

Taghum Hall's Recycled Art Gala is a win-win



Taghum Community Society board members Cory Conboy, Anne DeGrace, and Deborah Wilson show off some of the artworks that will be on the block at Taghum Hall's ArtCycle event.

Change is afoot for the walls of Nelson and area residents. Taghum Hall's upcoming ArtCycle Auction & Gala on Friday, May 14 from 6:30 – 9pm will make sure of that, while raising funds for an (absolutely necessary) kitchen renovation.

"Everyone has collected art over the years, and most of us have a piece or two that are ready for a new home," explains Taghum Community Society president Jude Stralak, "and most of us, like me, would love to take home something new."

ArtCycle makes that possible: for weeks, area residents and Hall supporters have been donating two and three-dimensional artworks that are beautiful, eclectic, and perfect for every taste. These works will be auctioned off at the Gala, which will feature live music and art demonstrations, wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, and fabulous door prizes.

Auction-master Corky Evans will lend his infectious personality to the called auction for select pieces, while the walls will be festooned floor to ceiling with works for silent actions bids. Clay artist Diane Walters and painter Keira Zaslove will create new works on site for auction at the end of the evening. Wine tasters are provided by Skimmerhorn and Columbia Gardens wineries, with appetizers by the Taghum Hall Kitchen Elves with generous support by community grocery and food providers.

Tickets are available at Taghum Shell and Notably: A Book Lover's Emporium, or by emailing taghumhall@shaw.ca.

"We're blown away by the generosity of the community in donating truly lovely art for re-homing, and by the generosity of local suppliers," says Stralak. "It's going to be a great evening."

Built in the 1950s, Taghum Hall underwent a major interior renovation of the main hall in 2014 and last fall completed a grounds revitalization and playground installation thanks to the Columbia Basin Trust, RDCK, and other funders. The kitchen renovation is that last piece required to ensure this beloved community Hall will be here to serve generations to come.