



KOS Newsletter

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Volunteer Spotlight

Donna Heber

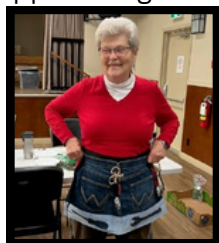
Donna has 8 years of volunteering for the KOS to her credit. She is an avid sewer and the creator of many projects including the aprons that have become so popular with our shoppers – BBQ, gardening, carpenters, full and half ladies' kitchen aprons are all in her repertoire. She is a member of the KOS Organizing Committee and crafts at most of our work bees.

After moving to Black Diamond from Edmonton 10 years ago, she had a chance meeting with some long time residents of the Diamond Valley at the Rhubarb Festival. It turned out that she had purchased the home that the gentleman's cousin had owned previously. This led to a new friendship that in turn lead her to learning about the Kids Only Shoppe.

Donna is a lifetime sewer, learning her craft as a 4H participant, then branching out into tailoring. She has sewn clothing for her late husband, son and daughter, and then her grandchildren (boy and girl). She has suits, overcoats, all variety of garments and quilts on her resume. Country classic music is always playing in the background while Donna sits at her sewing machine. Classic movies starring Sidney Poitier, Spenser Tracy and Katherine Hepburn are another passion.

Donna has lived in several Canadian cities including Ottawa, Regina, St Alberta, Toronto and Edmonton. She has travelled to many international destinations, sometimes for several repeat visits – Scotland, Vienna, Namibia, Jordan, and Saltsburg. Namibia with her daughter and friends stands out as a favorite.

Word of mouth has consistently been our greatest source for volunteers who craft, price and sort inventory or work in the Shoppe during the Millarville Christmas Market and Donna is a shining example of both the power of word and the fellowship found as a KOS volunteer.



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



Schools out, grandkids are visiting, and the gardens are growing & blooming! Camping season is underway, BBQ's are busy and the MRAS Market & races are here, and Stampede is around the corner! Before long the Fair will be here too!

Summertime is our time to relax and enjoy the sunshine, warmth & all the fun these next two months ahead will bring! Maybe your rainy days are filled with creative ventures too?

September will see us back into the fall activities of life and once again filling our calendars with meetings & work bees.



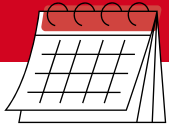
We look forward to catching up with you in September!

Some of the Supplies in our stash!

wine corks, pinecones, assorted embellishments, ribbon, eyes, pipe cleaners, flowers, greenery, decoupage supplies, glitter, assorted beads, jewelry supplies, pom poms, buttons, styrofoam cones, fabric pieces, wood pieces, clear ornaments and a wide assortment of odds 'n ends!

Don't be afraid to ask - we just might have what you are looking for!

Contact: kos@mras-track.com



KIDS ONLY SHOPPE CALENDAR

September

Monday, 8th - Committee Meeting & Work Bee @ MRAS Hall

October

Monday, 13th and 14th - Work Bees at MRAS Hall

Monday, 27th - Sorting Day @ Barn

November

Moving & Set-up Days
November 4, 5 and 12

Sale Days
November 8 and 9
November 15 and 16

Take Down & Pack Away Days
November 17 and 18

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ever wonder how we use donations of yarn, wood, felt, glasses, golf balls, pipe cleaners, googly eyes and things like that?



THANKYOU



An off-site work bee preparing the wood signs - they are ready for you to paint & embellish!



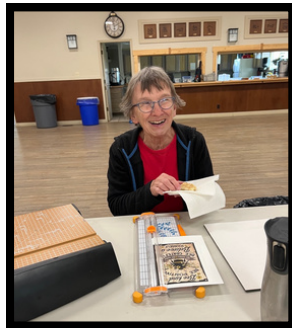
Truly Grateful for you.



THANK YOU!
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FRAMED SENTIMENTS WORK BEE

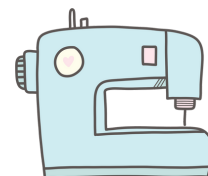
Several dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly getting lots of frames put together for the sale. Thank you for showing up and doing a fabulous job at cleaning, fixing frames, selecting pictures, pricing & finishing the inventory count! You are all so appreciated!



Thank you
so much

What are you working on?

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



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CRAFTERS

*Hey, I know there are lots of you working on creative projects behind the scenes!
I also did not want a totally blank page in the newsletter. [I never received any
photos of your creations] So....here is a selection of what I have been working on!*



anyone remember all that gorgeous handmade paper that was donated to us a few years back - we have used it all now! 4 years of beautiful journals were created. Special thanks to whoever made all the handmade paper!



donated yarn= more hats and bags for the donated stuffed creatures! Thank you for donating yarn!!



NEW!
beaded pen
& bookmark
sets
and
beautiful
wrapped
Roses



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

**If you are willing to be interviewed,
please let us know!**

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Thanks for participating!



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**Submit to Bonnie
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