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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As the days grow longer and signs of spring start to appear, we have much to look forward to. SEESA has several upcoming opportunities to connect with friends.

Board members have completed the Board Governance Manual, and we are working with our Executive Director, Shelley, on preparing for the upcoming fiscal year and the Annual General Meeting. Our focus remains sustaining the operations of SEESA.

Shelley is actively involved in work to raise the awareness of the value of seniors centres. Our Board President, Wendy represents SEESA on the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council which is also supporting and advocating for resources that will support aging well in our community through programs and services.

We are thankful for the volunteers who, over the next weeks, will be spending time cleaning and sorting items for our upcoming Re-Use Sale and are organizing for the Book Sale. The three sales held three times each year generate significant revenue for SEESA and would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers including all of you who volunteer with set up and on the days of the sale.

Remember - as members of SEESA you are engaging with others in meaningful activities - a key to aging well.







2025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Business includes: Approval of Minutes from 2024 AGM, Financial Reports, and Nominations Reports.

2025 SEESA Regular, Lifetime or Honorary members are eligible to vote at the AGM.

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Holyrood Community & Housing Collaborators (HC&HC) - Community Dialogues About Supportive Housing

This spring, Holyrood will welcome residents into the supportive housing facility on 83 street. Holyrood Community & Housing Collaborators (HC&HC) is a group of neighbours working to foster a community of safety and belonging as we welcome the development into the community. If you'd like to learn more and stay in the loop on the development, sign up to receive emails <a href="https://example.com/here/bears/learn-neighbours-n

HC & HC also invite all SE residents to a community discussion about the new supportive housing development in Holyrood. As our community continues to grow and evolve, we recognize the importance of coming together to share our thoughts, ask questions and explore how we can foster an inclusive and welcoming neighbourhood for all. These dialogues offer a space for open and meaningful conversations in a supportive and respectful environment.

The conversations will be facilitated by Community & Workplace Traumatologist, Line Perron, who will help create a space where all voices are heard and valued.

Community members are welcome to attend one of the following sessions:

- Thursday, April 24 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | SEESA Tillie's Cafe (9350 82 St N.W.)
- Tuesday, May 13 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Holyrood Community League (9411 Holyrood Rd)
- Saturday, June 21 | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | St. Luke's Anglican Church (8424 95 Ave N.W.)

Please sign up here: https://forms.gle/erMwmvQGnEyiHbiV6

SUPPORT SEESA'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY 50/50 WINTER CASH RAFFLE!

Empower Seniors, Strengthen Community

Celebrate 45 years of SEESA by joining our 50/50 Winter Cash Raffle! Your ticket purchase supports vital programs for seniors, fostering connection and enriching lives.

Raffle Details:

AGLC License: 723604

Tickets on sale: Jan 26 - Mar 29, 2025

Draw date: Mar 31, 2025

Prize: 50% of sales, up to \$10,000! Eligibility: Alberta residents, 18+

Buy tickets online: Rafflebox - SEESA's 50/50 Winter Cash



Together, let's make a difference—one ticket at a time!

DID YOU KNOW?

Fundraisers help with operational

needs such as custodial services,

utilities, telephones, etc., as

operational grants are quickly

becoming limited.



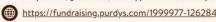




- . In-Person Orders: Don't have online access? Order at SEESA's Front Desk!
- · 25% of all sales go directly to SEESA!

Important Dates

- Order between January 26 March 22
- . Pickup at SEESA: April 7 17
- · Treat yourself, gift others, and support SEESA-every bite makes a difference!



SEESA Customer Number: 78364; email darlene@seesa.ca





Mother's Day **Pansy Planter**

- Gorgeous Planter Pot (12 inch pot with variety of 7 different pansy colours)
- · Cost: \$25 each, with \$7 supporting SEESA programs
- Order In-Person: March 11 April 18 at SEESA's Front Desk
- · Pickup: May 6, 7 and 8 At SEESA
- Give a bright and beautiful thank you to someone special and help SEESA thrive!











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CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC LEGENDS CONCERT

The Canadian Country Music Legends returned to SEESA for the third year in a row to put on another excellent afternoon of country music. Alfie Myhre, Joyce Smith, Randy Hollar, Rick Morgenstern, and Eddie Chwill were in top form along with other bandmates for a wide variety of great tunes. Attendees were seen nodding along, tapping along with their feet,

and singing along to familiar favourites. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with set up, clean up, our 50/50 raffle, and the coffee service. And thank you to the Country Legends for another awesome show!



VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH

On Friday, February 14, SEESA celebrated Valentine's Day with a delicious brunch of French toast with strawberries and whipped cream, breakfast sausage, and warm beverages in our cozy Tillie's Cafe. People came to enjoy the meal with friends, loved ones, and the whole SEESA community. As always, a huge thank-you to the volunteers who helped both in the kitchen and with serving the food out in the cafe, and to our kitchen staff as well for preparing another delicious meal. We hope everyone had a Happy Valetine's Day!

The Windows of Our Past, Help Create the Journey to Our Future

In Holyrood, volunteers at the South East Edmonton Seniors Association have built 20 wooden benches as part of the community's Aging in Place initiative. The colourful benches - some are even accompanied by decorative throw pillows - dot the neighbourhood's leafy boulevards with invitations like "Sit a spell" and "Don't worry, be happy."

The benches have been built from scratch under the guidance of SEESA volunteer Harvey Norstrom. He says they are so popular that 30 more have been commissioned and now invite passersby to take a break in Rimbey, Pigeon Lake, and as far away as Saskatchewan. Norstrom live in Maple Ridge Trailer Court in southeast Edmonton and placed his varnished bench across the street from his home.

"There's a lady who walks her dog, and every day she sits and rests for a few minutes. A couple kids were out the other day sitting on it for a while. There's an area here that's all grass and a few trees, and they play out there, and then they were sitting on the bench eating a Popsicle, I think," he says with a chuckle.

Justine Leszczynski was the first Holyrood resident to request a bench after hearing about the program. Her dark purple bench doubles as a bus stop rest and complements the flowers in her front yard. She followed suggestions about where to place it, and can see who is using it from inside her home.

"It's surprising, the amount of people we see sitting on the bench," Leszczynski says, "It just creates a great community atmosphere."







SEESA's wooden bench program helped brighten the Holyrood neighbourhood with several uniquely painted benches.

Photos by Ryan Garner

Edmonton Journal, August 26, 2017







We know that filing taxes can feel overwhelming and confusing. That's why we're sharing information to help older Canadians put money back in their wallets and to make life more affordable for them.

For low-income Canadians aged 65 or older, it's especially important they file their taxes on time, because tax returns are used to determine eligibility for financial supports like the Guaranteed Income Supplement or the GST rebate. Filing on time helps avoid unnecessary payment disruptions.

Tax credits to help make your life more affordable

- The age amount credit may help you reduce your payable income tax. To be eligible, you must be 65 or older at the end of 2024 and your net income must be less than \$102,925. You can transfer all or part of this credit to your spouse or common-law partner.
- If you report your eligible pension, superannuation or annuity payments on your tax return, you may qualify for the pension income amount credit. However, your income from Old Age Security benefits, Canada Pension Plan benefits and Quebec Pension Plan benefits are not eligible for this credit.
- The Canada caregiver credit provides help to those supporting a family member with a disability or illness. The family member must rely on you for necessities such as food, clothing and shelter.
- The disability tax credit helps reduce the income tax that people with severe and prolonged physical or mental impairments may have to pay. It aims to help offset some of the costs related to the impairment. Supporting family members may also be eligible for this credit.
- If you have medical expenses that exceed 3% of your net income or \$2,759, you may be eligible for the medical expenses credit. You can also claim expenses that you paid on behalf of a family member and that were not reimbursed.
- The home accessibility expenses credit is a tax credit for home renovation expenses. The renovation must permanently make a home more accessible for seniors or people with disabilities living in the home.
- The multigenerational home renovation tax credit can help with renovation costs and provide a refund of up to a maximum of \$7,500 for each eligible claim related to the construction of a secondary suite. This tax credit is intended to help adults aged 65 or older or adults eligible for the disability tax credit live with a family member.

To find out about other tax credits you may be eligible for, visit the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) All deductions, credits and expenses webpage.

Plan ahead!

Sign up now for direct deposit and file your taxes online with CRA's NETFILE to help you avoid

delays. Signing up for the CRA's My Account is the best way to view and manage your tax and benefit information.

• SimpleFile

The CRA's SimpleFile services are free, quick and secure. They help people with a simple tax situation who have been invited to use the service to file their taxes.

- Two million Canadians have been invited to use SimpleFile by Phone this tax season. As part of a new pilot, some may also be invited to try out the SimpleFile Digital online option.
- The SimpleFile services will ask you to verify your information and provide answers to a few quick questions—there are no calculations for you to do. You can complete your tax return with SimpleFile from the comfort of your own home from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m. Eastern Time, 7 days a week.
- SimpleFile by Phone: Use your phone's keypad to file in as little as 5 to 10 minutes. You do not need to speak with an agent to use the SimpleFile service.
- SimpleFile Digital: Use your computer or mobile device to file online in 20 minutes or less.

Did you retire or turn 65 in 2024?

The CRA's Taxes when you retire or turn 65 webpage is filled with useful information! You can learn about the types of income to include in your tax return, how to reduce the tax you may owe, how your taxes are affected if you live abroad, and more.

Need help?

Volunteers in your community or online may be able to help you do your taxes if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Find a free tax clinic near you.

Looking for more information? Please check out the CRA's tax tips for older adults.

Plan to file your taxes as soon as possible!

Note: Article shared on behalf of Seniors In Canada, Government of Canada.



New and Returning Evening Classes

Beginner Clay Sculpting
March 3 - 17 | 4:30-7:30pm

Line Dance Beginner MondayMarch 3 - Apr 21 | 6:15-7:15pm

Tabata TuesdayMarch 4 - Apr 22 | 6:15-7:15

Yoga Hatha with BarbMarch 3-Apr 21 5:30-6:30

Join us for a variety of fun and engaging evening classes! Whether you're trying something new or picking up where you left off, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out!

Pickleball IntroductionMarch 3 - 17 | 5:30-7:00

Zumba GoldMarch 4 - Apr 22 | 6:00-7:00







Contact my office for assistance with:

- Employment Insurance
- Old Age Pensions
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Citizenship & Immigration
- Canada Student Loans
- Celebratory Messages

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Card size:	3.5" w x 2" h	\$25.00
1/4 page:	4" w x 5" h	\$40.00
1/2 page:	8" w X 5" h	\$80.00
1/2 page:	4" w X 10" h	\$80.00
Full page		\$120.00

1500 email circulation

Send submissions to: info@seesa.ca preferably by the 1st of each month, so that any amendments can be complete by the 8th of the month. Publication is around the 15th of the month.

A one-time set up fee of \$30.00 may apply if your ad is not print ready.

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MONDAYS AT 10.00AM
FIRST VISIT IS FREE TO ATTEND

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Free Tax Clinic

Monday, March 17, 10:00am – 3:00pm

At SEESA in the Capilano Room

Monday, April 7, 10:00am – 3:00pm

At SEESA in the Holyrood Room

Eligibility Criteria:

- Ages 55+
- Modest income (approx. \$35,000 individually or \$45,000 as a couple)
- Simple tax situation (e.g. not self-employed, no investment over \$1000, no rental income, etc.)

Call or visit the SEESA Front Desk to sign up for a 30-minute time slot (limited capacity).

Questions? Email Judy at finance@strathconaplace.com



Are you a SEESA Member with a Birthday in APRIL? Join us as we celebrate your special day! There will be birthday cake, beverages, music, and a door prize!



TUESDAY, APRIL | 15

Tillie's Cafe 1:30 - 3:00pm

NEW! Bring TWO guests with you, free of charge, and bring additional guests for a \$5 entry fee/person!



Please call SEESA's Front Desk (780-468-1985) by Friday, April 11th to RSVP (along with the number of guests joining you)







(End of Ramadan Celebration)

March 31, 2025 Tillie's Café 11:30am-1:00pm

Tickets: \$20.00 Purchase by: March 25

MENU: ALOO GOBHI
(CAULIFLOWER, POTATOES, SPINACH, AND PEAS)
INCLUDES COFFEE/TEA



9350 - 82 Street N.W., Edmonton



CRIBBAGE



Saturday, April 5, 2025



Check-in & Payment (cash only) 9:30 - 10:30am

Door Prizes!

\$20 per person

\$40 per team of 2

(includes a light lunch)

1st, 2nd & 3rd place cash prizes! Highest hand cash prize!

Pre-Registration Required by Wednesday March 26

To register or for more information, contact Pam Ellenberger at 780-668-4815 or pam.ellenberger23@gmail.com



Skunk Pot! \$1.00 19 Pot! \$0.25

Peg Vendor

on Site

South East Edmonton Seniors Association 9350 - 82 Street N.W. Edmonton



at SEESA



Saturday April 12, 10AM - 3PM Sunday April 13, 11AM - 2PM

Donation Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm
Starting March 27th, ending on April 10th at Noon.
9350 - 82 ST N.W. at SEESA's South Door
Additional donation days on Saturday, March 29th and Saturday, April 5th
from 10am - 3pm

Please ensure that all your items are clean and in good working condition.

Do Not Donate/Drop-off:

Upholstered furniture, large furniture & TVs, baby furniture & supplies, mattresses & pillows, computer software, hardware & out of date technology, VHS tapes, cassettes, magazines, encyclopedias, soft toys, clothing, shoes, suitcases, plastic food containers, auto parts.

Donations accepted for the Edmonton Food Bank



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BOOK & PUZZLE SALE

Audio Books, DVDs, CDs also available

April 3 - 10, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (closed Saturdays & Sundays during April 3-10)
April 12, 2025 - 10:00am - 3:00pm
April 13, 2025 - 11:00am - 2:00pm

Donations of used books, puzzles, audio books, DVDs & CDs can be dropped off at SEESA's South Doors April 3 - 10

See separate Reuse Sale poster for full donation hours

We do not accept encyclopedias, magazines, Readers
Digest condensed versions, medical books, "How to"
books, atlases, phonebooks, or maps.









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Celebrating March 15 to April 14 Birthdays

Ron Adams Sharen Lepine Jean Adamson Rick Liebrecht Jacques Albert Helen Lovell Tim Markle Douglas Anderson JudyLynn Archer Joyce McBean Pamela Banser Darlene McIntosh Dorothy Beck Nelson McRae

Colleen Murdoch Michael Besney Dawn Blaeser Judy Nance Joe Bowering Terry Nicholson Ann Nicolai Richard Brown Wolfgang Brueckl Pauline Norris Ken Burchert Caroline Olynyk Richard Orthner Robert Campbell Susan Chimiuk Dianne Osback

Sylvia Dickson Jocelyn Partington

Della Paradis

Tanis Eaker Gloria Pigat Susan Fischer Avril Pike Christine Forth Linda Ramirez Rebecka Redding Elsa-Marie Frazer

Colleen Freese Laurie Reid Olga Reid Mary Pat Gibson

Robert Gilmour Michelle Richard Elizabeth Good Helen Faye Ripley Robert Griffith Sharon Schnell Christa Gundermann Denise Schroter Gail Guss Georgina Schurman Terry Simmonds Leo Hensel

Valerie Stenson Betty-Ann Hine Wilson

Jean Holowaychuk Florence Summerbell Hannelore Hoppe Margaret Swytink Pat Humble **Vel Thompson** Hector Tisnado Marilyn Isitt Gerildine Tomlin Naila Jawhari Jocelyn Johnston Jennifer Townsend

Lynne Kaluzniak Lori Klingbeil Ken Woo

Carol Kodish-Butt Jacob Wouters Teresa Krukoff Bette Yelich Johnny Kwan Adenike Yesufu

Pearl Lauber

Anita Dias

Shelley Williams



February birthday party participants.

Do you have a birthday in March? Your party is on Tuesday, April 15th at 1:30pm.
Please RSVP by Arpil 11th to 780-468-1985.

Tillie's Café

Monday-Friday - Open 9 - 4

Breakfast served from **9:00** am—**10:30** am Lunch served from **11:30** am—**1:00** pm Beverages and Goodies are available outside of mealtimes.

Breakfast:

Big Breakfast - 2 eggs, 2 toast, bacon/sausages & hash browns	\$13.00
Small Breakfast - 1 egg, 1 toast, bacon/sausages & hash browns	\$10.00
Pancakes (2) - bacon/sausages	\$8.00
Special – as posted and priced	

Lunch:

Sandwiches (Egg Salad of Turia Salad, Others as available)	
Full/Half sandwich\$6.00,	/ \$3.50
Soup	\$5.00

Fridays – Chef's Choice as priced

Entrées (Chef may substitute as required):

March 17 – Lamb Stew with Biscuits	\$15.00
March 18 - Taco Salad	•
March 19 - Tourtière with Side Salad	•
March 20 - Beef or Vegan Burgers	•
***	\$6.00

March 24 – Pork and Kraut with Mashed Potatoes	\$13.00
March 25 - Creamy Manicotti with Meat Sauce	\$14.00
March 26 - Fish and Chips 1 Piece – \$12.00 / 2 Pie	eces – \$14.00
March 27 - Curry Vegetable Bundle with Side Salad	\$12.00



Beverages:	
Tea/Coffee (1 refill)	\$2.00
Hot Chocolate, Bottled Water/Pop	\$2.00
Baked Goods:	

As available and as priced

Thursdays: Cinnamon buns	\$4.00
Frozen Selections to take home:	·
Soups	\$4.00

Entrées as available and as priced





March 2025

This calendar primarily displays events and FYI sessions. For a full list of programs happening, click <u>here</u> to see our program guide.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Uke N'Sing – N	∕Iar 3 (Registratio	n required - \$2	(0/person)			1 Ramadan Begins March 1
2 LEGENDS Country Music Concert (2pm - GYM) Tickets: \$30.00	3 Session 2 Classes & Clubs Begin	4	5	6	7 Jam Session 6:00 – 9:00pm	8 International Women's Day
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10	11	AB Floor Curling Tournament Gym/Tillie's Café (Tillie's Café closed to the public)	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	Monthly Birthday Party 1:30 – 3:00pm	19	20	Jam Session 6:00 – 9:00pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Program Guide Available EID LUNCH, 11:30am, Tix \$20				SEE A 1ôu	belong here

FYI Sessions:

Mar 4: Strike Stroke Out

Mar 5: Human Rights for All

Mar 11: Executors and Their Duties & Responsibilities

Mar 12: Momentum Counselling

Mar 18: Hearing Loss and Aging

Mar 19: Alternative Investing with Private Markets

Mar 25: Foot and Hand Spa

April 2025

This calendar primarily displays events and FYI sessions. For a full list of programs happening, click <u>here</u> to see our program guide.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Reuse & Book Sal March 31 – April		1	2	3 Book & Puzzle Sale April 3-10 10am-3pm & Reuse Sale weekend	4 Jam Session 6:00 – 9:00pm	5 Spring Cribbage Tournament
6	7 Session 3 Registration Day 9:15am	8	9	Last day for Reuse Sale donations— ending at 12:00pm	SEESA Reuse Sale Setup No Classes or Clubs.	SEESA Spring Reuse Sale
SEESA Spring Reuse Sale	14	Monthly Birthday Party 1:30 – 3:00pm	16	17 Easter Lunch Seatings at 11:00am and 12:30pm Tix \$20	18 SEESA Closed GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 SEESA Closed EASTER MONDAY	Earth Day	23 SEESA AGM & Volunteer Appreciation 1:30pm Gym/Tillie's	24	Session 2 Classes End Jam Session 6:00 – 9:00pm	26
27 National Volunteer Week April 27 – May 4 Every Moment Matters	28	29	30	Uke N'Sing – A - \$20/person)	April 14 (Registra	ation required

FYI Sessions:

Apr 1: Introduction to Healthcare Options for Aging Adults

Apr 8: Myths and Truths about Funerals

Apr 9: MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying)

Apr 15: Bucket List Travel Planning

Apr 16: Regulations for Financial Advisors

Apr 22: Developing Mobile Devices & Moving

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