

# MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## MEETINGS:

### NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday May 29, 7 pm

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

### DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday May 30, 10 am

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

April attendance: Night - 24 & Day - 24

## NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS:

Thursday May 16th 10 am - 1 pm [volunteersignup.org/JJ94P](https://volunteersignup.org/JJ94P)

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.

### *Upcoming Dates:*

- Saturday June 8th 10 am - 1 pm [volunteersignup.org/F4F38](https://volunteersignup.org/F4F38)

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

## TREASURER POSITION

Sian Roberts will be stepping into the role of Treasurer as of our AGM in October. It was a unanimous decision amongst the members to accept Sian to the position.

## VICTORIA'S QUILTS CANADA - PRESENTATION

Victoria Quilts London Branch has been providing hand made quilts to people living with cancer since 2019. The blankets provide warmth and comfort, to all ages. There is no other branch west of London, so they have a large service area. There are 25 branches across Canada. Victoria's Quilts began in the United States, by Victoria Ann Morrison, who was always cold whilst battling cancer.

All donations the organization receives goes to buying materials to make the quilts, which includes cotton, baton and flannel. The blankets are 50" x 70". Volunteers with

Victoria's Quilts don't have to make quilts, there are many other jobs to which they use volunteers for.

The organization had 183 orders in 2023, 1200 since 2019 for the London branch has been fulfilled. Blankets can be requested via their online form. It is a simple form requiring basic contact information of the recipient and the requestor. It costs approx \$25 to mail the quilt. The organization strives to continue to provide quilts at no cost to the recipient nor the requestor. They rely completely on charitable donations. They have done online sales of quilts and quilt raffles to raise money.

Request a Quilt <https://www.victoriasquiltscanada.com/quilt-request.html>

London Branch Contact [london@victoriasquiltscanada.com](mailto:london@victoriasquiltscanada.com)

## WESTERN FAIR CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION - BEST IN SHOW

This year for the Western Fair The Crochet Club of London will be sponsoring a Best In Show award of \$75 for the Fibre Arts Crochet Division. This will be a new prize, the winning blanket is chosen by the Fair Committee from the Crochet entries. We are encouraging our members to keep back the blankets you make which you feel could be a contender in the fibre arts competition and complete the online form to enter the blanket into the fair competition.

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 \$200, and \$45.52 donations in kind. Totalling donations of **\$13,858**.

## BLANKETS COLLECTED LAST MONTH:

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

**Full:** 63  
**Lap:** 56  
**Baby:** 15

80 Pet Blankets donated to Animal Aide St. Thomas



## GATHERING ON THE GREEN

June 1st will be here in no time, which means a full day selling at Gathering on the Green for the club. A day that brings in a good amount of our fundraising. We thank everyone who has signed up already. There are a few spots left to fill (see times below). We have ensured to keep the blocks of time short as it is a busy day. Luckily our position on the corner has lots of shade for us to work under. If you are available to volunteer on Saturday June 1st for any of these time slots please reply to this email or reach out to Sian directly [[sian.roberts154@gmail.com](mailto:sian.roberts154@gmail.com) or 519-204-3730].

**8am to 10am** : Set up Only

**9am to 12:30**: Set up and Sell

**12:30 - 4pm**: Sell and pack up

**4pm - 5pm**: Pack up only

## COMMUNITY GARAGE/YARD SALES

Have you seen that your community hosts a street/community wide yard or garage sale? If so please let us know. We are potentially looking for sales that a member in the area could sell some crochet club items at either in conjunction with your own sale or on its own.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne

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