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Give some love to the Hub



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Organizers of Cowichan Station’s 125th birthday bash are asking folks in the community for 125 “little labours of love.”

And whether that’s in the form of inviting neighbours for tea or a potluck, tidying a local landmark, organizing a youth basketball game or taking cookies to the school bus drivers, the gang behind the HUB (the old Cowichan Station School-turned-community-centre) is asking Cowichanians to capture their acts of kindness with a note, sketch or photo to be

displayed on a birthday banner.

“What’s really unique about this community is just how passionate people are,” said the HUB’s Madelaine MacLeod. “We have a real infinity here. And the little labours of love is just about highlighting the community’s random acts of kindness.”

Folks have until March 31 to submit proof of their labours of love and can do so by dropping it off at the HUB’s mailbox, mailing to Cowichan Station Area Association at 2375 Koksilah Rd., V9L 6M5, emailing to 125@cowichanstation.org or through the community’s Facebook page, Cowichan Station Area Association.

The birthday celebration, which is also set to act as an official grand opening for the old school turned community hotspot, will include birthday cake, a dessert potluck, ribbon cutting and dance, and is scheduled for Friday, April 12.

Besides the birthday bash, folks behind the revival of the old school report lots of things are in the works.

“On the green side, the geothermal is up and running and amazing,” said MacLeod in an email. “At our most recent ‘community conversation’ Kuan Foo, our geo guy and one of the mercury technicians did a presentation on its ins and outs.

“With the CVRD’s generous gas tax grant, we have gone from less than 30 per cent efficient oil furnaces, emitting greenhouse gases, to a system that runs at 200 per cent efficiency, with an eye to possibly selling our carbon credits,” explained MacLeod.

And that’s not it.

MacLeod reports the historic roof restoration project has wrapped up and “TLC Insulation insulated with recycled newspapers. A great green innovation to stop the hot air escaping from that ugly flat roof,” she said.

The group received a B.C. Accessibility grant, which allows them to install a stair lift in the upcoming weeks and, on top of that, they’re also in the middle of a massive kitchen reno, which is due to be completed by the end of the month when their Heritage Canada grant must be spent.

For more information on the 125th celebration, contact CSAA at 250-746-1794.

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