



January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! 2025 promises to be an exciting year for Lydia Snow North Halton beginning with our January meeting.

January Meeting Details

When: Tuesday January 21, 2025

Via Zoom (a Zoom link will be sent out a few days before the meeting), but here is the information if you will be signing in by phone or if you have any difficulties signing in using your device:

Tuesday January 21, 2025, 9:45 sign-on

Zoom ID: 880 5624 0168

Passcode: 984721

Phone: 1 647-374 4685

It is very important that everyone has the latest version of Zoom. This can be easily done by clicking on “yes to updates” when signing on to the meeting.

Our speaker will be visual artist Gareth Lichty, son of Sandra Runalls-Lichty. Gareth’s presentation is entitled “Warp and Weft”. We hope you can join as we learn how he uses repurposed materials to create beautiful art installations.

Following Gareth’s presentation we will have a discussion regarding **possible outreach donations for 2025. This year we have \$1500 to donate. Organizations that are being considered are:**

Food For Life
Food For Thought
Links to Care Backpack Program
Townsend Smith Foundation

Food insecurity is becoming a major issue for many families in our community. We all know that children with empty tummies have difficulty concentrating and learning. We also know that families on tight budgets might not have the necessary funds to purchase school supplies needed by their children. We would also like to keep adding to the funds we began setting aside last year for the planned hospice for North Halton.

Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to fill upcoming vacancies on the Executive and on Committees. If you would be interested or would like more information about any of the following positions, please contact any member of the Executive. No experience is required and you will be supported in your new role by many helpful and knowledgeable people.

Second Vice President

- Attends Executive meetings
- maintains a membership list of Lydia Snow members
- maintains an all-member Emergency Contact List
- responsible for having updated name tags at every meeting
- maintain the Registration Forms binder
- maintain the Awards Binder for Cora Bailey Award recipients and other
RWTO Provincial recognition

Member at Large

Participate on the Executive providing support, as determined by the Executive and according to the needs and goals of the Branch.

Fundraising Committee

Coordinate the organization of fundraisers, including the recruitment of volunteers, to support the ongoing business of the Branch and Outreach Projects.

S.C.A.W. (Sleeping Children Around the World) Convenor

Oversee the collection of S.C.A.W money and work with the Treasurer to purchase bed kits and keep a record of monies collected.

Refreshment Committee

- maintain required supplies and utensils
- maintain a list of volunteers who would provide refreshments at meetings
- plan refreshments for designated meetings

Auditors

Two members, who are not members of the Executive, to audit the financial records of our Branch and present their findings at either the April Annual General Meeting or the Fall General Meeting.

At our last Executive meeting, we began brainstorming ideas for [possible speakers and activities for future meetings](#). If you have participated in anything that you think other Lydia Snow members might be interested in learning about, [please bring your ideas to the January meeting](#).

Yours in Caring and Sharing,
Jennifer Cardwell
On Behalf of the Lydia Snow Executive