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CASTLEGAR'S SCULPTURES

BY STUDENTS IN CASTLEGAR CBAL ENGLISH CLASSES

Castlegar is called the sculpture capital of Canada. If you are in Castlegar this summer, take a walk around the downtown to discover our many sculptures.

Every year during the Sculpturewalk, pieces come from around the world to be displayed in the city. This is the thirteenth year of the event. Everyone has the opportunity to vote for their favourite sculpture. The one with the most votes stays in Castlegar forever.

This summer, there will be 32 sculptures on display in Castlegar. They will also go on tour to other cities in the area, including Creston, Nakusp, Nelson, Kaslo, Rossland, Trail, Penticton and Revelstoke.

BUSINESSES & CRAFTS FROM CASTLEGAR

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Fruit Chung

Fruit chung is a fruit concentrate made from fresh fruit. With the perfect quality of fruits here in BC, our family decided to introduce a new way of enjoying fruit to the community in July 2023. We started with our seasonal menu last summer with 8 different types of fruits.

Our business is growing. We offer three signature menu items: Lemon, Grapefruit, and Cinnamon-apple Chung. We also have a seasonal menu item: Mixed Chung. Soon we will offer a new menu item: Lemon-Ginger Chung.



Ny's Crocheting

My mother taught me enough basic crochet stitches to make a scarf. After that, I learned other crochet stitches to make toys and animals on YouTube by myself. I have made a lot of cats, dogs, pigs, dragons, dinosaurs, teddy bears, and I have also made some bags. Now I'm learning how to make flowers and bouquets. You can see some of my creations at the Castlegar CBAL office.

Kootenay Crafts

I'm excited to introduce you to our small business, Kootenay Crafts. We make personalized papercut cards and gifts. Our mission goes beyond mere craftsmanship—every brushstroke, stitch, or curve of wood embodies the passion and dedication poured into its creation. But beyond the exquisite artistry lies a deeper purpose. Kootenay Crafts serves as a canvas for emotions, offering solace and warmth to those who value meaningful gestures, fostering deeper bonds between the giver and receiver. Learn more at [KootenayCrafts.com](https://www.kootenaycrafts.com).

BEAR AWARE WORKSHOP

BY STUDENTS IN CASTLEGAR CBAL ENGLISH CLASSES

At CBAL in Castlegar, one of our popular workshops was WildSafe BC's Bear Aware. Tara from Castlegar Wildsafe BC visited the office to teach us about



living in harmony with the wildlife that we find around Castlegar. We learned about apex predators like grizzly bears, black bears, wolves and coyotes. We also talked about other animals, including elk, raccoons, skunks and ground squirrels. We learned a lot of new vocabulary and advice about how to behave around wildlife.

Tara will return for a second workshop on how to use bear spray. She will let us practice with her empty bear spray can, so we can get comfortable using it when we are hiking or camping in the wilderness.

Thanks to Tara for the excellent presentation and for showing us bear skins, different animal teeth and skulls!



PLANTING SEASON

Spring planting season is here! Linda and Sharon start plants in their LINC class.



CBAL CASTLEGAR

This issue was written by newcomers to Canada who live in Castlegar, including students in CBAL English classes, and the staff at CBAL. Here are some photos of our English classes and a recent crafting event.



IDEAS FOR HERE & NOW?

Do you have pictures, articles or ideas you want to share for an issue of **Here & Now**?
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