

Grandmothers to Grandmothers BC Islands Regional Gathering May 6, 2023

“Moving Forward Together”

March 26, 2023

Dear Granny ,

Oceanside Grandmothers to Grandmothers is very pleased to invite you to join us and register for a G2G BC Islands Regional Gathering to be held at:

Nanoose Place Community Center
2925 NW Bay Road, Nanoose Bay BC
Tel. 250-468-5339

Early Bird Registrations are now being accepted for \$25 until April 8th.
From April 9th onwards the Registration Fee will be \$30. Registration closes on April 22nd.
Registration forms and payments can be submitted as follows:

	Important: select <u>one</u> form of transmittal for both form and payment	
	Electronically	By Mail (form + cheque**) Cheque payable to: Oceanside G2G
Registration Form	g2gislands2023@gmail.com	Maggie Tietjen 31 Ponderosa Drive Parksville, BC V9P 0A1
Registration Fee (interac eTransfer* or cheque)	(Interac eTransfer to:) treasurer1g2g@gmail.com	

* if submitting by interac eTransfer, please indicate “G2G Islands Gathering Registration Fee” and the participant’s name.

Your registration fee includes:

- Gourmet coffee, tea and bottled water plus tempting muffins and cookies during breaks
- A specially prepared Lunch consisting of soup, salad, buns and delicious dessert squares (Gluten-free options will be available)

Doors will open at 8:15 for check-in and coffee with the day concluding at 3:30.

There will be a wide variety of presentations and activities throughout the day including five breakout sessions with many options to choose from. Please carefully review the attached description of the “Craft Demonstrations” and “Table Topics” before making your choices on the registration form.

If you have any questions, contact us at: g2gislands2023@gmail.com or call Maggie at 250-248-6061.
We look forward to this Gathering and welcoming you all to Oceanside.

Oceanside Grandmothers to Grandmothers
Representing Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Nanoose Bay

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Saturday - May 6, 2023

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2925 NW Bay Road
Nanoose Bay, BC

PROGRAM

- 8:00** **Doors open for Marketplace setup**
- 8:15** **Registration and Coffee**
- 8:20** **Marketplace opens** **(until 8:55)**
- 9:00** **Welcome & Introductions**
- 9:20** **Guest Speaker**
- 10:00** **“Moving Forward Together”**
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- 10:20** **Coffee Break and Marketplace** **(until 10:40)**
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- 10:40** **BREAKOUT SESSION 1 – Craft Demos** **(until 11:00)**
- 11:00** **BREAKOUT SESSION 2 – Craft Demos** **(until 11:20)**
- 11:20** **BREAKOUT SESSION 3 – Craft Demos** **(until 11:40)**
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- 11:45** **Lunch and Marketplace** **(until 1:00)**
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- 1:00** **Spirit Drummers presentation**
- 1:30** **BREAKOUT SESSION 4 – Table Topics** **(until 2:00)**
- 2:00** **BREAKOUT SESSION 5 – Table Topics** **(until 2:30)**
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- 2:30** **Coffee Break and Marketplace** **(until 2:50)**
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- 2:50** **Wrap up**
- 3:30** **End of Program**

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“Craft Demonstrations” Please Choose your top 4 topics

1. Tote Bags

Tote bags as made by Oceanside sewers. They have been our biggest seller over time, priced at \$45. The demonstrator will share the pattern and talk to the “how to” handout. This item requires experienced sewing skills.

2. Snowman Poop and Dog Treats

These small, simple items usually sell out. Recipes and directions will be shared.

3. Reindeer Fudge and Small Inspiration Card Packages : Demonstration withdrawn

4. Line Dancing

An active opportunity to learn or revisit several line dances. Caroline Nichols is an experienced teacher/leader.

5. African Angels

Theresa Dykstra will share a pattern for her group’s popular African Angels. Small size angels are appropriate for hanging while the larger angels show nicely on a mantelpiece. The angels do not require sewing, use scarf material and a little wood for assorted decorations. A glue gun is your best friend when making these angels.

6. Christmas Decorations from Dollar Store Items : Demonstration withdrawn

7. Grannies Fannie Pillows

Maureen McKay from the Salt Spring group made a Set of these and rented them out at community events as an ongoing fundraiser. There will be a handout of how to make them with an explanation about how they were used at events.

8. Denim Aprons

Denim aprons made from blue jeans have been a popular item in Nanaimo. They have pockets which also make them useful for BBQ Chefs or Handymen. A pattern with directions will be shared; sewing experience is helpful.

9. Wreath making

Making wreaths is fun if you know how! Francine will demonstrate the ins and outs of making wreaths and the materials needed.

10. Coasters

A demonstration of how to make some pretty coasters that are sewn on a sewing machine. The coasters are a 4.5 inch square using four different but coordinating colours. Erica will demonstrate how to fold and iron each coloured piece to form a pattern which is then sewn. A handout will be provided.

11. Silhouette Cards : NEW

Deb will demonstrate how to make beautiful unique silhouette cards. Each fabric card is individually crafted and are one of the top sellers for the Victoria (VG4A) Grannies.

12. Snow People : NEW

Janet will demonstrate how to make cute, wooden hand-painted and decorated snow people.

13. Beach Hangings : NEW

These fun beach hangings are made using a variety of shells, wrapped stones and driftwood.

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“Table Topics” Please Choose your top 3 topics

Participants will share and learn ...

1. ... successful ideas used to educate the public as well as your own members regarding the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Granny Campaign.
2. ... successful ideas to build a sense of Team, Collaboration & Friendship within your group.
3. ... about each Grandmother Group’s biggest success and why it worked so well.
4. ... ideas and strategies for active recruitment of new members.
5. ... ideas for attracting and integrating young and diverse members into the group.
6. ... how to value and engage new members to take on meaningful roles within the organization.
7. ... common problems in this Group Problem Solving session: bring your group’s concerns and issues to get ideas from others.
8. ... how larger groups can support smaller groups to work together to achieve common goals.
9. ... the joys and challenges of small groups and problem solve around the unique issues related to small group size.
10. ... ways to actively retain members.
11. ... ways to address and support our members and their personal life needs such as illness, End of Life, Wills and Estates, Social and Financial planning and Mental Health and Well-being.
12. ... ideas for creating a vision of their group’s future and how to achieve that vision.
13. ... the joys and challenges of large groups and problem solve around the issues related to large group size.
14. ... how to effectively use social media and technology platforms to enhance communication within your group to the public.
15. ... how to celebrate your group’s efforts and recognize the contribution of members within the group.
16. ... will share and learn new, unique and profitable fundraising ideas, methods or venues.