



Issue Twenty Seven **The Bloomin' News**  October 2013

Earth Week Event

Come Join Us in the atrium Wed. Oct. 23 from 4:30 to 6 pm Refreshments, Prizes, Displays Celebration of Earth Week sponsored by your recycling team Mia and Gloria and your composting team Kari and John.

Dryer Lint: a hidden danger!

A reminder to all that a buildup of dryer lint not only costs you/us extra for drying but is also a fire hazard. Please remember to clean your dryer vent every time you put something in the dryer.

Comings and Goings

Matthias Wenner is moving into 304.

Matt Stafford is moving from 304 into 308. His phone number will change to 250-591-0501.

Gerry Bird has left us to live with his girlfriend.

Richard Burnett is rejoining us in 304. Welcome back Richard!

Heeweon Joo has moved into 306. Welcome Heeweon.

The hustle and bustle of September at Pacific Gardens

We have had a very busy month this September at Pacific Gardens, so the old saying 'when it rains it pours' has come alive for us this month.

First order of business was for families and kids to get reeled in from summertime fun while they got oriented to school which meant most of the kids were no longer playing in the atrium causing an eerie kind of quiet as one walked through the halls... but us elders did get used to it joyfully, quite quickly...lol, inside joke, no pun intended!!

Our guest rooms have been seriously booked with guests and then students from afar, waiting till September 1, 2 or 3 to get into their rentable rooms with more students yet to come so right up till end of September we have had guests visiting in one form or another.

Our students are from all over the world, Korea, Germany, Dubai, Iran, Mexico and the Philippines. Happy days for us having such a great mix of culture under our own roof...in fact we had a 'Meet and Greet' last Sunday so we could all meet each other living under our cohousing umbrella!

Every year in September we celebrate our anniversary and this year was no exception as we celebrated four years in actual instead of virtual existence living on the land, and all in all it has been a many splendoured thing!

Adding to our busy month we have had two separate work bees to keep our house in order. Kari Fetherston and Sharon Fulton are tirelessly instrumental in implementing monthly work parties and thank you two for keeping our home fires burning by lighting a fire under our Pacific Gardens rear ends! Laura Huxley's book entitled 'You are not the target', has a very apt little saying, " It works if you work" so please see Kari or Sharon to sign up for future work bees and fabulous food.

And lastly on our calendar for September Start up, we had our yoga classes, meditation night, men's night, canning food day, Council of Canadians, Green Party, book club meetings, carpet cleaning, pancakes breakfasts, not to mention our regularly scheduled outreach potlucks, and soon into next month our unreachable windows will be washed!

Whew, what a Partay September has been! I wonder what the goblins will bring???

submitted by Roz