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## President's Report 2024-2025

The level of enthusiasm displayed by Evergreen club members while enjoying the foothills and mountain terrain accessible to us, the walking areas within Calgary, the camaraderie with their fellow hikers, and the volunteerism is exemplary. The attitude of club members makes club management relatively easy and satisfying for the club executive. Occasionally there are issues with trail and parking logistics, weather, injuries or fatigue, communication, and delays caused by somebody getting disoriented or challenged by tough snow conditions. These situations sometimes result in our favoured hike not being available or occasionally a long wait at the end of the day. Even when these situations occur, after a bit of grumbling, almost everybody agrees that we had an excellent outing in our nature wonderland. And everybody is ready for more action the following week. A couple of logistical issues this year were the excessive turnout of summer season hikes and challenges with the relative absence of snow during the winter. The huge summer turnouts had to be managed by restricting attendance so as not to overwhelm the organizers, the trails, and parking. Unfortunately, this resulted in the bumping of associate members and guests. Rounding up enough people for the winter snowshoeing and Nordic skiing has been challenging some weeks but there were only a few outings that had to be cancelled. Perhaps next winter will be great with more members abandoning trips to the Excited States and taking what winter delivers to us here. There are some volunteer positions available. Give these your consideration.

Dane Bridge

Past President

Reprinted from Annual general Meeting

### Volunteers

As Dane mentioned, there are volunteer opportunities available. Thanks to these outgoing leaders who are ending their terms:

Jennifer Aikenhead, Barb Brunton-Johnstone, Kyra Fisher,  
Douglas Kosowan, Greg McKenzie, Carol Morris, Kim Tidswell



# Welcome to our New President, Liz Whitehouse

I'm this year's president for the Evergreens and also a sometimes bus coordinator. I've only been a member for 3 years and I think myself very lucky to have found so many hiking buddies. I really enjoy being part of an active, adventurous and caring community. It's great that so many members step up to take on roles to make the club an efficient machine and to offer advice when needed. I have certainly benefited from much advice as a newbie bus coordinator and vice president.

For those of you that don't know me well, do I have a life other than the Evergreens? Yes. Like many other members I enjoy volunteering. At present I'm involved with the YMCA, Calgary Public Library and my neighborhood food bank program. Most days you'll find me at the Crowfoot YMCA in the pool, gym or at a yoga class. I read many books and listen to audio books. My favorite genres are historical fiction and British murder mysteries. I've had interesting book discussions on the trails and the bus. Cross stitch and embroidery are my recent hobbies. Several Evergreen ladies have helped me improve in these two new pursuits.

Looking forward to this year I'm hoping to get to know even more Evergreen members, having a successful Summer BBQ and Fall Luncheon, enjoyable and safe hikes, cross country skiing and snowshoeing events. What can be better than a great day in the mountains with friends?

Please contact me with any Evergreen comments, concerns or questions.

Happy Trails

Liz Whitehouse

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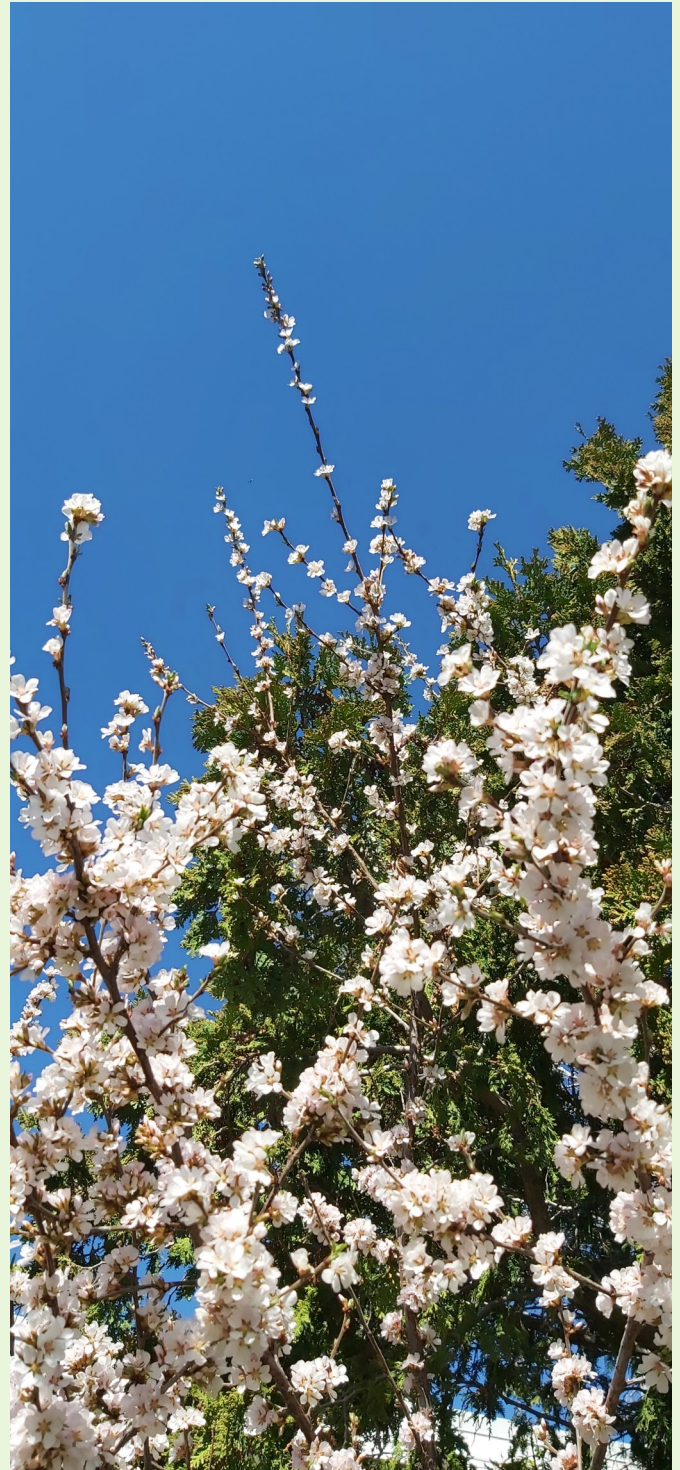
Liz, taking the plunge  
for the Evergreens

Photo: Frank Howard



## Evergreen Board for 2025

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Dane Bridge Past President  
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Director  
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Eric Leavitt Website Director  
Sandra Braden Social Director  
Phyllis Quarrie Social Director  
Peter Dankers City Hikes Coordinator  
Joan McLean Newsletter Coordinator  
Carol Rose-Skelly Membership  
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Coordinator



Thanks to all the members who have committed to a new job this year. Thanks to those returning for the upcoming year.



# Moose Meadows to the Inkpots

John Mclean

The day started out looking not too promising, but a fantastic full rainbow greeted us as we sped towards the Banff Gates. I volunteered to lead the B2 slower group while Carolyn A headed off with the rest of the B2's. When we arrived at the inkpots the sun was out and most of the other Evergreens who had gone ahead of us or hiked from Johnston Canyon were there having lunch. The trail was a bit longer than advertised, as Eric L. pointed out. So, we did have to cut our lunch break short and get a move on to make the bus. Again, another stellar day in the mountains.



Photos: John McL



## Welcome our new Member Support Person

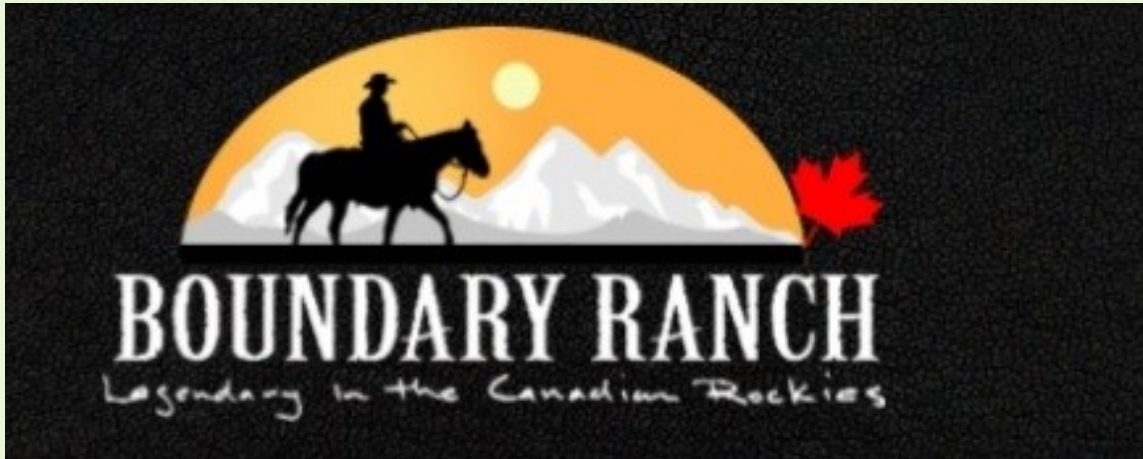


Greetings Evergreen "Family". I am your new Member Support Person since the Fall of 2024 replacing Cheryl Whitehead. (Thanks Cheryl for all of your past support :-). My role is to support anyone in our Club who might have a challenge physically or emotionally (perhaps if a family member passes). If you let me know about someone needing support, I will organize a card to be signed by members on the bus. It's important that the person whom you refer to me gives you permission to do so. Some folks are very private about their health or personal issues.

You can contact me by email - [cars60@shaw.ca](mailto:cars60@shaw.ca) or text - 403-605-9481 or phone -403-451-8155. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. One more thing. Please don't call me the Sunshine Girl! :-) Carol Rose-Skelly



# Save the Date



We are off to Boundary Ranch for the summer BBQ again this year. Watch for the sign up on the website for Thursday, July 17

## Photo Challenge

This great photo from Bull Creek Hike, submitted by Phyllis Q. leads me to challenge hikers to take shots of their group and submit them for the newsletter. It is great to see everyone and share these moments with people not with us on those days.



**Add me to your email list [joanmcl@shaw.ca](mailto:joanmcl@shaw.ca) Photos are only used in the newsletter published online to members only.**



The Inkpots were a lovely lunch spot on a beautiful day in Banff.



## The Last Word

The final word is “Sorry”. My apologies for such a belated newsletter. I had good intentions after the General Meeting, then an election happened and campaigning for our local candidate kept me busy and put me about 5 weeks behind.

I hope for forgiveness and that you enjoy the newsletter. Also, thanks to Liz, Phyllis and Carol for accommodating my last minute requests! We have a great group in our club, which I am grateful of. JMCL (Selfie by John. That’s me on the right of pic.)

