# THE CORONA CHRONICLES

NOVEMBER 2020

Social distancing does not mean social isolation. Now, more than ever, we need to find creative ways to stay connected. We hope to put a smile on your face and keep you up to date on what's happening at Villa Beaurepaire.

**We encourage you to go outside and enjoy some fresh air.**
Wear a mask and keep 2 metres away from others.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Enrique - November 2nd
and
to Greta - November 27th

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To visit **The Hair Salon** for a hair wash, colour or perm, please book an appointment with Celine at the office. The sink has been installed!

**Do you have something you would like to share?**
We encourage you to submit it to Alex for the next newsletter. Jokes, stories, anecdotes, puzzles...etc.

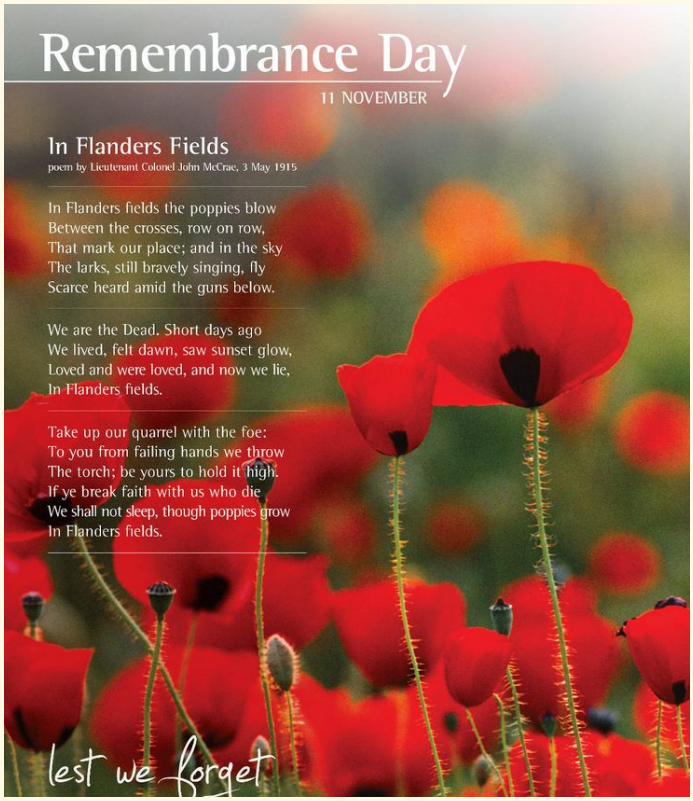
You may have a regular visitor to your apt, however they **must be registered** with the Villa as a designated **Caregiver/Companion.**
**Sunday visits** in the dining room with family or friends (max of 2 visitors ) may be scheduled through the office.

## PJ Day at the Villa

"People will forget what you said, People will forget what you did, but People will never forget How you Made them feel"

~ Maya Angelou

**November** is that transitional month that comes between fall and winter. By then, most leaves have fallen off trees, and football becomes the main sport of the month. Those who were born in November probably know their birthstone is the topaz and their flower is the chrysanthemum.




The first Remembrance Day was observed on November 11, 1931. Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace.

In Canada, the poppy is the official symbol of remembrance. It was adopted as such in 1921 and it is to be worn during the two weeks leading up to 11 November. The Royal Canadian Legion, which has trademarked the image, suggests that poppies be worn on the left lapel, or as near the heart as possible.

This Mountain Ash has been planted in loving memory of
**Mary Rowan**
**(1922 - 2020)**
Donated by her friend Irene Landry, in appreciation of her support for the construction of Villa Beaurepaire and the beautiful community of seniors who live here.

**Mary** wrote letters to the community and city council in 2010 pleading for acceptance of this much needed, housing community. We were struggling to get a zoning change. She rallied the Raging Grannies to sing at our community event in Sept 2010. She urged everyone to hear the voices of seniors and their need for affordable housing.

**Thank you Mary!**

Picture of the Mountain Ash tree (aka *Rowan* tree) in front of June's apartment.

# Spotlight on Greta

Clara Margaretha (Greta) Blain was born at the stroke of midnight on November 27th, 1917 in her grandparents' home in the Netherlands. It was a stormy night with gale force winds so strong a window was blown in and power lines toppled.

There wasn't a time that Greta wasn't sketching or painting. She entered the Art Institute in Amsterdam when she was 15 years old, working full-time hours at a factory and then attending art classes in the evening.

Greta met and fell in love with a French Canadian soldier in Amsterdam at the end of World War II. They married twice; a civil ceremony in Amsterdam and religious ceremony in Montreal. She arrived at her in-laws home in Longueuil not speaking or understanding neither French or English. They communicated through gestures and doing little drawings. Greta and her husband had one son - Norman. Their marriage didn't last. It was she who walked away and the consequences were felt immediately. It was the late 1940's and a good Catholic woman did not do that sort of thing.

Greta kept herself occupied for most of her career sketching patterns to adorn women's and children's clothing. She was the only woman artist working in the male-dominated industry and insisted on working in a room, alone. One day her boss presented her with a task. It came from the Hanna Barbera animation studio. She was given a sketch of the Flintstones family and asked to sketch screen prints of them in various different situations. She remembers sketching the whole gang as a sort of Beatles rock band, with all the instruments made from stone. She went to specialize in sketches of Barney, Betty and Bamm-Bamm Rubble. Her patterns adorned everything from baby-doll pyjamas to pillow cases to table cloths.

Greta's paintings now adorn her apartment and the hallway at Villa Beaurepaire.

The two paintings to the right are her favourites.

Resource: adapted from Montreal Gazette article from Nov 2017, Kathryn Greenaway

# J O K E S  A N D  G A M E S

## Rhyming Riddles

Read the clues and find words that solve the riddles. All of the riddles must rhyme with the words in bold below:

**BLACK**

The opposite of front. _ _ _ _
A cloth bag. _ _ _ _
Something you can use to pin paper to walls. _ _ _ _
Pile things on top of each other. _ _ _ _ _
Put clothes in a suitcase. _ _ _ _
A small, poor house. _ _ _ _ _
The sound a duck makes. _ _ _ _ _
A break in a piece of glass. _ _ _ _ _
A talent for doing something. _ _ _ _ _
Something to eat between meals. _ _ _ _ _

**BROWN**

The antonym of up. _ _ _ _
A circus performer. _ _ _ _ _
Something a monarch wears. _ _ _ _ _
The opposite of smile. _ _ _ _ _
A person, place, or thing. _ _ _ _
A woman's dress. _ _ _ _
A large village. _ _ _ _
Another word for fame. _ _ _ _ _

## RIDDLE ANSWERS
### from last months Corona Chronicles

1. Charcoal
2. Wheelbarrow
3. Cloud
4. Corn on the cob
5. Mirror

*Stay safe!*

VILLA BEAUREPAIRE STAFF