

## Honouring Emanuela Sheena



**Compiled by Jennifer Gray-Grant**  
Executive Director of Collingwood  
Neighbourhood House

A local resident, Emanuela first became involved with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) around 2000, when CNH partnered with the local Synala Housing Co-op. Synala led a project to engage an Indigenous carver (Emanuela's husband, Gerry Sheena) to mentor and teach carving to local youth, who then raised a pole at Synala.

Together with their children, Matthew and Erick, the family became actively involved in many community-building initiatives. With the success of the initial carving project, youth approached CNH to do more carving projects and Emanuela subsequently supported the CNH Multicultural Gateway (in front of the CNH Joyce entrance), Eagle Totem Pole at Slocan Park, and a Welcome Post at the Renfrew Community Centre.

After Sandra Gray initiated an Indigenous-youth-led Canoe Club (now called C.R.E.W.) at CNH, Emanuela nurtured and supported the club for many years and had a profound impact on youth leadership, and cross-cultural understanding. She developed partnerships with groups like *Pulling Together* which resulted in youth, along with supportive adults and police, taking canoe journeys to many nations across BC.



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Emanuela also provided coordination support to the Arts Powwow (a group of local, intercultural, multi-disciplined artists), who worked on bringing arts and culture into the community. She worked on community events such as Collingwood Days and sat on local boards like the Renfrew Park Community Association. The revitalization of Renfrew-Collingwood spaces such as Slocan Park were important interests of hers, particularly as they related to safety and inclusion. Emanuela worked in many capacities at CNH including fundraising, coordinating initiatives created by local residents, youth initiatives, arts and culture, events planning, administration office work and community intercultural relationship building.

“She was one of those rare individuals who embraced everyone with an open heart, always saw the gifts in people and was committed to making the community that she lived and worked in a great place for everyone. The impact she had on all she touched is immeasurable. She dedicated so much of her personal time to her family and community, particularly helping Indigenous youth find their strength, paths in life and leadership skills. She shared her pride in all of them openly and often,” said former CNH Executive Director Paula Carr, who also kindly provided the above information about Emanuela’s path both in CNH and in the neighbourhood.

**From Matthew Sheena, Emanuela’s son:** “Emanuela was not quick to announce her condition. She was a very proud woman, who has touched the lives of many. Never did she do this because she felt the need for something in return; she

did this because in her heart of hearts, she knew it was the right thing to do. So when her condition worsened, she didn’t want those around her to feel obligated to return the favor in any way. She was selfless to the very end.”

**From C.R.E.W. Coordinators Eileen Tann and Kate Smith:**

“It’s with great sadness that we, the canoe club family, announce the passing of a legend and amazing mentor, Emanuela Sheena who made her journey home to the ancestors this afternoon surrounded by her sons Mathew and Erik and partner Gerry Sheena. Emanuela was a private person about her final time with us on earth but we have the permission to share that Emanuela was diagnosed with ALS and that even through the journey with this disease she was there in mind and spirit, right till the end.

“Emanuela started the canoe club 20 years ago a Collingwood neighbourhood house and through her hard work and dedication the program we now know as C.R.E.W. continues to flourish. Emanuela mentored many Indigenous youth over the years who are now becoming well known artists, doctors, red-seal trade workers and many youth workers. Many of her past youth, when first meeting her, were young, lost and without family and Emanuela’s dedication and unconditional acceptance gave them a sense of belonging and family. Over the past week, these youth have gathered to say goodbye and share their love for Emanuela.

“Our teachings tell us that over the next four days we are to be still and gentle with each other as Emanuela makes her journey to her ancestors. We ask that everyone eats a meal



**Emanuela with members of the Arts Powwow. From Left: Julie Cheng, Carmen Rosen, Gerry Sheena, Emanuela Sheena, Paula Carr, Matthew Sheena.**

in her name and places a cup of water outside to feed Emanuela as she passes; light a candle to help light her journey home. Thank you and keep our youth in your hearts and minds.”

**From CNH Arts and Culture Coordinator Yoko Tomita:**

“I remember asking the Canoe Club to be part of the craft fair, to have tables and a recognition of the land and First Nation culture sharing. Emanuela really cared about each C.R.E.W. member with a warm heart. I joined their gathering sometimes to share arts-and-crafts making and she always had nice refreshments and talked to each member. I really respect how she established the Canoe Club and sustained their vision to keep going. Writing grants and overseeing all the activities to happen on schedule is not easy. I take my hat off to her dedication and love to the First Nations community which really made a big difference for each participant. I hope her spirit may be lifted by all the goodness what she shared in the past.”

**From Recreation Manager Carmen Correal:**

“Emanuela was my office colleague for several years. She was a valuable woman whom I respected and admired. I remember a Saturday when we went to IKEA together to buy office furniture, assembled it, and high-fived each other when we finished the work. I also remember seeing her walking to the corner of the Joyce-Collingwood SkyTrain Station where Tim Horton’s was; she told me there was no better coffee than this, the best in the city. She always asked me if I wanted coffee. She worked passionately with the Aboriginal youth team, especially in the summer, when journeys lasted more than a week, and she returned with great joy and new stories. I still miss her presence.”

**From Operations Director Kulwant Kaur:** “We had some great memories of working together in the office and then later in the Community Development department. I want to thank her for all of her contributions, hard work and dedication to CNH and the community. She was an amazing staff who worked so well with the office team and all staff.”

*Feel encouraged to assist the Sheena family during this difficult time:*

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by Loretta Houben

Vintage photos of the area of Collingwood near Joyce and Wellington are quite rare. Thanks to YouTube clips on the internet, I discovered a 1931 film which BC History put up on the popular YouTube social media site. I saved snips from the film which shows Joyce Road Garage on the SW corner of Joyce and Wellington.

**Left: 1913 Joyce road and Wellington. The Joyce garage was built on the lower right corner beside the dark brown house, facing Joyce which is shown looking South up the hill. Photo from Mrs. Walter S. Baird.**

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E. H. Walker was the first owner of this gas station and he applied for a permit in 1928 from the city of Vancouver. The old address was 499 Joyce Road, and the value was \$3,000. Three years later a film verifies that the garage was built, and for many years a gas station remained here. In the 2020s city gas stations are rapidly disappearing. Apartment buildings are taking the place of the stations. Currently an apartment building is at the corner of Joyce and Wellington.

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# Water Woman Remembers! Still Moon Unveils a New Ecological-Arts Project

by Masa Kateb

In the heart of Renfrew-Collingwood, a captivating art project is set to unfold in 2024/25, courtesy of Still Moon Arts Society, and its Founding Artistic Director, Carmen Rosen.

The community-engaged initiative aims to delve into our collective sense of place and the profound connection we share with water, both locally and in our places of origin. This endeavor promises to be a celebration of stories, memories, and hopes for water, interwoven with a spectacular giant puppet named 'Water Woman Remembers.'

## Water Conversations

This winter season, Still Moon will start hosting free and public gatherings that will feature diverse storytellers, and offer attendees the opportunity to share personal water-related stories, engage in hands-on activities, and contribute to the puppet's creation. These Water Conversations will keep taking place throughout the year, where the giant puppet will be co-crafted with community members, like yourself, to embody emotions linked to water—our memories, love, and grief.

## The Giant Puppet's Attire

Dyed with botanicals from the Color Me Local Dye Garden near Still Creek, approximately 300 scales, made during the Water Conversations, will form a flowing fish scale dress for Water Woman Remembers. Her hair, woven from reeds, rushes, or daylilies, and her body, crafted mainly from riparian plants grown in the watershed like water-loving willow and rushes, will embody the connection between the puppet, the community, the land, and the water.

## Community-Driven Exploration

Beyond art, this initiative fosters community engagement, skill-sharing, and an exploration of the human-water relationship. Through Water Conversations and ecological art-making sessions, participants will contribute to a larger project, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose.

## Performance and Display

Water Woman Remembers will grace the Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival stage in September, wherever she may be on her journey of becoming, with a final reveal anticipated in 2025 along with a video project from the Water Conversations, and an extended showcase to other local organizations and galleries.

## Looking Ahead

As Still Moon embarks on this journey, the project aims to facilitate cross-cultural sharing, strengthen community connections, and heighten awareness about healthy water and watersheds.

This giant puppet is intended to become a tangible symbol of our universal connection to water, rallying the community for a healthier present, and future.

We invite you, dear reader, and extend the invitation to your circles, to join us in reflecting reflect about water, and to take part in bringing Water Woman Remembers to life.

RSVP for upcoming Water Conversations and learn more at [StillMoonArts.ca](http://StillMoonArts.ca)



A remarkable aspect of the giant puppet lies in the meticulous details of her ecological-art attire. Photo by Carmen Rosen of foggy Deer Lake while contemplating on Water Woman Remembers.



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Close up of Jean Kares textile piece: The Veil of Goddess Isis, (2004)

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# Il Museo Gallery

by Paul Reid

I can highly recommend to all Renfrew-Collingwood residents that we take advantage of our fortunate proximity next to such a fine establishment as Il Museo Gallery. With the on-going rotating, fascinating exhibits as brought to us by Il Museo Gallery Director and Curator, Angela Clarke, one can enjoy visits to the gallery throughout the year.



**Mary and Child (2015)**  
by Alina Smolyansky

I found the current exhibition, *the Divine Gaze: An exploration into our connection with the Divine and Ourselves*, to be truly incredible and I had a most interesting conversation with Angela Clarke around this divine concept.

You can still catch the Divince Gaze exhibit until January 7, 2024. Following right on its' heels, starting January 18, 2024, will be *The Craft of Spirit: BC Liturgical textiles* (see left). See you there.





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A news section for Renfrew-Collingwood learners

## New Year Resolutions

by Kristy Kassie

It is January 2024. January is the first month of the year. Many people like making new year resolutions when a new year starts. A resolution is something you want to happen. Maybe you want to get a job. To make a resolution happen, think about small things you can do. This helps something big feel smaller and not too scary. To get a job, you need to fill out an application, send in your resume and go to an interview.

The reason people feel disappointed when resolutions don't happen is because they try to do something too big. If you want to lose weight, it will take time. You can't lose 10 pounds in one day. A resolution is a big goal made up of smaller goals. To lose weight, exercise 30 minutes a day. Eat fruits and vegetables instead of cookies and chips. Drink water instead of pop.

Some new year resolutions take a lot of time and planning. If you want to go back to school, you need to save money, choose a program to study and make a schedule to manage your family, work and studies. Don't let a big goal make you feel anxious. There is a lot of support for adults who want to go back to school so they can get a better job. When you plan carefully, you can accomplish anything.

Some things to remember when making new year resolutions: Think about what you really want. Write down what you need to do to make it happen. Work on one small goal every week.

### Questions

Level 1 ★

What month and year is it?  
What is a new year resolution?  
What can you do to get a job?

Level 2 ★★

Why do people get disappointed with new year resolutions?  
How can you make a resolution feel smaller?  
Think of a big goal you want and write down three smaller goals to help make the big goal happen.

Level 3 ★★★

Why do you think making new year resolutions is a good thing to do?  
What community resources can you use to make big goals happen?  
What is the biggest goal you made happen and how did you do it?



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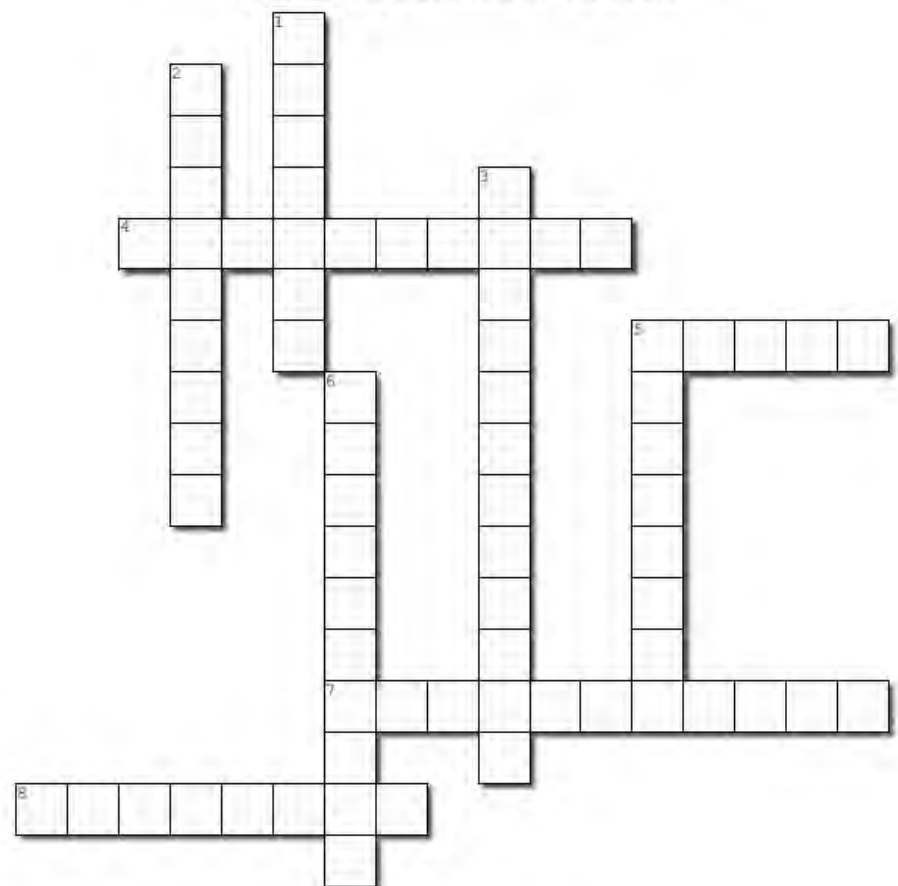
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#### Across

4. a goal you have at the start of a new year
5. something that makes you scared, like spiders or ghosts
7. get thinner 2 words
8. running or going to the gym

#### Down

1. uncomfortable about something
2. a meeting about a job
3. sad something didn't happen
5. plan to help organize your time
6. complete a project or goal





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Dear Neighbours,



Happy New Year! I want to wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2024. As we enter the New Year, I would love to hear your feedback on how we can better support you and your family and ideas on workshops or activities you would like to see more of in the community, so do not hesitate to be in touch.

### Democracy & Me: Art Contest

The Democracy & Me Art Contest invites students to reflect on the importance of community, civic engagement, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and democracy. In developing creative artistic responses to the Contest questions, contestants are asked to reflect on how their creative expression offers a unique medium to express one's identity, culture, and connection to community.

The contest is open to all students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 who live in British Columbia. Participants may submit one entry during the contest period. The entry will be judged in one of the following grade categories:

- Kindergarten to Grade 4
- Grades 5 to 8
- Grades 9 to 12

The contest period closes on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Find out more: <https://democracyandme.ca/>

### 2024 BC Community Awards are now accepting nominations!

The Community Award (COM) program celebrates British Columbians who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to others. It honours individuals who devote their time and energy to making their communities more caring, dynamic, beautiful, resilient, and inclusive.

There is also a new Emerging Leader Designation that recognizes and celebrates the strength, courage, and skill of young people (35 years and under by January 31, 2024) who are making a difference in their communities and striving to make BC a better place.

Nominations close on January 31, 2024. Learn more at <https://www.bcachievement.com/>

As always, my community office, at 5022 Joyce St. Vancouver, is open to provide services for constituents in person with appointments and via phone and email. Please give us a call at 604-660-0314 or email us at [adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca), and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can. 聯絡本辦事處請電郵 [adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:adrian.dix.mla@leg.bc.ca) 或致電 604-660-0314. 如欲親臨敬請預約。

Thank you very much for all that you're doing and take care.

Sincerely,

Adrian Dix  
MLA for Vancouver-Kingsway

# What's at Collingwood Branch in January



## EARLY YEARS PROGRAMS

### Babytime (0-18 months)

Weekly on Thursdays from January 11  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Drop-in.  
Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

### Family Storytime (All ages)

Weekly on Fridays from January 12  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Drop-in.  
A program for parents and caregivers with young children. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn together.

### Baby Stay and Play (0-18 months)

Thursday, January 4  
10:30-11:00 a.m. Drop-in  
Weekly on Thursdays from January 11  
11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Drop-in.  
Drop in for independent playtime with your baby and a chance to connect with other families. Explore library books, blocks and other toys in this casual, self-led session.

### Family Stay and Play (0-5 years)

Friday, January 5  
10:30-11:00 a.m. Drop-in.  
Weekly on Fridays from January 12  
11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Drop-in.  
Drop in for independent playtime with your children aged 5 and under and a chance to connect with other families. Explore library books, blocks and other toys in this casual self-led session.

## SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

### LEGO® Block Party (Grades K-7)

Weekly on Saturdays from January 6  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in.  
Come to the library for some LEGO® building fun at this block party! Connect with other kids and break out the bricks for a building bonanza at the library.

### Space Camp (Grades K-7)

Wednesday, January 17  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Drop-in.  
Blast into space and explore the stars as you design your own rocket and take it for a spin.

*VPL's Children's Services is working to make our programs accessible to all Vancouver kids. Please email us at [childrens.teens@vpl.ca](mailto:childrens.teens@vpl.ca) to let us know how our program facilitators can support you to participate fully and comfortably.*

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ESL Conversation Practice

Tuesday, January 2, 16 & 30  
6 p.m.- 7 p.m. Drop-in.  
Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers.

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# Collingwood Neighbourhood House HIGHLIGHTS



**Joyce Location:** 5288 Joyce St. ; **Tel:** 604-435-0323 / **Annex Location:** 3690 Vanness Ave. ; **Tel:** 604-428-9142 / **Visit:** [www.cnh.bc.ca](http://www.cnh.bc.ca)

## Julie Cheng celebrates 25-year journey of art, literacy and community news at CNH

By Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) proudly recognizes its long-serving staff members. At this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), CNH staff and contractors who have reached the milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service to the neighbourhood house were thanked by the Board of Directors.

This year, we recognize and celebrate Renuka Bhardwaj, Julie Cheng, Walda Gorn and Thomas Wong for 25 years of service.

Here's what Jennifer Gray-Grant, Executive Director of CNH, had to say about Julie Cheng:

Around the time I met Julie, I invited her for lunch. She arrived at the restaurant on her bike, ordered a healthy meal and then talked about work but also about her children and partner. At the end of the meal she pulled a container from her backpack to tuck away her leftovers, so she wouldn't waste food.

That's pretty much what you need to know about Julie: she's a healthy, thoughtful, prepared, principled person who is engaged in her work and is a loving partner and mom.

During her 25 years as a contractor at CNH, Julie has worked on a variety of projects. But first, she was a volunteer and sat on CNH's Board of Directors; this was in the early 1990s when CNH's main site was being developed.

As a contractor in the 1990s she worked on an arts-and-culture project that created, among other things, the

Multicultural Archway in front of the CNH Joyce location. Julie recalls that the Building Community Through Cultural Expression project also spawned the annual Moon Festival and the Renfrew-Collingwood Community News.

She then worked on Multiculturalism Week where, as she distinctly remembers, the week's activities ended on February 21; Her daughter Kate was born on February 22. Julie said Kate "still has wonderful timing to this day".

Julie also served as Renfrew-Collingwood's Literacy Plan Coordinator, a project that brought together 200 people to develop a literacy plan for the neighbourhood.

In 2007 Julie became editor of the Renfrew-Collingwood Community News a role she embraced with enthusiasm, working hard to reflect the neighbourhood in the pages of the newspaper. She also used a guiding principle she learned on the CNH Board: everyone has a gift to share. She turned that into a tagline for the newspaper: Every voice matters. Julie recently left that position but still retains the role of online editor.

Julie said her long relationship with CNH has been an amazing journey where she and her partner have raised their children. "CNH has been an important part of it." As she looks to the future she said she's looking forward to playing tennis, spending time in her garden and raising mason bees.

Thank you, Julie, and congratulations on this milestone!



**Julie Cheng**

To learn about current career opportunities at CNH, visit [www.cnh.bc.ca/about/careers](http://www.cnh.bc.ca/about/careers).





**January 2024**

**Happy New Year – Welcome 2024!**

The Board and Staff of the Collingwood BIA would like to wish you a very happy new year.

The CBIA will begin the renewal process this year. We will be surveying our members to gather information on the future priorities for the BIA. This is the best time to hear your ideas and visions for the Collingwood commercial area. We are also continuing the expansion of the BIA to include the businesses along Joyce Street from Euclid St. to Wellington.

We would like to grow to fit our growing community. Many new developments are popping up along Kingsway and Joyce Street and the CBIA would like to serve the businesses and organizations to its best ability.

**12 DAYS OF GIFTING December 11- 22, 2023**

Thank you to our businesses and the participants who, likes, shared, tagged and comment on the 12 Days of Gifting in Collingwood Instagram campaign.

Instagram Reels to showcase some treasures we have in Collingwood. For 12 Days a different business was featured and there were prizes giveaways. Daily prizes for the 12 days totalled over \$1,100.00.

Thank you to the following businesses for participating in the second year of this Holiday Contest Campaign.

Liberte Café, Orijin Yoga, Yo-Bones BBQ, Starbucks Boundary Plaza, Sigma Eye Care, Oba Oba Brazil Market, Love for Pho, Potato Corner, Collingwood Safeway, HM Tax & Accounting, Balkan Bakery, Central Park Business Centre.

**Board of Directors News**

**We want you!** We are looking for new board members and committee members to sit on the Safety, Marketing and Street Beautification and Expansion committees. We meet once a month.

If you are interested in helping create the future of Collingwood please contact, Angela at [angela@shopcollingwood.ca](mailto:angela@shopcollingwood.ca)

**Happy Lunar New Year –**

**2024 Year of the Dragon Lion Dance – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**11:30 am. – 1:30p.m.**

We invite you to join in the parade and celebrating the Year of the Dragon. For 14 years we have been partnering with the Hon Sing Athletic Club. Many of their members are residents of Renfrew/Collingwood.

To register your business contact Angela at [angela@shopcollingwood.ca](mailto:angela@shopcollingwood.ca)

**Calendar of Events**

**January 1**

New Years Day



**February 17**

Lion Dance Celebration in Collingwood

11:30 – 1:30 p.m.



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