

Volunteer



NEWSLETTER

Jots from Judy



Hello friends!

It feels so good to be organizing the BCC's signature events again. And if we haven't seen you in awhile, we hope you'll join in the fun as we ramp up.

We're using many approaches to match your interests to the BCC's volunteer needs. You may get a call or email from one of our Event Leads or Volunteer Program team. Please see page 2 for information about our Spring Volunteer Drive.

We're currently actively recruiting for:

- Craft Show
- Classic Car Shows
- BCC Office

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A Message from your Board of Directors

On April 26th we held our Annual General Meeting. Thanks to the 40 people who attended in person. For those of you who couldn't participate, we hope you take a few minutes to read the reports emailed to you.

We're proud to say that our new strategic plan is way more than a plan on paper. We've already made great strides on many of our priority projects and are using it to guide our actions for the remainder of 2022. Here are a few highlights:

- The BCC has a good financial status thanks to over \$375,000 in grants, plus donations and sponsorships from individuals and businesses, and the hard work of many people who made various fund raising activities a success. (*Event Planning and Fund Raising Committee*)
- From an accountability perspective - the *Finance Committee* has implemented new processes and reporting, and the *Governance Committee* is working behind the scenes on many initiatives to make sure the BCC is mitigating risks and following legal requirements.
- The work of the *Operations Committee* will help make the best use of our facilities with new sliding doors and stage - to name a few upgrades.
- The *Human Resources Committee* has a full slate of projects including to recruit for 2 staff positions and shore up the contractor roles.

We thank Jeff Voyer for his thoughtful contributions to the Board and the building projects and welcome Chris Rollo.

BCC Vision: The BCC is a welcoming, inclusive, innovative place for social, arts and culture, recreation and wellness endeavours.

Spring Volunteer Drive - so many ways to share your time & talents

* Signature Events * Gardener * Office * Marketing & Promotions * Technical Writer * Cleaner * Bar Tender *



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From the Volunteer Desk



*"Blossom by blossom the
spring begins"*

Algernon Charles Swinburne



And event by event the BCC is springing into action. There's so much to look forward to at the BCC and we're looking for volunteers to make it all happen!

We'd love to chat with you about how you might like to contribute to the success of the BCC.

Whether ...

- You've been in hibernation and are ready to volunteer again
- You're new to the community and aren't sure what the options are
- You volunteered in the past and are looking for a different role
- You're looking for experience, to meet new people or give back

... we'd love to connect. We're pretty sure we'll find something of interest in our eclectic garden of volunteer roles. Yes, the BCC is known for our signature events and there are many other roles that you may not be aware of.

Sheila Cook

Volunteer Program Coordinator



Research shows that volunteering has many health benefits:

1. Improves physical and mental health
2. Provides a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills
3. Nurtures new and existing relationships

You may help friends and family experience better wellness. Refer them to the BCC.

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/3-health-benefits-of-volunteering>

SPRING VOLUNTEER DRIVE

Here's how you can learn more about the opportunities coming up in May – September 2022.

Zoom Volunteer Job Fairs – from the convenience of your favourite chair, we'll give you a quick tour of what's sprouting at the BCC. Then you can share with us which roles you're most interested in. Win a spring-inspired prize.

- June 1 at 7 p.m.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3760067905?pwd=UHRUWlpHZjRmTV0blpjZ0tWYmlBZz09>
- June 2 at 1 p.m.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3760067905?pwd=UHRUWlpHZjRmTV0blpjZ0tWYmlBZz09>

At the BCC Volunteer Job Fair – June 1 at the BCC. Drop in between 1-3 p.m. to meet the Volunteer Program crew and discover what's a good fit for you. Win a spring-inspired prize.

- **Look for posts on the BCC's FaceBook page**
- **Read our posters on the BCC website - Volunteer Opportunities Page**
- **Email: volunteering@buckhorncommunitycentre.com**
- **Call the BCC and leave a message about the opportunities you're interested in**
- **Talk to the Event Leads**



INTRODUCING NATHALIE POIRIER-COX VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ASSISTANT

"When I retired, I wondered what I'd do with myself - I like to be busy and try new things. Then one day I walked into the BCC and quickly found out there was lots to do!" Nathalie explains.



You may recognize Nathalie from the Festival of Trees and Happy Hours where the Jammers play. After years of devoting her energies to teaching children and raising a busy family, she's nurturing her own health and is active in classes, playing volleyball, learning how to cook healthy meals, and making creative cards.

"I'm so thrilled that Nathalie stepped forward when the call for a volunteer to support the volunteer program went out. She's using her organizational skills to collaborate with Judy and other volunteers to develop detailed checklists for event volunteers. Plus of course applied her musical talents to our honking volunteer appreciation event last fall," says Sheila.