

Wayside Spring Blessings

HOW it started

This year marks the 100-year legacy of Wayside House.

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In March of 1925, the young Christian Scientist, Miss Hyldah Pottinger, visited a friend and found her in urgent need of care. It was while helping this friend recover that she realized the need for a place where those seeking spiritual healing could rest and receive competent care. This mission became so important to Hyldah that she gave up her former business, leaving her home in Victoria to train as a

Christian Science Nurse at the Christian Science Benevolent Association in Boston. After three years of training, she made her way back to the West coast, initially staying in Seattle. A year later, she had a patient, who wished to find a quieter place to recover, so Miss Pottinger brought her to a friend's home in Victoria.

By 1930, the presence of a trained Christian Science Nurse became known, and soon she was nursing patients in her own home on Vancouver Street. After making some needed adjustments to her home with the help of her father and with the encouragement of Samuel Greenwood CSB, in 1931, cards were sent out announcing the official opening of "Wayside House."

The weekly rate for guests was \$20.00, far below the actual cost, and it was initially staffed with only two Christian Science Nurses, working 24-hours days. Had there not been constant effective prayer, and the help from grateful friends, Wayside House would not have survived.

But, survive it did, as those who felt the healing atmosphere told others, and the existence of Wayside House became known across the Pacific Northwest. Wayside continued to grow and expand until in 1953, when the home at 550 Foul Bay Road was purchased and renovated into a 32- room structure. The name "Wayside House" is perpetuated.



Christian Science Nurses, 1955

*From the Manual of The
First Church of Christ
Scientist, in Boston Mass.
by
Mary Baker Eddy.
Christian Science Nurse
Sect. 31.*

COMING soon

Stay tuned for information on our summer “**Strawberry Tea**” in the garden to commemorate 100 years of Wayside History.

BOARD profile

This year, we have the great pleasure of welcoming several new Board members to our roster. In each of the coming issues, we will be featuring one of our Board members, so you can get to know them. First up, is Karen Nelson, our current Chair and President.



Karen is a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Victoria. After 30 years in Vancouver, where she raised her family, Karen and her husband Martin moved back to Victoria in 2016. She has many years of branch church executive committee experience and is currently Secretary of the William H. Hill Association. Karen recently retired from her position as a Library Technician at the University of Victoria. She joined the Wayside Board this past winter and takes over from Chair, Justin Marples, who will continue to serve as Director and Vice-President. **Welcome Karen!**

The Board would also like to take this opportunity to extend our deep gratitude for Eurilda Larsen’s selfless service to the Wayside Board. Our most sincere condolences go out to the Larsen family at this time. Eurilda’s smiling presence at Wayside will be missed.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Nurse training

We are also happy to introduce you to Philip Khayadi, our Christian Science Nursing student, joining us all the way from Kenya. Philip has been interested in pursuing the ministry of Christian Science Nursing for several years. We are delighted to have him here with us. **Welcome Philip!**

We hope to expand our training program in the future, so if you know anyone who has a passion for helping people, and is looking for a fulfilling career, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Call Chris 250-598-4521 ext 4.



Left to right. Philip, Marcia, Chris,

Luc-Anne, Caroline, Bonnie, Sherry, & Faye

*Christian Science Nurse:
A member of The Mother
Church who represents
himself or herself as a
Christian Science Nurse
shall be one who has a
demonstrable
Knowledge...*

"I have had Christian Science Nurses help me at home before, but this time I really felt the need to come to Wayside, where I knew I would be surrounded by the right mental atmosphere and receive the loving support I needed to let go of my cares and focus on finding my freedom. We are so blessed to have this place to come to." Recent patient

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Supported Care

You can enjoy the peaceful, prayerful, spiritually supportive atmosphere of Wayside House every day. We currently have two lovely rooms available.

This care includes:

- ◆ Bright comfortable room, with electric lift chair
- ◆ and adjustable bed
- ◆ Private half bath, walk-in tub, and shower room
- ◆ Three delicious meals, plus snacks each day
- ◆ A cozy Solarium with TV
- ◆ Well-equipped Christian Science Library
- ◆ Connection to Mother Church church services
- ◆ Planned activities and seasonal events
- ◆ Christian Science Nursing care as required
- ◆ Beautiful grounds to enjoy



Artwork by
Bonnie Woodard

WAYSIDE GROUP – we have a vision

So far in 2025, the Wayside Group — our Christian Science Care guests, have gotten their creative juices flowing by writing commemorative poems for the New Year, and for the wedding anniversary of two of our "Friends of Wayside": Rennie Parish and Alec Lewis. We

are now creating "Tiny Stories"- with another "Friend"—Ted Bingham.

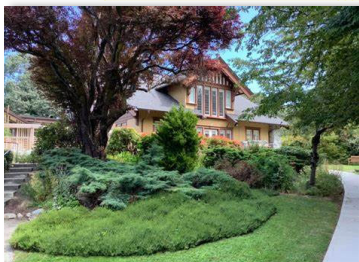


We play Scrabble once a week—often with invited guests, and the oh-so-silly parlour game, "Bonkers," monthly.

In mid-February, we hosted a Scrabble tournament and planted sweet peas which are now beginning to flourish in the warmth of the April sun. We are also hosting monthly "Sing-A-Longs in the Library" with Loni and Chris Bowers leading us in joyful song. Please come out and join us!

Our artistic projects are equally varied; St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Eggs; Valentine's woven hearts with Louise Perry, and now we are working on "Vision Boards." Our first vision board expresses the theme of David and Goliath: we try to incorporate metaphysics wherever possible into our projects and oh, what fun we have!

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of the sick.
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persons may be inserted
in The Christian Science
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established by the
publishers.*

SERVICES AVAILABLE at Wayside House

Did you know that you can come to Wayside House as an outpatient for any of the following services:

- ◆ Toe Nail care
- ◆ Wound care
- ◆ Showers
- ◆ Bandaging, slings etc.,
- ◆ Emergency advice

You can also join us for a meal, with 24 hours notice, or book a Spiritual Renewal room for the day, with lunch included. We are here to serve you, so give us a call 250-598-4521 ext 1.

We warmly welcome those relying on prayer and working with a Christian Science Practitioner to come let our Christian Science Nurses look after you while you are experiencing healing. Or, if you just need a break away from home, our Spiritual Renewal rooms provide a peaceful place to take time for yourself, read, study, and relax in our healing atmosphere. These lovely rooms are also available for short stays, or for family and friends, so call us today or email: Inquiries@waysidehousevictoria.org.

You are MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Your contributions make all the difference for us. Thank you to all of our donors for your generous support in 2024!

By donating unrestricted funds to Wayside House, you are supporting the healing activity of Wayside House, which includes Christian Science Nurses training and mentoring across Canada. Monthly donations make planning and budgeting much easier for us, and guarantees that your donation goes to the most current need.

If contributing toward a specific project is more to your liking, our Christian Science Nursing floor requires a new hospital bed for patient care. We are unable to get parts for the beds we have, due to their age. The cost is approximately \$7000.00.

If you would like to make a donation, or speak to us about legacy giving, please contact Chris Weiland at 250-598-4521, ext 4 or make your donation through our website, with a credit card or through Canada Helps, or call us at: 250-598-4521 ext 4.

Thank you!