



News at N4Cs

Northern Columbia Community and
Cultural Center

A Tribute to Our Volunteers

Everyone who frequents the Center knows that it employs only one full-time employee, Rob Hutchison, the Director. They also know that volunteers perform all of the operational and planning work.

However, most people do not know the various committees and committee members that operate, for the most part in the background, to deliver the life blood that sustains the Center.

These volunteers do everything from investment management to member check-ins; from fund raising to program

Finance Committee
John Kitchen—Chair
Chuck Chapman
Dick Kriebel
Craig Merluzzi
Paul Riechart
Russ Seward

Library/Museum Committee
Diane Laubach, Chair
Carolyn Beach, Secretary
Chuck Chapman
Gladys Kile
Bob Parks
Larry Paul
Russ Seward
Dottie Wilson

planning; from building maintenance to museum acquisition; and from landscaping to party planning—to name only some of the activities.

Although N4Cs already honors a specific volunteer with a quarterly award, this issue of the newsletter wants to do more. We want to recognize each of N4Cs' volunteers, and to show how they serve the Center.

The Finance Committee, chaired by John

Kitchen, is charged not only with meeting all financial obligations, but also with developing the budget, managing the Center's investments, and reconciling revenue and expenses.

The Library/Museum Committee, chaired by Diane Laubach, plans all of the cultural activities

Building & Grounds Committee
Bob Parks—Chair
Kathy Arcuri
Kay Chapman
Katie Knorr
Tony Mauer
Larry Paul

for the Center, such as the Speakers' Series, Friday Movie Night, art exhibits, and concerts. In addition, it manages all book and museum acquisitions.

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Special Interest
• <i>Buy a brick for N4Cs' Memorial Walk</i>
• <i>To Gillian on her 37th Birthday: Sept. 16, 17, 18</i>
• <i>Summer Activities begin in June</i>
• <i>Dance Camp begins in June</i>
• <i>Children's Acting Workshop starts in June</i>
• <i>Adult Acting Classes begin in July</i>

Rob's Corner

We Couldn't Do It Without Our Volunteers!



*The world is hugged
by the faithful arms
of volunteers.
~Everett Mámor*

*Volunteer work
keeps membership
costs down.*

I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the efforts our volunteers at the Northern Columbia Community & Cultural Center (N4Cs) have put forth since the Center's opening. The simple truth is, the Center's success would not have happened without the volunteers.

The Center, even before it was built, has always been a volunteer-driven organization. It was

started by a small group of citizens who wanted a safe place for children to congregate. What you see before you is the result of that community spirit and selflessness.

Our success is a direct result of the time, energy, and commitment of our volunteers. No one deserves appreciation more than the people who freely give their time at N4Cs. Our volunteers could invest their talents anywhere, however, they give their precious time to the Center. The work they do is of great worth. With this Newsletter issue we want to give them the

recognition they deserve.

Members, please continue to thank all the volunteers for their efforts. Also, everyone should recognize that volunteers help keep membership costs down.

If you would like to help keep those costs low, please consider offering your services 2-3 hours a week.

Thank you again for all that you do!

Respectfully,

Rob Hutchison
Center Director

Memorial Walk Next to Fishing Creek

A new brick walk is being created to enable local families to remember friends and loved ones. The setting, designed by a landscape architect, will be located at the southeast corner of the Center near Fishing Creek. It will resemble a patio with memorial bricks leading to a raised gazebo.

Memorial bricks can be purchased at the Center or by calling Chuck or Kay Chapman (925-6972). Brick are available for \$50 (4"x 8") and \$75 (8"x 8").

Volunteer of the Quarter: Katie Knorr

Katie Knorr was named Volunteer of the Quarter at N4Cs for the first quarter 2011. Katie has been an active participant at the Center in Benton since its inception. She is currently on the N4Cs' board; on the Building and Grounds Committee; and Chairperson of the Village Sampler and Fun Auction. And she generally lends a hand whenever extra assistance is needed.

Katie was born in Tokyo, Japan after WWII. As part of an Army family, she moved repeatedly and consequently learned to adjust quickly to different circumstances. After graduating from the University of Maryland with a teaching degree, she spent her career helping others. She taught Alternative and Special Education in elementary and middle school for 33 years in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Her teaching career was devoted to helping kids who were turned off to education.

She and husband Ken have traveled extensively around the country—visiting 49 states. Katie hopes to round out her visit to all states with a trip to Hawaii.

After retiring in 2003, she and her husband, Ken, moved to Elk Grove, where Ken's family had land. Katie and Ken share three children and four grandchildren, whom they try to see as much as possible.

It was after relocating to the Benton area that she learned about N4Cs and began a new career for herself as an active volunteer at the Center. Katie fervently believes in the concept of a Community Center as a means to bring multiple generations together. She likes knowing that kids have a safe place to

hang out, and has enjoyed immensely the new friends she has made.

As a member of the House and Grounds Committee, Katie has taken responsibility for planting the barrels situated around the Center. When you see her, don't forget to compliment her on the beautiful environment she has created. She has also been the primary planner for the Village Sampler and Fun Auction for the past two years. This is one of the Center's major fund raisers. Because of Katie's hard work these events have been enjoyed by all who attend, and brought in substantial revenue for the Center.

It is thanks to Katie and to all of the other volunteers at the Community Center that N4Cs has become such a critical piece of the fabric of Northern Columbia County. With only one full-time paid employee, the Center must rely on its dedicated volunteers to keep it running smoothly.



Katie Knorr, Volunteer of the Quarter Q1 2011

Katie Knorr has spent a lifetime helping others.

Thanks to Katie for the colorful flowers in the barrels around the Center.

A Tribute to Volunteers

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The Volunteer Committee was formed to ensure that N4Cs' volunteers receive the recognition they deserve.

The Building and Grounds Committee oversees the maintenance of the building, and ensures that all improvements meet appropriate building standards. Several members also design, plant and maintain the gardens around the building.

Volunteer Committee
Nina Ford—Chair
Kathy Ball
Laurie Edson
Ellen Hall
Chandlee Stowe
Donna Schwab (computer work)

The Thrift Shop income makes a substantial contribution to N4Cs' operating budget every year.

Thrift Shop
Madeleine Chiolan
Barbara King
Diane Laubach
Anna Marie Mazzuca
Jacki Parks
Judy Paul
<i>Regular Subs</i>
Pat Eisenhart
Lois Payne
Helen Stackhouse
Evelyn Young
<i>Occasional Subs</i>
Charlotte Sibley

The Volunteer Committee, the newest committee, was set up to recruit volunteers, to coordinate volunteer activities, and to ensure that these important people receive the recognition they deserve.

The Thrift Shop has been in operation since 2006. It brings in an important part of the Center's operating budget through sales of gently-used clothing and household goods. There are a

large group of workers who classify, price, size, sort and sell the items received from others.

The Front Desk personnel are perhaps the most recognizable volunteers because they provide the face that the public sees first. But they are responsible for many other functions too. They check-in all Center visitors; register all program participants; balance the cash drawer; sign up and renew members; file; photocopy; and answer any question that comes their way.

The Public Relations committee, consisting of Jerry Arcuri and Ray

McCourt place all announcements in the newspapers, messagebot, and web site; ensure the web site is maintained; and publish this Newsletter. In addition, Jon Hedrick is preparing a new web site for the Center.

Front Desk Workers
Nina Ford—Coordinator
Madeleine Chiolan
Laurie Edson
Gary Elliott
Bob Genthe
Kitty Genthe
Ellen Hall
Jeff Lindner
Hope Miller
Larry Paul
Joanne Riley
Louise Roat
Dustin Schumacher
Ed Smith
Chandlee Stowe
Becky Westover
Jesse Whitenight
Bill Williams
Mike Yaple
MaryAnn Zeveney

For those of you who have enjoyed home-cooked meals at

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N4Cs you can thank the women who regularly work in the kitchen, including Kathy Ball, Peg Krum, Lisa Ruggles, and Judy Yaple.

Finally, there are many others who perform non-committee work, but are available to chip in to help with innu-

merable tasks such as set-up and tear-down activities, and a huge number of other activities. Their names are listed below.

If we have forgotten anyone, our sincere apologies. Each and everyone if vitally important and tremendously appreciated!

Each volunteer is vitally important and tremendously appreciated!

Other Volunteers		
Bruce Anderson	Kathy Harvey	Joanne Riley
Melanie Anderson	Allison Hess	Abigail Ritchie
Joan Ash	Brady Hess	Judy Scavone
Karl Ash	Dolores Hoffman	Dustin Schumacher
Paul Barclay	Kay Hoosty	Marcia Seely
Lucy Barone	Pegi Keller	Richard Shoemaker
Gary Beach	Barbara King	Bernie Shultz
Bill Booth	David Kline	Janice Shultz
Dick Brewington	Rich Knelly	Fran Stitz
Sally Brewington	Janet Kriebel	Grace Stowe
Bob Comstock	Geraldine Laubach	Frank Traynor
Charles Crusan	Jeff Lindner	Ellen Tyree
M.R. Daniels	Jackie Malhoyt	Steve Tyree
Bev Derr	Phil Malhoyt	Jim Vance
Pat Eisenhart	Ann Marie Mazzuca	Gary Voyten
Gary Elliott	Shirley McHenry	Jack Wainright
Carol Farver	Marie Morgan	Kathy Wells
Joe Feola	Moe Newhart	Hobart Whitenight
Lorraine Feola	Paul Randall	Ken Wilson
Ralph Ford	Eugene Ribble	Butch Young
Brandon Hartman	Justin Ridall	Gerald Zeveney
Mary Hartman		

If you aren't an N4Cs' volunteer already, please consider giving 2-3 hours per week.

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Become Part of Our Family

Visit...

Enjoy...

Join!

N4Cs provides social services, cultural and educational opportunities, sports programs, and health and wellness activities for people of all ages. Thanks to the dedication of our founders, donors, staff, and volunteers, the greater Northern Columbia County and surrounding municipalities have become a better place to live and raise our families.

The Curious Savage

Who are the crazy ones?

Fishing Creek Players transformed N4Cs' gym into another world for its recent production of The Curious Savage—a play written by John Patrick and directed by M.R. Daniels. The stage setting portrayed a well-appointed salon at the Cloisters, a mental institution. And the audience had an up-close and personal relationship with the actors, thanks to the newly-constructed tiered seating arrangement. By all accounts, the new intimate environment was well received by audience and actors alike.

The cast obviously enjoyed portraying the strange array of characters—from Fairy, who was a delusional



Seated (l to r): Kathleen KcKenzie, Joey Sue Laubach; Ed Smith. Standing (l to r): Jennifer Welliver, Darwin Hatch, M.R. Daniels, Geraldine Laubach, Brandon Hartman, Marilyn White-Kishbaugh, Larry Snoke, Jerry Arcuri

dreamer, to Lilly Bell a narcissistic social climber; and from Mrs. Paddy, a mute "artist" who relished dousing the lights, to Samuel Savage, a non-judicious jurist. By the end of the

play, the audience rightly questioned who should be the residents of the sanitarium—the current inmates or the money-hungry Savage children.

Mark Your Calendars

- **May 21:** Bus trip to Baltimore's Inner Harbor
- **May 25:** Lecture by Grad Spangenberg; "One Room Schoolhouses"
- **June 6:** Summer Activities Start; 8AM-4PM; ages 6-12
- **June 20-July 1:** Dance Camp
- **June 27:** Children's Theater Workshop begins; 2-4PM; ages 8-14
- **June 29-August 3:** Adult Acting Class; Wednesdays, 7PM