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Arts Co-op welcomes new member

The Valley Artisans' Co-op has welcomed a new member this spring.

Robin Dennis, formerly of Toronto and newly of Deep River, is a yarn enthusiast and knitting addict.

She learned to knit at the age of five at her grandmother's knee and continued to practice over subsequent summers.

As a teenager she began knitting larger pieces, inspired by clothing she wanted at the mall, but that her allowance would not allow.

After receiving repeated requests (houndings) from friends and family for knitwear, she decided to use the

opportunity of her move to the Ottawa Valley to market her craft to a wider audience.

Robin is inspired by hikes in the fall, reading during spring rains, and cozying up by the fire in winter.

She aims to create beautiful pieces that are also simple and functional.

"Hand-knit clothing shouldn't just be for special occasions, you should be able to enjoy them every day, well at least in the winter," she says.

On that end, she also creates whimsical non-clothing items (such as coasters, bunting, and dishcloths) that can be enjoyed year-round.

Robin can be reached at robin.dennis@valleyartisans.com and on her website, www.robin-snestknitting.com.

Please stop in at the co-op to see some of her work (as well as that of the other talented members) in person.

MATCH UP

To put a free notice in Match-Up, phone the NRT office at 584-4161, or email <NRT@magma.ca>.

KEYS: A set of house keys was lost recently. The keys were attached to a silver chain, with a small Swiss army knife (3.5 inches) and a keychain for DRD Rentals. If found, please call 613-281-9644.

PADDLES: A set of white kayak paddles (Riot) were lost sometime after 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 10 at the Deep River marina beach. If found, please call 584-3732.

LOGS: A large pile of mixed firewood logs is available for free to anyone who would like to pick them up. They are long lengths, so can be cut on-site if necessary. They are located at the construction site on Munro Street in Chalk River. There is no need to call - just drive up and help yourself.

NINTENDO: Did you donate a Skylanders Spyro's Adventure game for the Nintendo 3DS to the recent yard sale at Real Hope Christian Assembly? Unfortunately the cartridge in the case is not the correct one and contains Star Wars Battlefront Elite Squad instead. The young lady who purchased the game is hoping to exchange cartridges. If you can help, please call 584-9827.

NRFS: North Renfrew Family Services has space limitations, so it is asking generous donors please not to leave bags and boxes outside the medical building entrance. If you have items to donate, please call 548-3358 to find out if they can be of use.

FUELS SEMINAR

The Chalk River Branch of the Canadian Nuclear Society is pleased to offer a seminar entitled "Accident Tolerant Fuels for Nuclear Reactors."

Due to a timing conflict with the presentation by Dr Art McDonald about his Nobel Prize in Physics on July 20, the date of this seminar has been changed.

The seminar will now take place at the JL Gray Centre – Bennett Room (back entrance) on Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 pm.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Nihan Onder, of the Fuel Development Branch, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories.

The event is free, and open to the public.

Dr. Onder earned her PhD degree in Nuclear Engineering at École Polytechnique in 2004. She was also working as a thermalhydraulics analyst at ENAQ, a sub-contractor of Hydro Quebec, from 2001 to 2005.

Onder later joined AECL/CNL in 2005, and worked as a thermalhydraulics analyst until 2013.

Her area of expertise covered critical heat flux, post-dryout heat transfer and pressure drop.

In 2013, she joined the Fuel Development Branch. Her responsibilities include proposing and co-ordinating fuel irradiations for better understanding irradiated fuel behaviour.

Recently, she has been involved in developing a roadmap for Accident Tolerant Fuel (ATF) at CNL.

SUMMARY

Prior to the accident at Fukushima, the world-wide emphasis in the development of advanced nuclear fuel was on improving nuclear fuel performance in terms of reduced fuel failures, increased power density and increased burn-up to reduce waste.

The Fukushima nuclear accident highlighted some undesirable performance characteristics of the standard fuel system during severe accidents, including accelerated hydrogen production, which in turn resulted in a hydrogen explosion in the Fukushima Daiichi plant in 2011.

After the Fukushima accident, new generation reactors have been designed with improved safety features (eg, passive cooling system) but it is difficult to implement these features into existing reactors because of requirements of significant design changes.

A CNS membership is not required to attend this seminar; all are welcome.

For more information, please contact Aidan Leach (584-3311 ext 44599 or 613-633-1158).

Local reserve to host second "Nature Day" event, barbecue

Ontario Nature is a charitable organization, focusing on protecting wild species and wild spaces.

We are hosting a "Nature Day" event at Reilly Bird Nature Reserve on Saturday, July 23, about 15 minutes north of Deep River.

The aim is to encourage community participation and inform the public about citizen science initiatives as well as teach them about local flora and fauna.

Nature Day will run from 10 am to 3 pm, starting off with searching for salamanders under cover boards, followed by a free community BBQ, and ending the day with a guided hike and pollinator monitoring.

The Reilly Bird Nature Reserve is a 27.5 hectare reserve located on Meilleurs Road off Highway 17, about 14 km from Deep River.

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