

## YACOS Attend Regional Meeting



YACOS members Paige Hilland (l) & Amira Jung (centre) accept a cheque for \$3,000, from Barb Oates McMillan, BC Regional Coordinator, Community Foundations of Canada.

Amira Jung and Paige Hilland, two members of the YACOS, spent an April weekend in Victoria to attend the British Columbia Regional Meeting of Community Foundations of Canada.

Day one was spent at the Legislature Buildings. We participated in hands-on workshops with "The Kindness Crew" and David Sadler with "The Next Steps" Program. Next was a tour of the private and public areas of the Legislature buildings and lunch in the Member's Lounge. To conclude the youth portion of the day the girls attended a planning session for the "Canadian Volunteerism Initiative" where they helped plan events to promote youth volunteerism. Our day was completed with a dinner at the Government House hosted by the Lieutenant Governor.

Day two began with a plenary session on diversity and inclusion within Community Foun-

dations followed by break-out sessions to brainstorm with members of other foundations on the subject. In the afternoon the youth went on a short walk to visit the YWCA and talk about a Victoria YIP project to provide clothing to women trying to regain their life after being involved in prostitution. *(by Paige Hilland)*

**YACOS** (Youth Advisory Committee of Shuswap) is a committee of Shuswap Community Foundation. It is comprised of youth who meet regularly to plan and implement grant-making activities for youth projects and, with the help of the Salmon Arm Savings & Credit Union and the Vancouver Foundation, to develop youth endowment funds.

## Grant to Help With Window Upgrade *Projects* Envirovent Makes Cleaner Air in Kiln

Shuswap District Arts Council, who manage the Arts Centre, received a project grant of \$2,000 from the Foundation through the General Fund in Memory of Eve Wright (an Arts Council Founder).

The money will go towards an energy-saving window upgrade in the Arts Centre building on the corner of Hudson and McLeod Street in downtown Salmon Arm.



An \$825 grant from the Shuswap Community Foundation (through the Gertrude & Ludwig Klein Memorial Fund and General in Memory of Sieg & Louise Silver) permitted the Salmon Arm Pottery Club to purchase and install an Envirovent to vent noxious fumes from the electric kiln.

The vent also allows a shorter firing time and improves the colours of some glazes such as yellows and reds.



## \$5000 LEAD Grants Benefit Non-Profit Groups

Two Shuswap area non-profit organizations, Shuswap Day Care Society and Eagle Valley Community Support Society, each received \$2,500 in LEAD grants from Shuswap Community Foundation.

The Vancouver Foundation has once again made \$5,000 available to the Shuswap Community Foundation to give LEAD (Leadership, Engagement and Development) grants in the Shuswap.

Decisions were based on projects that promoted connectivity between people and community and enhanced self-sufficiency. The Foundation also looked at initiatives which developed leadership and involved networking between organizations.

The Shuswap Day Care Society will use its grant to offer a series of educational and hands-on workshops called "Building Blocks to Successful Parenting" to be offered to young parents at the Teen Daycare Centre. They have received a grant of \$1500 from Literacy BC to help

with this project. The Eagle Valley Community Support Society will use its grant for community development in Sicamous. They wish to create a community roundtable representing many interests in the community to find solutions to gaps, to deliver a variety of projects and to have a voice to many levels of government. They will also create a community development library.

LEAD grants were first used for Neighbourhood Projects in the Shuswap. Partnerships in funding with the Shuswap Community Foundation and the Districts of Salmon Arm and Sicamous made possible many small grants of up to \$500. These funds provided organizations with funds for enhancing their communities. From benches and signs, community gardens and playground equipment, to a pole for ospreys on the foreshore of Salmon Arm, these small projects were imaginative and had positive impacts in neighbourhoods all over the Shuswap.



Wendy Charlebois & Barb Hillocks

## New Cupboards for Seniors' Resource Centre *Projects*

The Seniors Resource Centre, now located beside Fletcher Park in downtown Salmon Arm, has new kitchen cupboards and countertops thanks to a \$3,200 grant from the Foundation.

Money came from the Seniors Project Fund and the John and Ingrid Monk Endowment Fund.

The maple veneer cupboards, made by Mi-tec Millwork & Cabinetry in Salmon Arm, allows the Centre's staff and volunteers to conduct its "Day

Away" program twice a week for seniors to participate in cooking & baking, fun activities and to share a hot meal.

One of the co-ordinators, Wendy Charlebois, says they work closely with Community Care and Elderly Services as well as the local hospital, Bastion Place and Pioneer Lodge. The "Day Away" program encourages seniors to stay independent and become involved socially. It also offers respite to caregivers.