



# KOS Newsletter

**APRIL 2025**



## Volunteer Spotlight



*Jane Newbold*

Jane lives SW of the hamlet of Millarville on an acreage with her husband Dave and 4 horses. She LOVES to craft with the gals at the KOS and can thank Elves Tamara and Carol for introducing her to the group (look closely to see Carol behind Jane in the photo). Jane also has a significant volunteer role with the Calgary Stampede as an outrider with the Southern Alberta Pioneers in the opening day parade. She also out rides rides for the Stampede Old Time Rigs committee daily with 10 wagons pulled by draft teams that tour visitors through downtown. They start behind the barns and pick up a police escort as they leave the Stampede grounds. Did you know you could one of the lucky ones to be picked up in front of the Convention Centre for the tour? Talk to Jane to find out how to participate.

Jane calls herself a farm girl at heart. She has helped with seeding in the spring and combining in the fall on her uncle's farm NW of Saskatoon for decades. When not crafting, outriding or combining, you will find her out riding her horses - Banjo, Wyatt, Hummer and Joe. This is her 4th winter here but she has ridden out this way for many decades. Summer is her favourite time of year but the other seasons have her and hubby snowmobiling and watching NFL and hockey so it all works. Mexico or BC are favourite destinations.

We are so very fortunate that she has embraced the purpose of KOS community. This is her second year with us and we look forward to many more.

*Linda Fritz*



Linda lives with her husband Ron and their cat a few miles east of Leighton Center and south of Granary Road on a road fondly referred by cyclists as the hills of Nepal. It's a fun and scenic drive worth exploring. Linda has 2 adult children, son and daughter, 2 grandsons, one great-grandchild and another on the way. She keeps herself busy with quilting and lots of family time. Fun fact - she lives on a piece of the family farm that her grandfather bought after WWI.

Linda will complete her third year with KOS in September. She got involved when Helen came for coffee and talked her into 'just coming to see'. She really enjoys the kids in the Shoppe and volunteers with us because of those kids. We are very grateful for her creative crafting and sewing skills and her always ready smile!

Her last get-away was to Montana after Christmas with family.

Bacon is a favourite food. July 4 is her birthday - she's a firecracker girl!

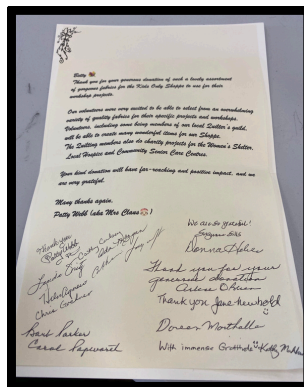
## Who We Are & What We Do!

***The Kids Only Shoppe, is a place where children ages 5 to 12 can shop for friends and family each November during the Millarville Christmas Market. Products sold in the Shoppe are mostly handmade by an enthusiastic group of local crafters and a large portion of profits are donated to local youth-focused community programs in the Millarville, Diamond Valley, Longview, and Okotoks areas. The Shoppe has grown into a welcoming and supportive community of it's own for our crafters and volunteers.***

# KOS Planning Committee Meeting

## Committee Meeting Minutes - March 10th

Thank you Betty McCracken for the incredibly generous fabric donation that Tamara shared at the last work bee. We will have a fabulous supply of fabric bags and fabric projects thanks to our volunteers and the extended sewing community in the Country Lane Quilt Guild. Patty designed a heartfelt thank you in a handmade card.



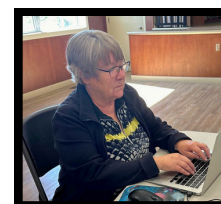
Wednesday Feb 26 work bee – sock creatures, sock puppets and fur ball critters.  
42 critters completed. Thank you crafters!



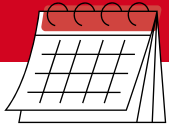
Monday Mar 10 – committee meeting. The worker bees completed 46 fabulous llamas.  
Well done ladies - thank you!



Next committee meeting - Monday April 14 at 10:00 am



Suzanne Sills, Secretary



# KIDS ONLY SHOPPE CALENDAR

## Monday March 24th

Work Bee @ 1-4 pm - *Snowman Kits*

Patty & Catherine organizers: Janet sewing hats; Ada, Catherine & Donna making scarves; Pam making Kit Package label. Come help put the remaining pieces together into custom labelled bags.

Additional task at work bee: fold and glue seed packages.

## Monday April 14th

Organizing Committee Meeting @ 10 am

Work Bee @ 1-4 pm - *Needle Felted Soaps*

*Target: 80 bars for garden kits and spa kits.*

*Felting needles are available for purchase*

*at the work bee if you are interested in*

*continuing with this technique at home.*

Enjoy



## Wednesday, April 23rd

Work Bee @ 1-4 pm - *Cork Cowboys & Cowgirls*

The elves at Ada's home work bee are preparing the bodies for this bee. On the 23th, we will complete the ornaments with heads, hats, embellishments and ropes.

Target: 80

## Monday, May 12th

Organizing Committee Meeting @ 10 am

Work Bee @ 1-4 pm available for your idea!

## Monday, May 26th

Work Bee: Post Fairy Houses - details tbd

## Monday, June 9th

Organizing Committee Meeting @ 10 am

Work Bee @ 1-4 pm - *Painted Rocks*

IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT  
BEEN ADEQUATELY  
INFORMED,  
PLEASE CONSIDER THIS  
OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION  
THAT YOU ARE AWESOME.


*Thank You* for coming out to the Work Bees!


**All meetings & Work Bees held at the MRAS Upper Hall**  
**Please RSVP for any Work Bee at [KOS@mras-track.com](mailto:KOS@mras-track.com)**



# WORK BEES



Many of the volunteers spend countless hours searching for new ideas, creating and hoping the little shoppers will be excited to see their creations and purchase them for gifts for their loved ones! Sometimes, it is hard to figure out if a kid 5-12 years old will even like it and then sometimes.....oh! we should have made more of those!! 

 We understand that not all volunteers are interested in organizing/leading a work bee, however, we have dedicated organizing committee members willing to help if you have a great work bee idea! We also encourage you to invite others to join you to work on a craft idea at home and if you need supplies, please reach out to us!



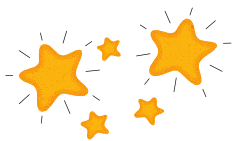
**Patty (AKA Mrs. Claus) is happy to hear from you about your work bee ideas so give her a shout!**  
**[kos@mras-track.com](mailto:kos@mras-track.com)**



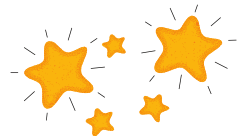
## Work Bees Are Happening At Homes!

Ada will host a work bee to get the legs of the corks ready for the cowgirls & cowboys ornaments. (target 80)

**Wanna Join her? YES! Please let us know!**  
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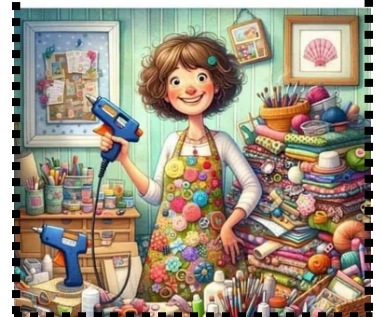
# VOLUNTEER HOURS



Barb and Suzanne are tracking hours each volunteer spends in committee meetings, work bees, creating at home and volunteering during the Christmas market. MRAS grants depend on volunteer counts and hours so it is important to estimate the time spent working on KOS products at home.

**Reminder - *please*** estimate your hours and turn them into Suzanne or Barb by email, text or paper note. KOS is included in Better Impact and any volunteer is welcome to enter their own hours there as well.

Behind every crafter is a huge pile of craft supplies they're definitely going to use. Someday.....





# THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CRAFTERS

## Our AMAZING Work Bee Crafters



Helen's owls and boxes!



Bonnie's snake  
bookmarks, bear  
eye glasses holder  
& hats!



What are you working on?

please send a JPG photo to feature in the newsletter  
by email to Bonnie @  
bls1028@gmail.com

WHAT HAPPENS IN  
THE CRAFT ROOM  
~~STAYS IN THE CRAFT ROOM~~  
OFTEN SPILLS OUT INTO  
THE REST OF THE HOUSE!

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what  
you  
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# THIS MONTH'S CRAFT IDEAS!



## Whimsicle Plant Pots

Design a unique plant pot which will certainly put smiles on Mom's and Grandma faces!

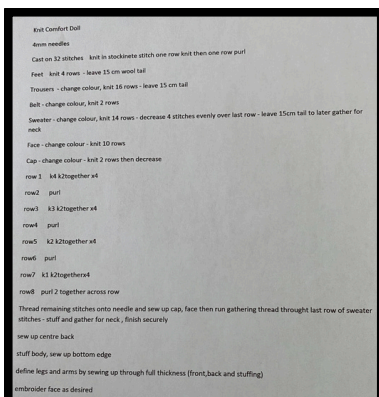
Need instructions? contact us!

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## Knitted Bears & Critters!

Cathy C's bears - a big hit with the kids! join her in creating them using team colours and logo's - contact her for assistance!

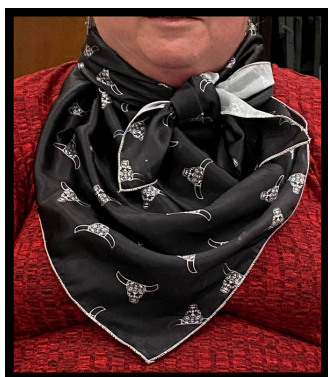
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## Men's Cool Weather Warming Neck Scarf

Catherine has created a great neck scarf pattern especially for the guys who love to be outdoors - contact her for assistance!

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# Volunteer Spotlight!



## Tell Us about Yourself

*Some ideas of what you could share*

- where do you live?
- are you married - have children, grandchildren?
- what is your favorite hobby(ies)?
- do you have a job? If so, what do you do?
- what is your favorite TV program?
- what is your favorite food/drink?
- what/who inspired you to join the KOS?
- how long have you volunteered with KOS?
- what kind of sports do you like?
- what kinds of music do you listen to?
- your favorite movie?
- when is your birthday?
- your favorite color?
- your favorite holiday destination
- your favorite season of the year?
- anything else you would like to share!
- please include a JPEG photo of yourself

IT'S  
ALL  
ABOUT  
YOU

*Thank you Suzanne for interviewing Jane and Linda*

**if you are willing to be interviewed please let us know!**  
**[kos@mras-track.com](mailto:kos@mras-track.com)**

***Thanks for participating!***



**Newsletter Deadlines are the 15th of each month**

**Submit to Bonnie**  
**[bls1028@gmail.com](mailto:bls1028@gmail.com)**



**What else would you like to see featured  
in the newsletter??**



**Thanks Helen! Love it!!**

*Bonnie Schultz, Editor*