

# NEWS FALL 2025

#### Oceanside Community Makerspace Society

#### Glass Studio

The Fused Glass studio has purchased a large new supply of glass! Some new colours we haven't had before! Open studio hours can be seen on the website under "Calendars" tab. Courses for the Fall and Winter are in full swing. Our Website:

www.oceansidemakerspace.org

# Jewelry Studio

Did you know that you can have your own studio space in the jewelry studio!? We have two custom made work benches for monthly rent! Jewelry classes are also now in full swing for the Fall. Bring your ideas!

# **Sewing Studio**

The sewing studio has had a few new courses lately - sew your own T-shirts, for example. Bring your favourite fitting T-shirt to replicate and start your T-shirt wardrobe! Lauren will be back in Mid November - if you would like some expert classes on tailor making a perfect fitting Tee or other items of clothing, watch for her classes on the website.

# **Membership Appreciation Event**

The membership appreciation event held on September 10th was a huge success and Thank you all for attending! Many members new and old join Makerspace with a focus



on a particular offering such as sewing. The event provided the opportunity to venture beyond and consider other art forms. Thank you to Alex for the wonderful soap making demonstration! **Big** thanks to Patty for organizing the event. It was

great fun! Thanks Ina! for the wonderful magical performance depicting the musings of a 'Studio Rat'. Hope we see the rat make an appearance again! Thank you also to all of the artists and makers who donated door prizes.

But Most of all, THANK YOU to you, the members for making Makerspace what it is-A friendly, busy, creative environment to challenge yourself to new ideas and projects. Stay tuned for a Holiday Open House!

# **Book Club**

Looking for a fun and friendly way to share your love of reading? Join our book club! We explore a wide variety of books—from thought-provoking novels to uplifting memoirs—and enjoy lively discussions, laughter, and new perspectives along the way. Whether you're a lifelong reader or just getting back into the habit, our group is a welcoming space to connect, unwind, and be inspired by great stories and great company. Please see website for Information!

## **Holiday Wreath Making**



Makerspace has offered Holiday wreath making for several years now and will offer this again this year. Check the course offerings in December and sign up fast as it is a very popular course!

#### Welcome to new Sponsors

Welcome Sherpa and Carolyn!
Sherpa is currently teaching
Drawing on Tuesdays at 1 PM and
will likely branch out to other
course offerings such as ceramics.
As you all know, Carolyn, spends a
lot of time in the fused glass studio
and may in the future offer some
stained glass courses. Let Carolyn
know if this is of interest to you!

#### Welcome to new Members

Welcome to Makerspace! If you are a new member, please let people know...introduce yourself, ask questions, explore, enjoy! You never know what you'll be doing next when you get inquisitive. Welcome!

Oh...and don't forget to sign in:)

## Materials Hunting in Japan

Daune Y. who leads the Friday sashiko group has returned to Japan and one of her favourite things to do there is to buy the traditional materials for sashiko stitching. This year she had a pleasant surprise when a sashiko group member, Francine, traveled to Japan at the same time. Its easy to imagine the two hunting and gathering in the fabric shops and markets. Looking forward to their return so we can inspect the goods!

# **Artist Spotlight**

B orn in New Zealand, Elinor emigrated to Canada as an older teen. Later, over 20 years was spent as snowbirds, and, in an Arizona resort she discovered glass fusion and



was immediately hooked.
After deciding to spend summers in Parksville, Elinor found
Makerspace, and together with
Julie Christopher was
instrumental in helping Loraine put the glass studio together.
And the studio was born!
"I love creating with glass, discussing techniques with others and trying new projects. It is always exciting to open the kiln! I really enjoy teaching and seeing people making something

then being thrilled when they see their piece finished."

# Dear Madge...

Dear Madge,

Every Thanksgiving my uncle brings his own "secret recipe" gravy every year and insists everyone try it. It tastes like regret and battery acid. How do I politely decline?

— Gravy Avoidant

Dear Avoidant:

Smile, take a spoonful, and pour it directly onto your mashed potatoes' escape tunnel.

#### FALL CALENDAR



# **Your Current Board of Directors**

President: Daune Yochim

Vice President: Brenda McEachern

Treasurer: Averil Valine

Secretary: Lynn Northwood

Director: Elinor Bell
Director: Barb Galle

Director: Greer Cummings

# **AGM**

*The AGM is set for November 15th at 2:00PM. Save the Date!* We will be looking for interested people to join our board. A Nominations request will be going out very soon.