



KOS Newsletter

May 2025



Volunteer Spotlight

Carol Papworth

Carol Papworth lives at the base of the north end of Ware Ridge, west of the hamlet of Millarville, on a quarter section that has been in her family since 1964. Her father grew up on a large farm and wanted his home to be as remote as possible, but suitable for cows and hay crop. The perfect spot was accessible only after fording 3 creeks and is surrounded by Crown land. They started family life in a trailer and then moved into a Lindel cedar cabin. As the family grew, the cedar from the cabin was used for the interior of a more spacious log home. After her Dad passed away, Carol's mom, an avid quilter and sewer, stayed on the property until age 85. When her Mom was left stranded after the 2005 floods took out the access bridges, Carol and husband Joe swapped homes with Mom. A true local gal, Carol was inspired by Patty's vision for the Kids Only Shoppe and she is the first official KOS elf. She is a tireless supporter of the KOS.

Carol has many hobbies including riding – she has 5 horses now. Other interests are running, swimming, downhill skiing, sailing, wind surfing and ukulele. She and Joe take an annual trip to any place that has good wind surfing – lakes and oceans – favourites are Oregon, Baja, Aruba, Hawaii to name a few. In her younger days, she took a 3 year, round the world adventure that included Europe, South Africa, SE Asia, Iran, Afghanistan, India, Australia to work then South America for a year. No surprise that this water baby worked as a lifeguard while growing up.

When asked about her favourite destination, she finds it hard to answer. The exposure to so many cultures helps her to appreciate how those cultures survive and gives great perspective on the value of home. When at home she has the radio on all the time, tuned to music from the 1970s and 80s.

Just when you thought you knew everything about Carol, she will share that she has her pilot's licence and has many hours flying Cessna's under her belt. Two new hips have slowed her just a bit, but the smile and eagerness to help are solid.

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 - April 14th

WORK BEES

The turnout for the Work Bees has been very successful! Thank you to all who attended to work on these projects.

Snowman Kits, Needle Felting Soaps, Cork Cowboy & Cowgirls

Please see the next pages for the updated schedule & stash list

WORK BEE PREPARATION

Post Penguins

Cathy, Betty & Janet will work on these at home

Carol & Joe will cut fence rails and 4" square posts for Fairy Houses (about 5") and post penguins (6-8")

Carmen dropped off 2 boxes of boards for signs

Dave Morgan has 2 sheets of plywood - he is looking for ideas to use them

Janet Scott is making golf ball glasses at home

SHOW & TELL

Assorted table decor - bird houses, swans, snowmen - Patty

Helen's owls - new designs!

Terrariums - Patty

FINANCIAL UPDATE

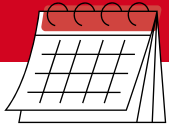
Donation of \$50 from the person who let Helen forage branches for her owls
\$5,000 in the account - please pass along your expense claims to Barb
Karen has a quilt she wants to offer for auction as a fundraiser for KOS - we need to understand AGLC rules and discuss at next committee meeting.

INVENTORY

We have enough ornaments & jewelry for 2025



Suzanne Sills, Secretary



KIDS ONLY SHOPPE CALENDAR

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

Monday, May 12th

Organizing Committee Meeting @ 10 am
Work Bee @ 1-4 pm Pom Pom Critters

Monday, May 26th

Work Bee: Post Fairy Houses

Monday, June 9th

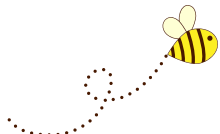
Organizing Committee Meeting @ 10 am
Work Bee @ 1-4 pm - Painted Rocks

WORK BEES

Many 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**



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.



STASH WISH LIST

- golf balls & tees
- picture frames up to 8 x 10
- bath puffs
- small packages bath salts, scrubs, small travel items, etc. for spa kits
- items for men's kits - small travel items, shampoo, soap, etc.
- For kids - small pail & shovel, bubble bath, bath toys - ideas welcome!!

Do you need some supplies for your project?? Please reach out to us!

Did you purchase some supplies for your project, if so, please submit your receipts to Barb for reimbursement.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE KOS - YOU ARE APPRECIATED!



WORK BEE CRAFTERS



*Truly
Grateful
for you.*



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CRAFTERS



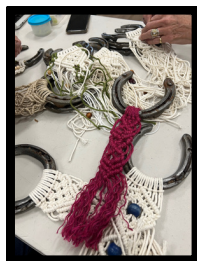
Helen



Patty



Betty



Tamara



Bonnie



Ada

THIS MONTH'S CRAFT IDEAS!



Idea from Barb
Castell



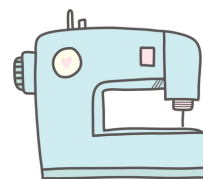
Knitted Cats
Hello Kitty!



Denium Aprons



What are you working on?



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

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 Carol

If you are willing to be interviewed, please let us know!
kos@mras-track.com

Thanks for participating!



Newsletter Deadline 20th of each month

Submit to Bonnie
bls1028@gmail.com

Bonnie Schultz Editor