

# September Festival 2010



Update No 2

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*Welcome* to the **September Festival  
Information and Update** newsletter #2.

**T**his year we are planning on providing regular information and special announcements about **September Festival** via an occasional newsletter rather than through the weekly bulletins - this is the second. It will be delivered by e-mail to conserve paper costs but limited print copies will be available in the church.



Keep this date on your calendar.

**Saturday,  
September 18th.**

## **Can You Help....**

**--- Do you have access to a truck to assist with the occasional pick up of items for the Festival?**

**--- Do you have any clean, dry storage space where we could store books and other items for a couple of weeks - if so, contact Trisha at 743-7636 or Ken at 743-1685 - Thanks.**



# YARD SALE

Coordinator: Bonnie Wadds



*Count down.....*

**Sat. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** – The yard sale people would like some help setting up the tables and covering them with paper in the hall. Set up time to be announced later.

**Sun. Sept 12<sup>th</sup>** – Grubby Sunday - please can we have all come and help move things into the hall – not just the 9:15 crew!!

**During the pricing week** – I need people to flatten cardboard boxes throughout the week as we recycle them – they do not belong in the dumpster.

Last year several people were taking items and boxes that were marked and putting them into the church pews instead of each individual doing their own. We were leaving them at the double doors. It was much more efficient. After they do it for a while they know exactly where to put them in the church.

**Friday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** – as the trucks deliver the goods down to the yard sale site I would like to have people setting up the areas – i.e. linens, Christmas, furniture and kitchen. Things fly off the trucks with great glee and we are more often than not left with a jumble. Presentation is so important – last year Christmas was set up beautifully and many remarked on how nice it looked.

I would hope to ask people to take on these individual tasks during pricing week.

Thank you, Bonnie



# Silent Auction

Coordinators: Janet and George Power



Are you down-sizing or have a neighbour who is looking to dispose of some quality items that would become a prize item in someone else's home?

- how about donating them to the Silent Auction?

Perhaps you offer a service, dog grooming, eaves cleaning, gardening, or, or, or

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Others who do not share your skills would love to bid on a certificate offering your expertise - contact Janet or George with your offers.



Phone Janet/George at

250-743-0261.



# Clothing

Coordinator: Dorylee Robson

Dorylee is looking forward to receiving your donations of good quality, clean clothing. The Clothing store at the Festival is a busy place with hundreds of items moving off the racks.

Please bring your donations  
**before September 11th**

as time is needed for sorting, cleaning and organizing the hundreds of items before the sale  
- contact Dorylee Robson at 743-2452



# The Ongoing debate:

## Some thoughts on pre-sales

For many people, one of the perks in volunteering during pricing week is the chance to look through the yard sale donations and see what's going to be available. We all love a bargain! Many of us have been very pleased at times to get a terrific deal ahead of time with pre-sales; in various years that's meant while pricing is underway, and other times, at a special session when all the work is finished.

There are some difficulties, though. Every year there are volunteers who only come on the day of, and just minutes before, the pre-sale, apparently hoping to get the pick of the deals without real time contributed. Others are just having a nice 'shop', getting lots of knick-knacks because they can. If the sale goods are already picked over, might it reduce the interest of the community in attending? Are the pre-sale items things which are going for too little - would a higher price have raised more for charity, if these things are so desirable?

What if we didn't have any pre-sales?

Some people who are extremely busy before and during September Festival, and who can't be at the Yard Sale when it opens, feel quite reasonably, that they could be given some consideration ahead of time. But to limit pre-sales to those people is a major screening process and not one we're willing to undertake. And, when we've *not* had official pre-sales, items get stashed aside as "spoken for", or worse, mysteriously vanish - which undermines our



efforts to raise money for the church and its charities. We'd like to think we could avoid temptation to these activities.

This year, we want to have you all aware of these considerations when we ask you to use your conscience in this matter. We will have a pre-sale at a time our co-ordinator, Bonnie, will announce. It's intended ONLY for those who have other September Fest commitments and can't get to the Yard Sale, AND who can't ask a friend to get their important item when we do open to the public. NO yard sale items will be sold before the pre-sale, nor can they be set aside for you. Please don't add 'Yard Sale Police' to the huge commitments our volunteers are already making, or ask our venue heads to make an exception for you.

Thanks,

Trisha and Ken.

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## Bring your own:

- coffee cup - fresh coffee will be available in the hospitality room but we can save and conserve if volunteers bring their own cup for refills during the day.

- re-useable bags - plastic shopping bags are becoming a hard to find item so help in taking your purchases home - bring your own bag.

*(If you have a store of used plastic bags - we would be pleased to take them off your hands !!)*



# Reminder .....



Yard Sale donations ...

Past experience has shown us that some items just do not sell - here's a reminder of some of those "PLEASE DO NOT DONATE" items:

- previously opened/used paints, stains, varnishes, spray cans, etc.
- opened cosmetics or drugs – over the counter stuff regularly shows up
- hard sided suitcases
- upholstered furniture - unless okayed by yard sale people – such as chairs-
- large furniture – such as couches, bedroom sets, cabinets
- large appliances
- blinds
- TV's, large speakers, electronics – such as monitors, keypads, printers

A few of these “non sell” items will be found near the **FREE** sign in the church parking lot - feel free to take any that you could use - make a donation if you care to.



# Quick Reference:

## Venue Coordinators

### **SALES (Final pre-festival meeting- September 2)**

Yard Sale - Bonnie Wadds 743-5847

- Better Buys - Bonnie Wadds

- Kids - Shirley Hardy 743-5456

- Jewellery - Jean Turner 743-4592

Books - Neville Tate 743-8081

Clothing - Dorylee Robson 743-2452

Bake Sale - Jean Gilraine 743-9246

Country Store - Mary Jickling 743-7591

Silent Auction - Janet Power 743-0261

Divine Desserts - Charlotte Dowker 743-2253

Hamburgers - Rod Macintosh 743-5537



### **SERVICES (Final pre-festival meeting- September 3)**

Games - Young families (743-6937 Michelle)

Art Display/photos - Phil Mills 743-5588

St. John's Info - Sarah Donnelly 715-1616

Hospitality: -pricing/set up week - Peggy Tyler 743-7805

-day of Festival - Nonah Pite 743-3423

On-stage - Doreen Deane 743-9294

Signage - Adrian Rees 733-2445

Ads/publicity - Chris Sparrey 743-4743

Finances - Ken Norton 743-1685

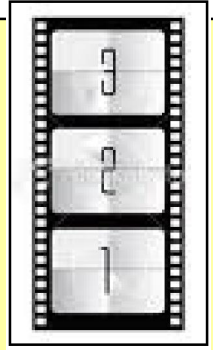
Parking - Jim Jickling 743-7591

Rec. music - Rod Macintosh 743-5537

**Coordinators - send the information you want included in the next *Festival Update* to Ken Norton (kjcorton@shaw.ca) or Trisha Daniell (tdaniell@telus.net)**



# *Countdown .....* *to Festival Day*



## Now:

\*bring in

- yard sale items - (or set them aside at home for Grubby Sunday)
- books, so they can be sorted
- clothing donations, to be aired and sorted
- mark expensive items to go to Better Buys
- jewellery donations to the church or Pastoral Centre

## Later:

\*set aside -

- big yard sale items which you can bring in for Grubby Sunday, Sept 12
- baking which you can freeze
- when **Silent Auction** request lists come out, choose items to contribute
- select your special photographs for display in church

**Sunday, Sept. 12** "Grubby Sunday - dress down! to help bring Yard Sale items into the hall for Monday pricing

**Monday, Sept. 13:** 9:00 a.m.- Pricing crew start work and Site Set Up Crew erect tents and set up site - continue through the week 'till finished!

- make your favourite dessert for **Divine Desserts**
- bake cookies, loaves, cakes for **Bake Table**
- gather fruit, cut fresh flowers for **Country Store**

**Friday, Sept 17:** 9:00 a.m. - all hands on deck to move items from church to yard

- set up venues
- bring baking desserts and fresh flowers/fruit

**Saturday, Sept. 18:** - 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m. - **HAVE FUN**

