



# THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019



### THE BOARD

HAPPY SPRING !

**Chair** - Sue Hall  
**Secretary** - Laura O'Neill  
**Treasurer** - Denny Wong  
**DLS** - Paddy Carson  
Carole Ford  
**Bursaries** - Vacant  
**Director** - Nadine Matishak  
**Grant Applications** -  
Vacant  
*Director Needed - please  
contact Sue Hall*

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### **AGM - YEAR IN REVIEW**

Well, fingers crossed no more snow, and Spring is here ! Major news is a **SAVE THE DATE** for our **Family Summer Camp weekend, May 31 - June 2, 2019**, see attached email.

On February 23 we had our AGM. AGMs, as you know, are a legal requirement and can be seen as not the most exciting event on the calendar, but, whether it's my age or not, this year I found it very useful to be able to gather up all our achievements in one document. I often feel we are not doing as much as we could, because we are all volunteers with families, dogs, jobs, hobbies etc., but I hope you will agree we had a very reasonable year, and here is my report; see what you think.

Dear Members

Here we are again, we, being the current Board, Laura O'Neill, Denny Wong, Paddy Carson, Carole Ford, Nadine Matishak and yours truly and our Society being 15 years old this year. We are sad to say goodbye to Anne Haegart and to Carole Taljeh as they both pursue their studies, and we wish them well. My thanks go to the Board for all the time they have donated to the Society over the past year, and to the Bursary Committee, Judy Larocque, Donna Doerksen, Cassidy Engleby and Cala Dyck.

Laura went above and beyond her administrative role as usual; Google docs continue to thrive under her supervision, she forms the Newsletter, keeps our agendas and minutes going, constantly has improvements in mind for us, and is generally irreplaceable ! Denny continues to keep us financially sound for which we are truly grateful.

Last year The Card Project took off, thanks to Laura and Marcelle Warnes. We have some lovely cards designed by some of our students, and we look forward to being in time for the Christmas market this year !

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** to be an organization that offers a coordinated and central approach to addressing the needs of the dyslexic individual, their families, and their community, while ensuring a safe place for accelerated learning, healing, education, social interaction and support of individual growth and development.



Paddy was able to go to the DDAI International Conference in Malvern, England this year and managed to network very successfully with Davis Learning Strategies presenters from Holland, New Zealand and India. Stacey Smith is continuing her training as a DLS presenter for Canada. Sadly, for the second year in a row, there were insufficient applications for the DLS Workshop planned for August 2018.

To alter that this year, Carole Ford and Sue Hall have been spreading the word. In particular, they were delighted to present at the University of Victoria, to teachers in training and those pursuing professional development, and the Institute for Challenging Disorganization, the relevant connections folks were able to make, and the positive feedback Carole and Sue have different thought processes, so the combined presentation was an educational challenge in itself; luckily they were both very pleased with the result, and remain good friends!

Sue celebrates 20 years as a Facilitator on February 22, 2019 (the longest she's ever kept a job) and has been lucky enough to have received a flurry of communications from students that she worked with 10-12 years ago; one has designed the new website, two are now follow-up tutors, one budding fashion designer is her homestay, one wants to spread the word in the UK where they moved to, one is in first year law school, one is on the bursary committee, one has been accepted to Trinity Western and one delighted mother reported that books were on her son's Christmas list !

This year the **Family Summer Camp weekend** is planned for **May 31-June 2**, Nadine is beavering away to gain funding for a **Flax Breaking Course this spring/summer** to offer to our children, culminating in the children displaying flax spinning at the Harmony Arts Festival in August, in West Vancouver. I didn't even know linen came from flax! Sue and Donna Doerksen present at Burnaby District Pro D Day on Feb 22; hopefully there will be a full DLS Workshop this year, and so it goes on. For me this sustainability is so exciting in itself... the younger generation are involved and giving back... DLS in schools here we come !

So much thanks to everyone who is involved in our Society, sends us good thoughts, and keeps the flag flying so to speak.. here's to a fabulous 2019 !

Sue Hall, Founder and Chair

PS: Since writing the above, Donna and I had a good, but not overwhelmingly responsive day at the Burnaby Pro D; we are further along with planning the **Davis Learning Strategies Workshop - August 23/24 2019**; Carole Ford and I have put in an application to speak at the **U Vic Pro Day again, October 25**, fingers crossed; Judy Larocque and Cassidy Engleby have had to retire from the bursary committee.

## **VACANCIES OPEN**

### **BOARD MEMBER, BURSARY INTERVIEWER:**

We have the above vacancies, one for a Board Director and one for a Bursary Interviewer. You all have talents and skills, from which I am sure we would benefit; in particular we would like someone who is willing to research and write **grant applications**. I know this is a highly prized skill, and I am sure there is someone out there who wouldn't mind the research and might have a little knowledge of what is needed. Also, we need another member of the **interviewing team for bursary awards**. I wonder if someone who has received one would be willing to do this as there will be an experiential knowledge of how it feels from the 'other side'. Having said all that, if you are passionate about what we do and would like to help us make a difference, the job is yours ! Just call or email Sue.

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*Vacancies Open  
WDS Board  
Join our Team !*

*The Card Project  
www.thewds.org*

*Flax Spinning  
April to September  
Details Enclosed*

*Family Camp  
May 31-Jun 2, 2019*





## COMMUNITY

Our **Family Summer Camp weekend** is booked at Camp Elphinstone again this year, **May 31- June 2**, so save the dates please.

**AND.....**Introducing our **Flax Breaking Linen Fibre Classes.**



### EARTHAND GLEANERS LINEN FIBRE AND FUN CLASSES

Come discover the Fun of Flax. EarthHand Gleaners and The Whole Dyslexic Society have developed a unique opportunity for children to take part in. There will be a Spring session and a Summer session where the children can be part of planting, caring, harvesting, processing, and hand spinning flax. There are currently 5 spaces available for these sessions, ages 6 and up, venue West Vancouver:

**The Spring session** includes a weaving project and botanical drawing.

Time: 1:00 – 4:00PM

Dates and Venues:

Wed April 3 (Subject to change – weather dependent) – 1985 Queens Avenue, WV

Wed May 1 – 1985 Queens Avenue, WV

Wed June 5 - Trillium North Park, Thornton St @ Malkin Ave, Vancouver

Wed June 26 - 1985 Queens Avenue, WV

Cost: \$95.00. Ages 6 and Up

**The Summer session** includes a flax braiding project and leaf and solar dyeing.

Time: 1:00 – 4:00PM

Wed July 3rd - 1985 Queens Avenue, WV

Wed August 7th – 1985 Queens Avenue, WV

Wed Sept 11th - Trillium North Park, Thornton St @ Malkin Ave, Vancouver

Wed Sept 25th- Trillium North Park, Thornton St @ Malkin Ave, Vancouver

Cost: \$95.00. Ages 6 and up

EarthHand Gleaners have been asked to perform a Flax Processing demonstration at the Harmony Arts Festival in West Vancouver in August. All participants are invited to attend. If you are interested, please contact Nadine Matishak directly at: - [nadine.matishak@shaw.ca](mailto:nadine.matishak@shaw.ca) for more details. Here is the link to the main Earthand Gleaners website - <https://earthand.com/tag/flax-to-linen/>

***Have a wonderful spring , and we look forward to all the exciting developments that we attract and come our way.***

***Your Board.....***