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DONNA MESERAH-ZYDB AND CLIENT BERTHA TAYLOR danced in front of the main stage, left. Emily Bevan and client Clara Tutcho hit the vendors market, centre. Colleen Nagle and client Joey Oogaaq danced in the sand.

Front and centre at Folk on the Rocks!

by YKACL staff

YKACL CLIENTS and staff danced, cheered, dined and laughed with their friends and neighbours at Folk on the Rocks this past weekend.

Clara Tutcho and Terry Kuliktana danced together to the Regina-based bluegrass band Dead South at the main stage. Annie Strus

loved the band's music so much she bought their latest CD.

Sam Pameogorak checked out the food trucks. He tried chow mein then went back for French fries and later some fresh baking.

Mary Cleary listened to experimental instrumentals by the Quebec-based Hindustani-rock band Elephant Stone in between visiting with

other YKACL clients and friends.

Katie Miller, Kineta Michel and Chris Strus danced late into the night on Saturday.

Bertha Taylor and Julie White almost lost their voices from cheering and singing so much.

When asked what her favourite part of the festival was on Monday morning, in a hoarse whisper Julie replied, "Everything!"



CLIENTS TERRY KULIKTANA AND KATIE MILLER enjoyed the performances together, left. Client Mary Cleary rode the FOTR shuttle service with James Galasinao, centre. Client Chris Strus and Johnelle Joseph had fun with colleagues. YKACL photos

Come explore Abe Miller Garden

by YKACL staff

THE ABE MILLER GARDEN offers a whimsical spectacle along 53rd Street thanks to more than two months of hard work by YKACL clients and staff.

Skills Training and Community Inclusion facilitators Liane Vilan and Edwin Dela Cruz are the creative leaders who guided the team each week, from planting seedlings indoors to prepping the soil, transplanting, watering, weeding and pruning.

Their colourful vision features a rock garden with undulating driftwood and stone pots overflowing with petunias interspersed with naturally-growing flora, such as a patch of foxtail that wave in the breeze to passers by.

The centrepiece is a fat caragana bush surrounded by sunflowers, verbena, dahlias, French lilac, lantanas and golden acre. Begonias, cosmos, nasturtiums, carnations, gazanias, daisies, petunias, geraniums and a mock orange bush grow in flower beds and pots throughout the grounds.

Willow sculpture and fencing created by artists Rosanna Strong and Jenny Tucker and community volunteers frame the garden with organic art.

Edwin and clients Adam LePrieur and Jon Proulx built a new flower bed from salvaged wood along the southeast wall of the Abe Miller Building facing Franklin Avenue in which stands a parade of five-foot tall Sunflowers.

Take a stroll through the garden anytime or drop by from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23, during the City of Yellowknife Garden Tour.



Liane Vilan



Edwin Dela Cruz

YKACL news



John Bowden directed his retirement gift to YKACL.

Thoughtful request

John Bowden retired as assistant superintendent-learning from the Yellowknife Catholic School Board on June 30 and he used one of his parting gifts to support YKACL.

When a colleague asked to make a charitable donation on his behalf, he requested the funds be donated to YKACL.

The Association thanks John for his support over the years and for generously thinking of our clients upon his retirement.

YKACL STAFF PROFILE

by YKACL staff

THUBA NYONI is a Supported Living Worker who has worked casual shifts with YKACL since March 2015.

Thuba and her clients stay active and have fun by getting out of the house and into the community at every opportunity.

At home they enjoy scrap-booking, doing their nails together, designing meal menus and preparing new dishes.

Thuba maintains good relationships with all her clients.

Thuba is recognized for always striving to engage clients in their community and challenging them to be independent and self-sufficient.

"My clients are eager to learn and participate," she said. "They appreciate encouragement and a thumbs-up when they get their assigned task done."

Thuba is respected by her supervisors and colleagues at YKACL for her strong communication skills and for her reliability and enthusiasm.

FAMILY TIME

Born and raised in Bulawayo,



THUBA NYONI

Zimbabwe, Thuba moved to Yellowknife from Ontario in September 2007.

In her spare time she cherishes playtime in the park with her nine-year-old daughter, Shiloh, and is an avid reader and film-goer.

Summer program update

Participants in the YKACL Summer Youth Program are heading on a field trip to the airport this afternoon to tour the Air Tindi Hangar.

Tomorrow the youth are headed to Trapper's Lake Lodge for a picnic and on Wednesday they're destined for the beach. (Hopefully the weather warms up a bit for that outing!) Thursday is a yoga session and Friday is a soccer game.

Registration is free for youth aged 13-29 from Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah. Young people with or without disabilities are welcome to take part.