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GVHS 65TH ANNIVERSARY CONTEST!

Calling All Tenants!

As you may have noticed from the posters in every lobby, GVHS is celebrating our 65th anniversary this year!

Back in 1956, a small group of people had a vision to provide affordable housing for seniors. We started then with just 26 homes, and, 65 incredible years later, we've just opened our 16th building, and provide over 900 homes! One thing will never change: we're always honoured to help our community.

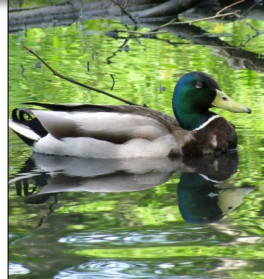
Help us to celebrate everything that makes GVHS great by sharing your memories: a **note**, a **story**, **photo**, or **artwork**—and help us tell the story of our first 65 years.

What does GVHS mean to you today?

What should we be celebrating most in this special anniversary year?

We want to hear your stories. Entries have a chance to win **1 of 15 Buy Local \$50 gift cards!** Enter now at:

greatervichousing.org/contest



FEATURED ARTIST: LYNNE R.

Lynne R. is a GVHS tenant who's been drawing and painting avidly since a big life event 10 years ago caused her to consider what she really wanted for herself. She has always had a creative spirit, and her passion for visual mediums was first sparked as a young teenager, when her father gave her a paint-by-numbers of The Last Supper. "It couldn't have been something simple," she chuckles. "I spent so much time and attention on that painting, and just loved it." Lynne was nominated for this profile by GVHS staff, who were blown away upon being shown some of her work.

GVHS: Lynne, thanks so much for agreeing to be our Featured Artist. You have such an eye for colour and composition. What are your inspirations?

LR: I'm particularly inspired by nature, specifically the hearts of flowers. I zoom my camera deep into the centre of a flower until it fills the whole image.

GVHS: How has art helped you in the last few years?

LR: When COVID hit, I got through the isolation by buying a bike, and going out to find something new to paint or take pictures of every day. I posted the pictures for family and friends, who forwarded them to others, and the commissions have been steadily trickling in ever since.

GVHS: Amazing. Any words of wisdom for a beginning artist?

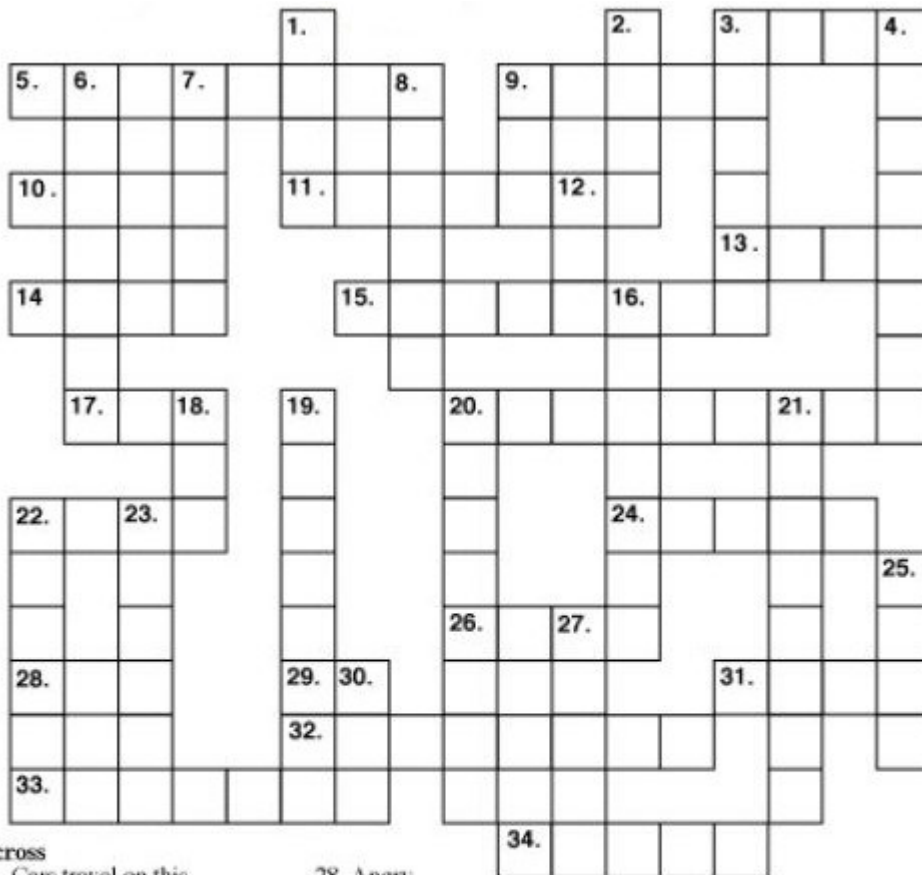
LR: Anyone can do it if they have fun trying. I just use a little Canon camera for photos, and acrylic for painting. My creative pursuits give meaning to every single day.

Want to get in touch with Lynne about her art? Do you know an artist whose work and story would be inspiring to others?

Contact us at 250.384.3434 or info@greatervichousing.org.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: AUTUMN EDITION

ANSWERS TO APPEAR IN NEXT ISSUE!



Across

3. Cars travel on this
5. Woollen garments
9. Plural of goose
10. An angel has this
11. To make smooth
13. Things aren't always as they

14. Who, what, where, ____?
15. Vegetables with many eyes?
17. Maple leaves often turn this colour
20. The first month of Autumn
22. Cautious
24. A tree with white, papery bark
26. To raise children

28. Angry
29. Opposite of out
31. Another name for Autumn
32. Autumn month
33. Gather a crop
34. Ripe fruit or vegetables

Down

1. Grows on a tree
2. ____ager
3. Playtime in school
4. Last month of Autumn
6. Sunny, cold, rain, eg.
7. The nut from an Oak tree
8. Spring, summer, fall, winter eg.

9. Fetch
12. " ____ your supper."
16. Autumn month
18. Opposite of night
19. Large orange fruits which grow on a vine
20. Nut hoarding animal
21. Used to carry school books
22. What you get from a fireplace
23. One who reads
25. Opposite of hot
27. Brownish yellow colour
30. " He is ____ here right now."

GVHS TRIVIA QUIZ

Using this newsletter (or our website!) see if you can answer the following questions. Answers in next issue!

- What year was GVHS formed?
- How many homes did GVHS have to start?
- What organization do we have a carshare partnership with?
- How many buildings do we have right now?
- Who is our new Executive Director?
- How many years has GVHS been serving the community?
- Where can you turn for financial assistance with paying rent or utilities?
- How many Buy Local gift cards are we giving away in our storytelling contest?
- What two mediums does our Featured Artist like to work in? ♦

DID YOU KNOW?

FIND OUT MORE ON OUR BLOG AT GREATERVICHOUSING.ORG/NEWS-BLOG

- GVHS now has a **car share partnership** with MODO! We are pleased to offer a FREE Modo membership (\$500 value) plus \$100 in driving credit. Contact our office for details!
- We recently welcomed a new **Executive Director**! Virginia Holden joins GVHS from a background of leadership in affordable housing, community engagement, and land use planning.
- Are you aware of the **Greater Victoria Housing Relief Fund & Rent Bank Program**? It provides financial assistance in the form of a no-interest repayable loan, to households at risk of eviction for non-payment of rent or utilities. The loan can also be used as a security deposit to move to safe and sustainable housing.