

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday June 26, 7 pm

WHERE: Salvation Army London Citadel (555 Springbank Drive – the corner of Springbank Drive and Wonderland Road)

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday June 27, 10 am

WHERE: Eastern Star Temple (800 Fanshawe Park Road East, London)

NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS:

JULY - Tuesday July 9th - 12:00 to 3:00 volunteersignup.org/WQTKB

Please ensure to sign up via the link to show us your intention to drop in, to sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

If anyone has questions or difficulties with the signup sheet please contact Sian at sian.roberts154@gmail.com or at 519-204-3730.

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday August 15th - 10:00 to 1:00

Thursday September 12th - 1:00 to 4:00

FUNDRAISING CHAIR POSITION - OPEN FOR NOMINEES

The main role of the Fundraising Chair is to organize fundraising activities as required to meet budget. The Fundraising Committee, which currently has five members, assists with many of these activities. Additionally, there are about 20 other Club members who help with sales and other fundraising events.

Duties include the following:

1. Chair meetings of the Fundraising Committee and delegate tasks to committee members as appropriate. There are usually two to three meetings per year.
2. With input from the Fundraising Committee and Board, organize an annual e-mail fundraising campaign. Donations resulting from this email are one of the Club's main income sources.

3. Together with the Fundraising Committee, organize fundraising sales. This includes contacting the venue, arranging publicity, scheduling volunteers, and ensuring sale items are selected, taken to the venue and returned to the Clubhouse.
4. Oversee the Club's inventory of sale items. This includes storage, sorting, pricing, advising members of which items need replenishing, and donation of any surplus sale items to appropriate agencies.
5. Together with the fundraising committee and the materials committee, organize Yarn Drives to solicit yarn from the general public.
6. Seek out financial donations and grants from corporations, foundations, government, and local businesses. (This can be done by a fundraising committee member.)
7. Research alternate sources of fundraising and yarn donation.
8. Oversee online sales of donated items (mostly yarn) that can not be used by members. The actual sales can be done by other Club members who will notify the Fundraising Chair of the amounts raised.
9. Prepare an annual fundraising report and board updates on fundraising. This requires tracking funds raised and reconciling figures with the Treasurer.

This board position is also responsible for coordinating Clubhouse Drop-In Days. Currently a club member assists with this.

We will be considering outside nominations if we do not have a Club member come forward. If you have a friend, family member, co-worker that you think would be a fit for the position, please provide them with this information and ask them to contact the club.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the information to find out more, you can reach out to Sian directly.

WESTERN FAIR CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

Entering your work into the Western fair competition is easy.

Here are some tips:

- 1. Make sure your blanket meets the size criteria**

Baby blanket - no larger than 160" around

Lap or full blanket - min 36"x54", max 50"x70"

Granny square lap or full - min 36"x40", max 50"x70"

- 2. Know dates and times**

Final date for entry form submission is August 7

Delivery of items to Fair - Aug 12 (10am - 7pm) and Aug 13 (9am-5pm)

Pickup of items from Fair - Sept 17 (10am - 6 pm)

3. Online entry

Click on 'Enter a Competition', then click 'Register'.

The stages of the entry are at the top of the page and will show you where you are in the process.

Choose your own password. *If you had a blanket entered previously by the Crochet Club, it may autofill the password section with what we used last year. There is a tab for you to be able to change it to your own password this year.*

Use 'Fibre Arts' for the Department and 'Crochet' for the Division. There are four Classes

- 1) stuffed item
- 2) Baby blanket
- 3) Lap or Full blanket
- 4) Granny square Lap or Full

Your \$2.00 payment can be made by debit or credit. Continue to the end and print out your submission. You will need that with you when you enter and pick up your item(s).

Remember if you would like to enter a blanket into the fair:

- Do not attach a label to the blanket, only do so once you receive it back after the competition upon returning it to the club
- Our best in show award is available to win, you can't win if you don't enter
- Complete the online registration form, print the confirmation and attach it to/include with your blanket and deliver to the Fair on the appropriate day.

Also Fran has offered to bring additional entry blankets to the fair when she brings her entries. If you would like Fran to bring your blankets to drop off at the fair, please bring them to the July meetings.

Creative Arts Competition <https://www.westernfair.ca/creative-arts-competition>
Art Entry Form <https://western.fairwire.com/>

2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN *Keeping Our Community Warm* has continued to grow. This month's donations totaled \$3,350. Donations in kind were \$97.33. Totalling donations so far to **\$17,208**.

BLANKETS COLLECTED LAST MONTH:

At our last meetings we had the following # of blankets turned in:

Full: 52
Lap: 48
Baby: 12

60 pet blankets to Purrfect Haven Cat Rescue

GATHERING ON THE GREEN

Our club had a great day selling along with the Gathering on the Green event. First a big thank you to all our volunteers from set up, to selling and take down. You did an amazing job and it's always a busy long day. It was a very successful day, we raised a total of \$1,224.20.

SILENT AUCTION BLANKET

Purrfect Haven Rescue for their upcoming fundraiser “Wags and Purrs Walkathon” on June 22nd at Gibbons Park.

This group is a local cat/kitten rescue. This will be their first big fundraiser to help them raise funds to offset medical expenses and care for the cats/kittens before finding them their new homes.

More info and to register to walk at purrfecthavenrescue.ca



THANK YOU NOTE

“This letter is to express our appreciation. We at London Track 3 Adaptive Snow School had asked if you would consider donating an item for a silent auction at our recent Euchre Fundraiser hosted on April 19, 2024. The funds raised from this event exceeded our expectations and will allow us to continue with London Track 3's mission of teaching students with disabilities how to ski or snowboard. In our snow school program, we have 120 students who are supported by 220 volunteers.

For London Track 3 we used the purple and beige blanket and it sold for \$60.”

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne

at 519-868-0678 or lynne.hammond@sympatico.ca

