



From the Desk of Tiesha Schmuland...

This time of year is often filled with looking back at the past year, and looking ahead to the next. My time at Volunteer Campbell River has been filled with encouraging stories of people investing in causes that matter, and making positive change in our community. In December, I had the pleasure of sitting down with a local volunteer from CR Paws, and asked her to be our first Volunteer Spotlight story which is featured below. This January, I look ahead with so much excitement about what this year will hold.

My hope is that as you look to the year ahead you will find many opportunities to use your life, your time, your skills and your experiences to invest in causes that matter through volunteering. Volunteering is a choice that not only makes an impact in our world, but it can make a powerful impact in our own lives, too. May your year be filled with hope, purpose, passion, and belonging that comes through volunteering. If you would like my help in getting connected to causes that matter, please drop by the office or send me an email at mail@volunteercr.ca. **Happy New Year!**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT- CR PAWS



Judi Butler, a volunteer with CRPaws, shared this story with us about an incredible experience volunteering this year:

"As a CRPaws volunteer, I was very fortunate to be included in a trapping adventure at Bute Inlet. The boat trip there was full of cascading waterfalls, rocks full of barking sea lions, dolphins playing in our wake and a lone eagle, sitting on a log in the middle of the ocean which I understand is rare to see.

We were brought there with a crew boat with the intention to TNR (trap neuter return) their feral cats before they became a large colony. Our intention was five adult cats and an unknown amount of kittens. We set up our traps and waited to see what we would catch, while we waited the wonderful tour operators of #bearsofbute took us for a drive into the forest where we saw a mama grizzly and her cub foraging for white radish roots, and a very large male entertained us with his dancing on the scratch

post. The rivers were so pristine and the absolute stillness of nature had us in awe of its splendour.

Once the traps were full and loaded on the boat, home we came knowing that we had made a difference in these cats/kittens lives. The cats were spayed/neutered and returned to the [#bearsofbute](#)camp. Volunteering has its perks!"

TRAINING EVENTS

**LUNCH + LEARN:
SCREENING VOLUNTEERS**

JAN. 24, 2019 - NOON

@ VOLUNTEER CAMPBELL RIVER

FREE! -BRING BROWN BAG LUNCH

***WHAT SCREENING TOOLS DO I NEED?**

monthly lunch&learn schedule coming out soon!

WATCH FOR UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS:

DIVERSITY TRAINING

BOARD TRAINING

GRANT WRITING

UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TIMES/DATES/LOCATIONS TO COME...



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FROM OUR FRIENDS

The Black Creek Community Centre is launching into 2019 with our Black Creek Small Business Networking Socials. On January 25th from 6-7:30pm, we invite small businesses from the Black Creek and surrounding area to attend the first of three FREE networking & business development workshops. These events are put on in partnership with LIFT & the Vancouver Island Local Business Network. Locally born Hans Peter Meyer, will be the facilitator. RSVP required 250-337-5190.

Habitat for Humanity Two local families will be in their new Habitat for Humanity homes for Christmas! More than 400 volunteers gave 14,000+ hours of their time to help with construction. Another seven affordable housing units are planned at 477 Hilchey Road. Volunteer opportunities will recommence on Jan. 8, 2019. Building will continue over the winter.

The Campbell River Seniors' Centre held an all candidates meeting just before the municipal election and one of our members asked how to get the transit system changed so that the bus service went right up to the hospital, rather than requiring seniors to walk for blocks. One of the candidates suggested a petition, and we are delighted to report that with help from the City and from VIHA, our petition will see changes to the bus route happening in the spring! Grassroots can effect change! Despite any rumours you may

have heard, the Seniors' Centre is not moving. We are staying in the Commons Mall next to Thrifty's!

The Campbell River Arts Council has teamed up with the Campbell River Art Gallery for the 37th Annual Members' Exhibition, which runs January 17 to February 20, 2019 and features the work of local artists. Join us for the opening reception Thursday, January 17 from 5-7 p.m. at Art Gallery.

Greenways Land Trust: Join photographer Boomer Jerritt as he shares images and stories from his time exploring "Antarctica In-Depth." Expect captivating stories and stunning photographs of glaciers, icebergs, and Antarctic wildlife. January 29th, doors @ 6:30.

Tickets \$18 in advance <https://strathconaphotography.com/events/> / \$20 at the door.

Campbell River First Open Heart Society: The next meeting is January 23rd, 2019 at 1 PM at the Campbell River Hospice House, 440 Evergreen. FMI call Ken at 250-923-3466.

Rivercity Players: Charles Condomine is researching séance's for his next book, so he invites the local psychic to hold one at his house. He's expecting a professional charlatan, with lots of tricks, but the results are more unbelievable than he expected.

Rivercity Players presents Noel Cowards, comedy, Blithe Spirit, coming in March.

Campbell River and District Adult Care Society team wishes everybody A Happy New Year. We wish you all a prosperous, happy, healthy and successful new year 2019.

CR Emergency Support Services Team (CRESST) We are trained emergency response volunteers who help evacuees in an emergency. CRESST meets on the last Monday of each month upstairs at the Search and Rescue building located at 261 Larwood Road at 7 pm. Please call 250-203-1972 for information.

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