
And send her back to me.

Extracted Echo Germanica Sept. 2018

SCOC Community Focus

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Birthday Congratulations

October

- Oct 1 Qin Rao
- Oct 2 Elsie Searway
- Oct 2 Marg Andres
- Oct 2 Carolyn Murray
- Oct 5 Philomena Scott
- Oct 5 Joy Biswas
- Oct 5 Jane Huggins
- Oct. 6 Agnes Groten
- Oct. 7 Ruth Sato
- Oct. 9 Ken Nakanishi
- Oct. 10 Janet Tonner
- Oct. 10 Peggy Mongraw
- Oct. 15 Ruth-Ann Devonish
- Oct. 15 Anne Smits
- Oct. 29 Dorothy Milne
- Oct. 19 Robert Seysmith
- Oct. 19 Charlene Crandell
- Oct. 22 Victoria Anderson
- Oct. 22 Mary Elizabeth Cairns
- Oct. 24 Dolores Calvert

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December

- Dec. 3 Patricia (Pat) Bailey
- Dec. 8 Inge Boardman
- Dec.10 Frances Carlstrom
- Dec 10 Aldred Neufeldt
- Dec 16 Frank Crandell
- Dec 21 Mary Lawrie
- Dec 22 Muriel Ford
- Dec 22 Betty Sajtos
- Dec 27 Janice Henry
- Dec 31 Daisy Pittis



Thanks to Claudia for decorating our building for Autumn and to Residents' Council for the funding.



Peppermint Fair 2018

Get ready...The fair this year is Saturday, November 3. The set-up is on Friday. We will have many articles for sale and for our Silent Auction. Baked goods, handicrafts, jewellery and more will be available. We will again have our popular raffle baskets. Your contributions to our sale: by donating, volunteering to help, and by purchasing what is for sale will go a long way to making this year's fair a success. Please come and take part in this major fund-raising event.

Thank you in advance!

Childhood Memories

Submitted by Margaret Eddie, Resident



I grew up on the North East Coast of Scotland. My playground was the rocks along the edge of the North Sea – no, I don't mean the beaches, I mean the rocks and the tidal pools. We played "tide tag" where we waited for the waves to come up over the rocks, then turned and jumped away from the edge of the sea, then turned back to the edge until the next wave came – we didn't often beat the water, and our behinds were soaked!

There were at least six of us, boys & girls. We caught little fish in one pool and moved them over to another pool with a different bottom colour. These fish were called tillycampers and we watched them change colour, first to be speckled, then gradually change till they blended into their new home – from brownish cream to dark green or the reverse, depending on which colour the pools started as. We made stores and had kelp, seaweed and little shellfish to sell to one another in our "shoppies". Some days we found a couple of rusty old tin cans, filled them with water, then collected whelks or winkles – little black shells, from the rocks, had to be black! We lit a little fire and boiled our catch in the cans. I say boiled but that seldom really happened. We had safety pins and fished the whelks from the hot water and dug the meat out of the wee shells – they would still be wiggling on the pins but we ate them anyway!! Early sushi!

This was between the age of 7 and 10, I guess during summer holidays, and Mums were working (no choice – war time) in munitions and food factories. When I went home my mum would say "You've been lighting fires down the rocks". "ME?" I'd no idea my face was black, my clothes stank. If there was an air-raid warning we ran up the rocks & over the grass to the coastguards watch huts and they let us come into their shelter until the "all clear" sounded.

Those were the days indeed!

The Games We Played

Do you remember?

- Hide and seek
- Tag
- Hop scotch
- Statues
- Kick-the-can
- Red Rover

Can you add to this list?

Canada Day at SCOC

Submitted by Celina Shepard, Staff

Canada Day dawned hot and humid, with the humidex soaring. This didn't dampen the spirits of our residents. A free lunch was provided to our residents and guests. We had a BBQ style lunch consisting of hamburgers and hotdogs with all the toppings. While the entertainment was setting up, staff member Shea Brown organized summer games with the residents on the renovated patio deck. The popular dunk tank, made by Environmental Services Manager Ernie Brown, gave residents a chance to target their water balloons at Executive Director Russell Borden. Due to the excessive heat much of the activity took place indoors. The live band played "O Canada," and a medley of popular rock songs. A fifty-fifty draw was held and many door prizes were given. Thanks to all staff, residents, and volunteers for contributing to the success of our event. Special thanks to the Residents' Council; they donated \$500.00 which covered the cost of this event.

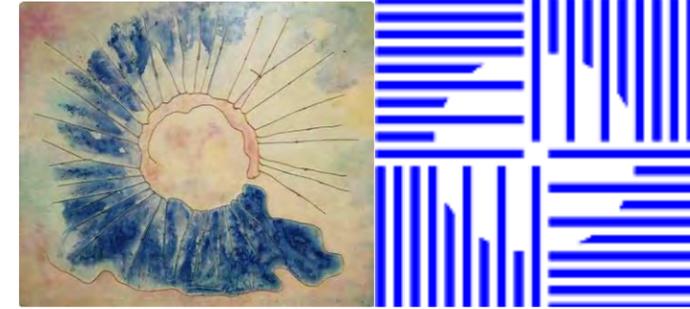


Art Show Sunday Nov.4, 2018

Submitted by Beverly Coburn, Resident

SCOC has been home to creative people since its beginning:

Marta Goerzten Armin, who created our logo & string art studied at the Brooklyn Museum of Art in New York and created many works of art in varying mediums.



Rosemarie Bilfinger-Heinrichs was primarily a designer, applying her skills to interior decoration, pottery, painting & any area that needed beautification.

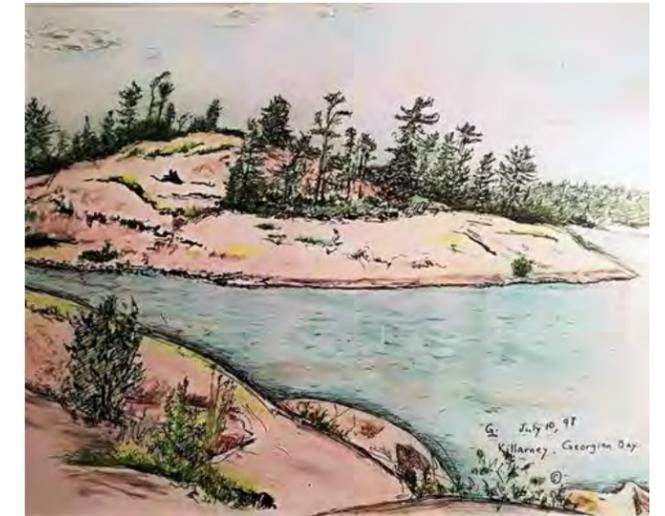


The Art Committee would like to thank the artists and their families who have contributed to our show and hope many friends will visit SCOC Sunday, Nov. 4, from 1-4 to enjoy the exhibit and share tea with us

Haiku
Chance meeting
Out of the wrinkles
A child's face beams

Muriel Ford
 Published
 Haiku Canada Review

George Shattas has nurtured his skill in drawing since childhood. Though he has painted in different mediums he still creates drawings in our art classes. His pictures vary from religious representations to sketches of the Canadian North.



James Gerrard Watts created by painting. He was a philosophical man who believed that using our time here to create something beautiful was a worthwhile occupation for anyone.



Buckland In The Moor, Devon England
 February 20, 1992
 James Gerrard Watt

Birthday Congratulations

- November**
- Nov. 4 Victor Heinrichs
 - Nov. 6 Edwina Wilson
 - Nov. 11 Ruth Byles
 - Nov. 25 Eunice Raines
 - Nov. 29 Joe Lemourea