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# GARDEN PARTY & OPEN HOUSE

The Pepper Pod Garden Party and Open House was a huge success! More than 50 guests showed up to tour the centre, drink cold lemonade and sing along to the likes of Amy Winehouse and Michael Buble's crooning tunes!

Thank you to all of those who braved the heat and made this event even hotter!



#### A MOOSE in our Back Yard!

We've had deer, the occasional turkeys and even a bear or two. But a MOOSE? You don't see that very often! AUGUST 2022 EDITION #2

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#### UPCOMING FALL PROGRAMMING

Stay tuned to our website for our 2022-2023 programming. We're working on offering more Lifeshops™, No Agenda Weekends, Wonder Women Wednesdays and additional adventures like Snow She-ing Under the Stars!

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#### OUR TEAM IS GROWING!

Welcome to Cathy Priestman, our new Director of Marketing!

In addition to leading her own company, CP Business Solutions, Cathy has magically knit more hours into her day to help make The Pepper Pod shine!

She's a beautiful soul with a sense of humour that will constantly keep your legs crossed and she has a passion for everything "veteran". We are so lucky that she wants to keep a toothbrush and PJs at The Pepper Pod!





# AN EVENING IN THE FOREST GALA

Have you found your best green accessory yet? It's almost time to celebrate **An Evening in the Forest** at The Pepper Pod's Anniversary Gala.

You'll be able to showcase your fabulous outfit in the Photo Booth, meander through the Silent Auction Area and splurge on fun purchases at the She Shed.

In addition, we have a huge surprise... You'll be the first to hear a song co-written by one of our own graduates and sung by Amy Bishop from Calgary!

Give your goosebumps a warning order!

### Chelsea Businesses Support the Pepper Pod!

We have incredible auction items available for bid at the upcoming gala.

Roberto's Pizza, Paco's Croissants, Lofts du Village and Biscotti, Doozie Candles and Les Fougères are all contributing to an Amazing Chelsea Adventure Basket and.... there's an additional \$500 surprise waiting for the winner!

#### Check out some of the other incredible auction items:

- A Nespresso Coffee package worth \$600+
- A luxury weekend escapade at the Ritz Carleton in Montreal worth \$2700
- A magical forest-themed quilt made by one of our Wonder Women (wait 'til you see who made it!)
- A pair of tickets to a special Movie Premier
- And much, much more!

# SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

Special shout out to Diane Welburn who came out for an entire day to pull weeds and help keep the Pepper Pod beautiful! We loved having your little fur babies, Poppy and Abby here too!



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# Thank You to our Gala Sponsors

We are so excited to host you on September 10th!







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Bergeron

Clifford



- 1. Parking at the museum is free for Veterans.
- 2. CAF Veterans have permission to wear the mess kit for this occasion.
- 3. Please bring your smart phones to browse auction items and to take lots of photos.
- 4. The bar will accept debit and credit cards only.
- 5. We're still welcoming volunteers to help with post-gala tidying :)
- 6. Please remember to submit your meal selections in advance. See link here.

<u>CHOOSE YOUR MEAL</u> <u>AND THAT OF YOUR</u> <u>GUESTS HERE</u>

# Can't join us?

# Why not donate to support our mission?

#### DONATE HERE

Lifeshops are partially funded by Veterans Affairs Canada, but we are doing so much more: No Agenda Weekends, Wonder Women Wednesdays, Snowshe-ing, Lumber Jill Parties, respite, etc. We need your help to maintain this centre and to keep developing our services. We want to grow intelligently, diversify our services, and keep the retreat centre beautiful.

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