

**MAY 2023** 

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#### VISION STATEMENT

A community where every person who is 50+ has what they need to thrive.

**CENTRE HOURS** 

**Monday to Friday** 

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Message from the Chairman May 2023

Prairie spring has arrived! This means the occasional late snow fall. It just makes us appreciate the sunny warm days even more. With the change in seasons it is time to plan gardens, day trips to local attractions and other outdoor fun. At the centre we have started to plan outside activities, programs and the occasional Bar-B-Que.

This month we are looking forward to the Community Cleanup (May 6), our traditional Mother's Day Tea Craft and Bake Sale (May 13), Breakfast by Kim (May 18) and T.G.I.F. Dinner (May 26).

I have heard it said that if you know someone for more that 7 years, they are no longer a friend. They are family. It has been my experience that at Ogden 50+ it does not take that long. I have been told by outsiders that the members and staff genuinely care about each other like no other Centre in the city. This is something I am very proud of and we all should be equally proud.

Everyone get out and enjoy the Spring and Summer because sadly it will be Fall and Winter before you know it.

**Bill Chepil** Mike Gale Darleen Bowser **Frances Nelson** Marjorie Irwin Chairman First Vice Chair Second Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer Irene De Froidmont **Duane Bumstead** Don Miller Donna Martin Sue Pasveer Director Director Director Director Director

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### Meet the 2023 Board of Directors



## Message from the Executive Director

Hello everyone,

Happy Mother's Day and Victoria Day!!!

Finally, a little warmer; I think a lot of people are tired of this cold weather.

May is the most beautiful month of the year for me because everything comes to life. Finally, we can go for a walk, which I strongly encourage everyone to do. From May 1st, we start with a walking group from 10:00 to 10:30. Please let the front desk know if you are interested.

I cordially invite all moms on May 13th for coffee, tea, and goodies. It will be a lot of fun - please bring a loved one with you. More information in the newsletter, on our website and on Facebook.

Happy birthday to all May babies, lots of love, happiness and health!



Best regards,

Renata Michalski Executive Director



#### **CANYON MEADOWS RETIREMENT RESIDENCE**

# OPEN HOUSE

#### MAY 6- SATURDAY 10AM-4PM TOURS

Please come and see why People call us **HOME** All-inclusive rent with many amenities we **LOVE** 





PLEASE CALL MAGGIE To book your time for Tour

12 DEERVIEW TERRACE SE 403.278.4004

# MOTHERS'S DAY TEA CRAFT & BAKE SALE

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Saturday, May 13 10 AM - 2 PM

Tickets \$7.00

## <u>Menu</u>

Finger Sandwiches S
 Desserts S
 Coffee, tea or lemonade S
 \*Baking donations accepted
 Table rental \$30.00
 Sell your own artwork, crafts or jewelry
 Call 403-279-2003 Ext 4 to reserve your table

Deadline: May 11

**EVERYONE WELCOME!** 

## **Marvelous May!**

Blue jeans were officially invented in May of 1873 after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the pants on May 20th.

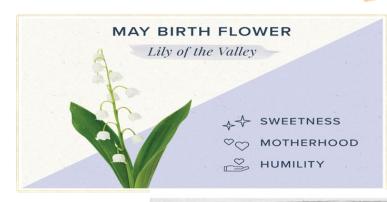


May's full Moon, called the Flower Moon, appears on Friday, May 5.



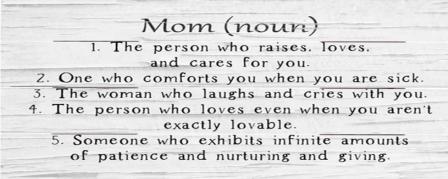
May was once considered a ill-omened time to get married. The old adage goes: "Marry in May and you'll rue the day."

Mother's Day Fact: The oldest first-time mother in the world was 70 when she gave birth in 2009.





May's birthstone is the **emerald**. Emeralds are a symbol of rebirth, and are believed to grant their owner **foresight**, **good fortune**, and **youth**. Emerald is derived from the word *smaragdus*, meaning **green** in Greek.



## What's Kim Cooking?

## TGIF - FRIDAY, MAY 26

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Hour 3 - 5 Dinner 5:30 Dance to follow

Pre-order by May 23



BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 18

9:30 - 11 AM

MENU Stuffed Chicken Breast with gravy/Broccoli Cheese Rice/ Steamed Peas & Carrots/ Dinner Buns with butter Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake Gluten free available

\$20 Members/\$25 Non-Members Protein free option available at \$12.00

> **\$7.00** Dine in only Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages & bacon Gluten free available

Pre-order by Monday, May 15

### **Coming in May**

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

WATCH FOR ICE CREAM, SALADS, FRUIT & YOGURT

> Available for Sale See Kim for Details

### OGDEN 50+ ACTIVITIES - EXPLAINED BY: SUE PASVEER

### Potluck Sandwich Lunch

Every Wednesday a group gets together to share sandwiches. We call it a potluck because participants each bring 2 sandwiches (all fillings welcome), one for themselves and one to share with someone who didn't bring a sandwich. If you didn't bring anything, you pay \$3 to the lunch fund.

We have 4 talented bakers who rotate bringing dessert. We bring the sandwiches to the kitchen by 11:45 so they can be plated and distributed to the hungry folks at 12. The first Wednesday of the month is **Pizza Day**. Sign up sheets are up two weeks before, you can request a favourite flavour! Popular choices are Hawaiian & Meat Lovers. Cost is \$5 for two pieces, payable on the day. Pizza arrives around noon.

Lunch is a great opportunity to get to know other members. Come and go or stay for a game of cribbage, shuffleboard or carpet bowling!

Next month: Game Night Explained



It's May and we are all anxious to get in our gardens; however, don't be too quick - after all this is Calgary!

Rake any debris collected over winter but wait for the thorough cleaning until mid to late May. This gives the beneficial insects time to wake up and be ready to start work for the season.

Many think perennials are "plant and forget;" they could, possibly be with the following considerations at planting time: location - does it require sun or shade, closeness to buildings, shade from nearby trees, condition of the soil to name a few? As these do not bloom all season think of plants that will bloom at varying times. At this time never underestimate the value of a few annuals dotted in the borders these, if deadheaded regularly, will bloom all summer.

Containers: You can purchase them already planted as they look full with loads of blooms, but they tend to outgrow their pots by midsummer and look ragged. You can plant your own, it's a way of getting your hands in the soil and are at a higher level than ground! They may look sparse for a couple of weeks, but you can go for coffee at Ogden House and come home to find they have filled the spot! When planting keep the root balls away from the container edge as the mid-summer heat may burn the roots.

Avoid putting cold sensitive plants e.g.: tomatoes, peppers, etc. outside until the first week of June and even then, be aware of the weather and be prepared to cover if cold weather threatens.

Gardeners, don't you wish our backs had hinges?

## Gardening Information Session

PLEASE COME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS - Q&A TO FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH
1:00 - 2:00 PM
IN THE GALLERY
HOSTED BY CHRISTINE POOLE & MARK HASKELL

\*Sign up at the front desk

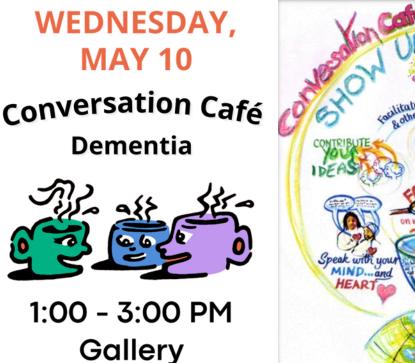


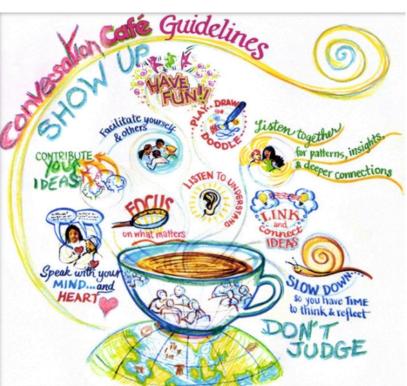


## COME WALK WITH US AT OGDEN 50+ ACTIVITY CENTRE

## Starting May 1

### Daily walk Mon - Fri 10:00 - 10:30 am







Monday 9:30 - 1:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 - 10:45 AM Friday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

All equipment provided

### WOOD CARVERS CLUB

AT OGDEN 50+ ACTIVITY CENTRE 2102-69 Ave SE

IS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS.

Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

If you are interested in joining or if you have wood working tools you would like to donate

#### PLEASE CONTACT JERRY MURPHY 403-256-0630





Plato May 21, 428 B.C.

Martha Jane Canary or "Calamity Jane" **May 1, 1852** 

John Wayne **May 26, 1907** 

Malcolm X May 19, 1925

Audrey Hepburn May 4, 1929

> Bob Dylan May 24, 1941

Cher **May 20, 1946** 



May brings unexpected changes, twists and turns, and the need to adapt to the cosmic forces of change. This can be particularly felt between May 1 and 5, which is when Pluto goes retrograde and the full moon lunar eclipse arrives. During this time, the universe is assisting us in clearing from our lives what no longer serves us, bringing a time of release and letting go.



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF TABLE TENNIS AT OGDEN 50+ by Don Fisherman

In last month's article on table tennis I mentioned that Ogden 50+ has been the home club of many well known and world class table tennis players. In this article I'll introduce them to you. Many of you will certainly remember Verla Boyle, a long time member. Verla was a World's Seniors' Master's Player and very often represented Calgary in Zone 3 at the Alberta Seniors' Games. She played table tennis all over the world and had won more trophies, medals and ribbons than you could shake a stick at. Verla would always play with beginners as well as advanced players and she always made them feel welcome.

Mike Ebanks was a very well known table tennis player in Jamaica and the Caribbean. He won many local tournaments plus he played in many Canadian open men's tournaments before moving to Calgary, joining and playing at Ogden 50+. Mike had excellent control of the ball when he played and was an incredible defensive player (chopper) who could always lob a high arcing ball back onto the table. Unfortunately, both Verla and Mike have recently passed away.

Currently, we have Peter Zvengrowski playing regularly with us. Peter is a Canadian Provincial umpire who played in and officiated in many Canadian National tournaments. A highly regarded player, Peter is the past president of the Alberta Table Tennis Association. He has organized several Canadian National Championships, has represented Canada with the International Table Tennis Federation and participated in a provincial sports exchange with our Chinese sister province, Heilongjiang. Peter's wife Elaine, another excellent player, was a very highly respected table tennis player throughout her native Vietnam.

Over the years table tennis at Ogden 50+ has been played by people from Hong Kong, Holland, Malaysia, Germany, Russia, Egypt, Scotland, Poland, China, Jamaica and even a few from North America (I'm sure I missed a few countries). We are men, women and married couples. We are, and have always been, an incredibly diverse and multicultural activity and are always on the lookout for new players regardless where they come from or their level of play. We play mornings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and we happily invite you to join us. You can't beat table tennis for lots of fun and good exercise.

## "Rag Quilt"







Foot Care will be at Ogden 50+ on TUESDAY, MAY 2 & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 FROM 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Contact Foot Care Nurses directly at 403-408-9668 to book an

appointment. Prices are \$50 per person for foot care and \$10 for hand care.

Patients with a prescription can be billed directly to Blue Cross. Please bring your health card to your appointment.



LET'S THINK LONG-TERM AND SAVE THE OGDEN BLOCK, NOT JUST BECAUSE OF ITS PAST, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF ITS FUTURE.

### 7044 Ogden Road SE

1914 - Hong Lee Laundry. Boarding house with 18 rooms for rent upstairs.

**1916** - Extension to Ogden Military Convalescent Hospital (located in former Ogden Hotel) for recuperating WW1 soldiers.

**1919** - Residences. Ice cream store on main floor approximately 1950s or 60s.

**2021** - Building purchased by City of Calgary. To be demolished for Green Line construction.

Ogden's Community Revitalization Plan has identified the building as a heritage asset that would enhance future main street development. With Green Line development on the way, this is the perfect opportunity for the building to be used as commercial/office space, a café/restaurant, or artist space!

Despite its recent recognition, and despite the fact that the City has no plans for that particular site, the goal remains to destroy it.

Our community is about to lose our last historical commercial building - a landmark on our main street - and for no identified reason.



Members of the Millican Ogden Heritage Group rally outside the historic building at 7044 Ogden Road that they are hoping to save from demolition on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. The building, originally a Chinese laundry, has been slated for demolition as part of construction for the Green Line. Gavin Young/Postmedia

#### To voice your support, contact the Ward 9 office at:

403-268-5330 ward09@calgary.ca

Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra Ward 9, City of Calgary c/o Office of the Councillors PO Box 2100, Stn M Mail Code #8001A Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

For more informationor to help support the heritage in our community, contact:

The Millican Ogden Heritage Group at bonnylynn98@gmail.com



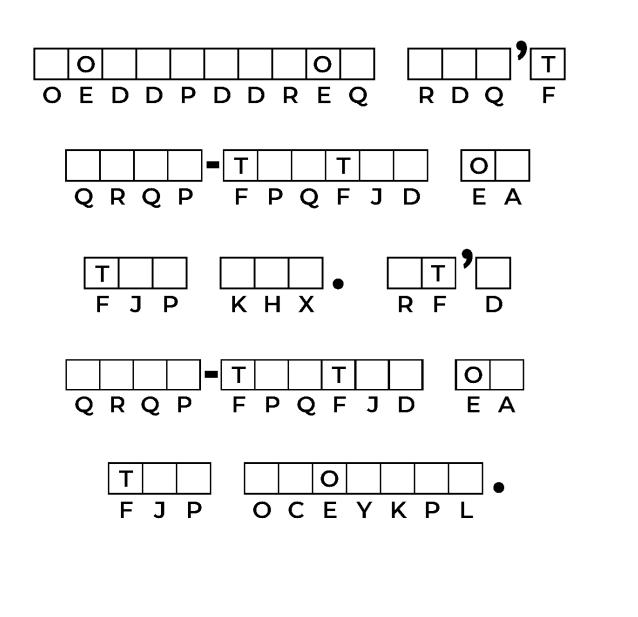


C cassiesmallwood.com.

## **CRYPTOGRAM #5**

This quote by John Lennon demonstrates how he felt about materialism in the world.

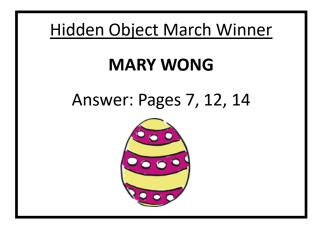
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JUST FOR FUN	HIDDEN ITEM					
Somewhere in the newsletter we have hidden <b>3 ice cream treats</b> Now it's up to you to find them!	THIS MONTH'S FIND THE ITEM WINNER \$10.00 Gift Card NAME: PHONE:					
When you do, fill out the form and drop it off at Ogden House 50+ Activity Club or email it to zoe@ogden50plus.org for a chance to win a \$10.00 Gift Card.	PAGE & ARTICLE:					
Important Numbers to Ha	ve on Hand					

- 811 Health Link Nursing Advice
- 403-266-4357 Senior Connect & Distress Centre
- 403-705-3250 Elder Abuse Resource Line
- 211 24 Hour information on community and social services in Calgary
- 311 City of Calgary 411 Telephone Directory 403-266-1234 Calgary Police Service
- 911 Emergency 511 Traveller Information Services 611 Telus

403– SENIORS 403-736-4677 The Way In Network



April TGIF Winners

Free Dinner: Vicki Miller

Toonie Draw: Cor Pasveer

Door Prize: Marilyn Gorveatt

Prize Draws: Gerald Melanson & Darleen Swanson



Barb W - May 1 Maruisz M - May 1 Pat M - May 2 Cheryl W - May 3 **Gregory I - May 3** Chuck B - May 4 Margaret M - May 5 Frank S - May 6 Christine H - May 10 Dan W - May 11 Janet S - May 12 **Catherine B - May 13** Gerry S - May 14 **Jim Z - May 14 Corinne S - May 15** David H - May 17 **Gil T - May 19** 

Dorma J - May 19 lan M - May 20 Bill C - May 20 Donna K - May 21 Christine M - May 22 Howie C - May 22 Frank O - May 23 **Pat A - May 23** Vicki M - May 24 Janet K - May 26 Susie R - May 26 **Ron H - May 27** Carol F - May 28 Rod V - May 28 Jackie C - May 28 **Dave S - May 29** 



Are you a retired/semi retired trades person that wants a fun job to keep busy and supplement your income? We have the perfect opportunity for you to use your skills! The DIY Training Center runs classes teaching homeowners how to do their own home renovations and is looking to hire several part time trainers to facilitate these courses. We are looking for a jack-of-all trades that has experience in many aspects of home renovations including tiling, vinyl plank flooring, framing, finishing carpentry, bathroom renovation, basic plumbing, electrical, door hanging etc. A ticket in a particular trade will also be very helpful. Please only apply if you have a trades background such as a carpenter. This is a contract position with part time hours but is perfect for someone retired / semi-retired that just loves teaching and wants to pass on their knowledge and skills. Hours are flexible as we run courses every day of the week but we are looking for people that are available to work daytime, evening and weekends as well. What is MOST important is that we are looking for someone that has a genuine interest in helping homeowners achieve success with their DIY projects by showing them how to do it right. No updated resume? No worries. Please reply and tell us all about yourself.

ABOUT US

Check out our website at diversing center.com for more details and to get an insight about our business. Job Types: Part-time, Casual Part-time hours: 5-20 per week Salary: \$25.00 per hour



Email: office@diytrainingcenter.com

Are you interested in having your LAWN MOWED OR A SPRING/FALL YARD CLEAN UP DONE? The Mow/Snow program out of Ogden House offers EXTREMELY REASONABLE RATES, that are based upon the job size. You do not need to be a senior or belong to the Ogden **50+** to utilize this service. We can also do it temporarily if you are going away. For more information or to arrange a free, no obligation quote, please call 403.236.8139 and ask for Rick.

#### AD SPACE FOR

RENT YOUR AD HERE \$10 PER MONTH PHONE 403-279-2003 EXT. 202



### LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

- 1. Agree, never argue
- 2. Divert, never reason
- 3. Distract, never shame
- 4, Reassure, never lecture
- 5. Reminisce, never say "remember"
- 6. Repeat, never say 'I told you"
- 7. Do what they can do, never say "you can't"
- 8. Ask, never demand
- 9. Encourage, never condescend
- 10. Reinforce, never force

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	/	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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