



## Warm summer Greetings!

*The Women's Centre will be closed for the first two weeks in August, opening again on Tues. August 19 for Drop In at 12 noon! Women looking for bread, tofu or food can pick it up at the Food Cupboard at the United Church. There will be*

**October 4, 2008. WKWA 36th Birthday Party at the Legion in Nelson. Dance, connect and learn!!!!**

## Program News

- \* Nelson and District Women's Centre Drop - In: Tues and Wednesdays 12 to 4pm ( Referrals, support, free food and clothes store, library, computer services, training, volunteer opportunities, companionship, children welcome, safe space for women.)  
\*\*\* Stats: 2,500 to 3,000 Women and Children use our facilities per year\*\*\*

**\*\* AGM- September 17, 5-7pm at WKWA Please come! Inquire about joining the Coordinating Collective.**

**\*\* Big Book Sale on Saturday, September 27, 10am till 2pm at the Nelson Women's Centre. Book Donations wanted. Bring your old books by ahead of time and come by to buy some new ones!! All proceeds will go to support our Library!!**

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If you have been connected to WKWA as a member, on the Coordinating Collective or as staff, have a story, or photos that would be of interest, please contact us! This will be a time for Connecting, Celebrating and Educating the community along with music and Dance! Long time local favorites Carol Street, Bo Colin and Cheryl Janzen. Please call if you are interested in helping.

- **Bag Project**-(Recycled and reclaimed textile sewing project). We have received funding from Enterprising Non Profits to write a business and marketing plan for this project. We will be looking to hire someone to work with us on this project sometime in September! If you are interested, please call Kathleen at 35209916. Sewers, join us!!!!
- **Garden Time!** The garden is growing and there are greens and tomatoes available for the picking! Thanks to all of the volunteers who have planted, watered, weeded and fed and tended to our garden!! Thanks also to those who have cut the lawn!
- **Basement Cleanup:** Clean up and preparation for renovation will take place on Tuesday August 12, starting at 10:30am and go on till 2:30ish. Come on by and help!

## Fall Volunteer Training

**October 8, - November 26, 2008 (Wednesdays, 9:15 to 11:30 am)**

**Develop skills and Support the women in our community!!**

**Call Kathleen at 352- 9916 or just come by to sign up.**

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- **Garage Sale:** Thanks to WKWA volunteers Wendy, Madeline, Jaime, Lorell, April, Inge, Summer and Gabe and all who helped raise nearly \$500. Thanks to all the people who so generously donated items for us to sell. The turn out was great!
- **Girls Night out:** Local women businesses raised over \$750 for WKWA with a Raffle and Fashion Show at the Kootenai Moon Furniture! A Big thanks to Tait Photography and Global Underground for organizing this fine and fun event!! Thanks to the following businesses and women who supported us! Special thanks to the models and businesses who donated raffle items!
  - Tait Fine Art Photography*
  - Kootenai Moon Furniture*
  - Mountain Waters Spa*
  - Global Underground*
  - Bia Boro*
- **Katimivik Volunteers—**Anastasia's last day is Wed, August 20th. There will be a good bye party here at the Centre in the afternoon if you want to come by and say thanks and good luck!! Thank you Anastasia for all of your help!! Next Katimivik volunteer starts in October of this year.

**\*\*\*Voice of Women BC:** They are closing their BC office and have invited us to send in a request for funding out of their coffers! Thank you Voice of Women BC for all of the good work you have done as feminists resisting militarism in Canada on our behalf.

- **Special Groups:** Company of Older Women, Peers to Peers-Young Women's Support Group, Wenlido-Self Defense Classes, other as desired. Please call for information. We are always open for new ideas.
- **Women Artists:** Art on the wall at the Women's Centre. Do you have some art you would like to display in the main room of the Centre? Call to set up a time to showcase your work!! Rotating exhibition!

**Women!!** Bring your ideas and energy to make our Association the strongest it can be!! If you are interested in presenting a workshop or are interested in having happen, please come and speak to us.

**SPECIAL EVENT: WKWA 36TH Birthday Party and Dance!!**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH,** at the Nelson Legion. We are looking for success stories of WKWA over the years and women to share stories about our herstory! Give Kathleen a call at 352-9916. Mark your Calendars. C.B.T Trio will perform. Carol Street, Bo Conlan and Cheryl Janzen. Long time local musicians with Original Contemporary Folk Soul Music!

**Help us make this night a magical one for the community. All welcome!!**

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## **Thanks to All of our Supporters!!**

To list a few....BCGC, BCGEU, Canadian Federation of University Women, Postal Union, United Church Women's Association, Osprey Community Foundation, Lions Club, Nelson and District Credit Union, United Way, Silver King, Kootenay Coop Country Cooperative, Kootenay Café & Bakery Cooperative, The Only Bakery, Nelson Food Cupboard, WIN, Our Daily Bread, Eddy's Music, Share, Renaissance Hair Co., Karen Logan, Val Amies, Kathy Roberts, the women who hosted the Vagina Monologues, local businesses, individuals and all of the volunteers who help to keep us alive and thriving! Special thanks to the women who work to keep the Drop In a welcoming and helpful place to be, the free store organized and the garden thriving! If I have forgotten anyone, please call me!

A very special thanks to the coordinating collective who have worked to keep this organization open and working.

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