

# Clallam Connection

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March-April 2015

## MARCH IS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Everyone wants, and deserves, to enjoy life, feel productive and be secure. Since 1987, when President Ronald Regan officially declared Proclamation 5613 making March National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we have taken extra steps during this month to raise awareness about the needs and rights of people with disabilities and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to our communities and society as a whole.

The original proclamation called for people to provide understanding, encouragement and opportunities to help persons with developmental disabilities to lead productive and fulfilling lives. March is recognized by groups across the country as an opportunity to highlight the accomplishments and challenges facing people with developmental disabilities and their families.



Our proclamation declaring March 2015 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month was signed by the Board of County Commissioners on March 3, 2015. See photo (left).

Left to right: DDAC Member Annie Achziger, Clallam County Health & Human Services Planner Tim Bruce, Morningside Job Developer Vic Entriken, Clallam County Commissioner Jim McEntire, Morningside Job Coach Lara Radke, Clallam County Commissioner Bill Peach and Mosaic's Executive Director Priya Jayadev.

- Tim Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services—Developmental Disabilities Planner

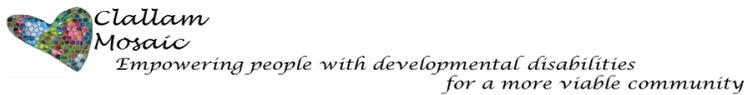
*Spring  
Forward!*



*Daylight  
Savings  
Time  
Begins  
Sunday  
March 8th*

Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there.

- Bo Jackson



As the days are getting longer and warmer, Clallam Mosaic's winter quarter is in its last stretch. This quarter, participants have been working hard on the "Sweet Dreams Are" theater production. The Snappy Players are creating a steampunk world like no other (see picture of props being crafted). The players have created their story line, established their characters and created a rough draft for the 9 scenes of the play. The production is scheduled for performances on the evening of June 11<sup>th</sup> and the afternoon of June 12<sup>th</sup>, so save the dates!

This quarter, the participants have also been involved in some great conversations in the Safe & Strong class, defining personal bubbles, learning how to be street smart, developing personal safety strategies and practicing approaches for recognizing and responding to potential dangers in the community. The Safe & Strong program will continue in the spring, reinforcing the themes introduced this quarter as well as exploring emergency situations, how to work best with public officials, and safety in relationships.

Another new experience for participants this quarter has been the Slices of Life Workshops which brought community members with specific expertise to the Clallam Mosaic classroom. Participants were able to learn about eating a rainbow from T. Smith, first aid from Mark Bowes, dental hygiene from Susan Gile and photography from Barbara Lippert (+volunteers from Barbara's photo club). Next quarter, the workshops will continue to explore photography as well as work on some projects for Clallam Mosaic's Lavender Festival booth.

...And speaking of Spring Quarter, the registration packets are currently being finalized. Keep an eye out for them in the second week of March. If you would like to get an e-copy of the registration packet or if you have any questions, please send an email to [info@clallammosaic.org](mailto:info@clallammosaic.org) (all materials will also be available at [info@clallammosaic.org/classes/](http://info@clallammosaic.org/classes/)).

Finally, we just wanted to send a shout out to Wendy Merrill who donated numerous items from her sister-in-law, Mary's estate to Clallam Mosaic. Among the items is a beautiful bronze sculpture created by Sequim artist Cynthia Thomas. The sculpture, entitled "Abundance" is part of Cynthia's Metamorphosis series and is representative of the feminine spirit and the exuberance of life. This sculpture will be the centerpiece of our Annual Gala/Art Auction which will happen in the fall. Until the event, the piece will reside in the Clallam Mosaic office (301 Lopez Ave, Room 4), so please drop by and take a look at this amazing piece of art!

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It has been said that life has treated me harshly; and sometimes I have complained in my heart because many pleasures of human experience have been withheld from me...if much has been denied me, much, very much, has been given me..."

— Helen Keller, *The Open Door*

# DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday, March 5, 5:30–7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks.
-  **BLAC Meeting** — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be meeting again on Thursday April 9th, 5:15–7:30pm at Concerned Citizens in Port Angeles. Check out the website for current list of meeting dates and times at: [www.clallam.net/hhs/humanservices/blac..html](http://www.clallam.net/hhs/humanservices/blac..html) .

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Daylight Savings Time Begins—March 8th
- St. Patrick’s Day—March 17th
- First Day of Spring—March 20th
- Easter—April 5th



## AND AROUND TOWN



Homeless Connect—March 6, 9-3pm, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. If you are or someone you know is homeless, this event provides sources, hot food, clothing, haircuts and much, much more! Free.

Kids Fest—March 7th, 10am-2pm at Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. Information and hands on activities. Free

The Magic Slippers—Sequim Ballet performs at Olympic Theatre Arts—March 7th, 2pm and 5pm showings, 414 N. Sequim Ave, Sequim. \$10.00 per person. Contact 683-7326 or online at [www.olympictheatrearts.org/ota](http://www.olympictheatrearts.org/ota) for tickets.

Mighty Messy Saturday—March 14th, 2:30pm, Capernaum Center, 132 E. 13th Street, Port Angeles. Contact Sarah Lovejoy at [capernaumcenter@gmail.com](mailto:capernaumcenter@gmail.com) , 797-4850 or 457-4122 to register.

Port Angeles Symphony—March 14th & April 18th, 7:30pm, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 304 E. Park Ave, Port Angeles. Tickets \$12-\$30, under 16 free. Call 457-5579 for more info or go to [www.portangelessymphony.org](http://www.portangelessymphony.org)



Gala Garden Show—March 21st, 9-5 and March 22nd, 10-4, Boys & Girls Club, 400 Fir Street, Sequim. Over 50 vendors, guest speakers including Ciscoe Morris, demonstrations, raffle, light food fare. \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 free. Proceeds benefit the Sequim Soroptimists scholarship program.

EVENTS

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**  
**Clallam County Hiring & Resource Event**  
**March 25th 2015**

*Get Ready for Your Future!*



**Highlights**

- Employers with current openings
- Employment Providers
- Workshops
- Government Agencies
- Community Agencies

***Getting ready for your future?***

*Come to the Clallam County Hiring & Resource Event to learn about employment opportunities, apply for job openings, and discover potential resources.*

***Where: Vern Burton Memorial Community Center***

***308 East 4th Street, Port Angeles 10:00am—1:00pm***

***Sponsored By:***

*Clallam County HHS-DD*

*Washington State DSHS-CSD, DDA*

*WorkSource*

*Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe*

*Morningside*

*Concerned Citizens*



**Pre-register at WorkSource: <http://www.wa.gov/esd/EventCalendars/clallam.htm>**

**228 W. 1st Street, Suite A, Port Angeles, 360-457-2103**

**If you are a high school student, register with your transition teacher.**

# COMMUNITY ACCESS

Community Access is one of our programs that doesn't get as much attention as it probably should. We work with people who still very much want to be included in their community even if they are no longer able to work. One gentleman we support is very social, but he likes familiarity and will generally only associate with people in the setting with which he first met them. He has definitely changed that! At a Christmas concert he was going around sitting with new people and even got invited to dinner with these new friends. Then while setting up for an event, he took directions from someone other than a close friend or facilitator and did a fantastic job. When going to his favorite cafe, he can't get through the door without stopping to see people and telling him in his own special way about the weather or an exciting recent visit he has had. It's a heart warming experience to be part of something like that. Through Community Access he is able to find his own joy and spread it to others as well.

*-by Courtney Garcia  
ISE Program Manager / Administrative Assistant  
Concerned Citizens*

## Disability.gov

Thousands of resources on benefits, civil rights, community life, education, emergency preparedness, employment, health, housing, technology and transportation for people with disabilities, their families, Veterans, educators, employers and others.

[www.disability.gov/newsroom/disability-connection-newsletter/](http://www.disability.gov/newsroom/disability-connection-newsletter/)

## The Disability Connection Newsletter



**WANTED!**

Self Advocates to serve on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Tim Bruce at (360) 417-2428 or [tbruce@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:tbruce@co.clallam.wa.us)

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