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Fall Newsletter
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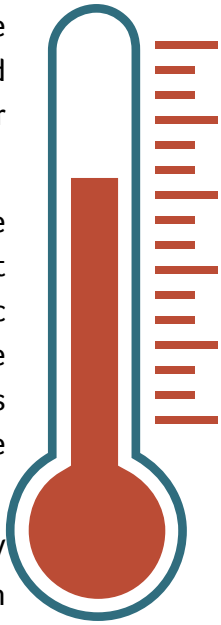
# Message from the Director

With the support of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, IWAV has launched the Norton Road Acquisition Fund to secure 210 Norton Road - a unique 11.8-acre property already zoned for 26 units of affordable housing, with an accessible home, orchard, garden, and proximity to town and services. This is a rare opportunity to expand our services for Islanders who need it most.

Thanks to early community generosity, we are already two-thirds of the way to our goal. The Salt Spring Foundation has committed a historic $400,000 grant, and now we are working to raise $300,000 by early December to keep this momentum strong towards completing the purchase in February.



We know what's possible. At Croftonbrook, IWAV transformed a 20-unit site into 74 safe homes in five years through careful planning, environmental stewardship, and partnership. We are ready to do it again - and we need our community with us.

Every contribution brings us closer to ensuring safety, dignity, and belonging for more islanders.

Please donate to help us reach our goal and bring more safe, affordable housing to the Islanders who need it. Visit us at https://iwav.org/norton-road/ or scan the QR code to learn more and donate.

Sincerely, Alicia Herbert, ED

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Philip and Muriel Berman Foundation, Country Grocer, and all of our other generous donors to date. Your support will help us expand our services to provide safe, affordable housing and essential services for women, children, and families in our community.

# Norton Road Acquisition Fund



## Online Auction Launching Soon!

To help secure the Norton Road property, we're launching an online fundraising auction on November 26.

A selection of items will be on display at Transitions Thrift Store starting Nov 12.

The auction will run for 10 days, closing on December 5, with all proceeds supporting the Norton Road Acquisition Fund.

Local artists, businesses, and neighbours have generously donated artwork, unique experiences, services, antiques, and more - including a Robert Bateman print, a Queen Louise doll, and other treasures.

Stay tuned for updates and sneak peeks of featured items on our social media and website.

If you would like to contribute an item, we would be so grateful. Please contact us at info@iwav.org or 604-417-3790. The deadline to donate auction items is Nov 24.

IWAV Services are accessible, inclusive, and gender-affirming.
IWAV respectfully recognizes that we re located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Hul'qumi'num- and SENĆOŦEN-speaking Peoples.

# The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

On December 6th, we gather for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. We honour the 14 women murdered at Montréal's École Polytechnique in 1989 and hold space for all women and girls whose lives have been taken by gender-based violence.

IWAV and The Circle Education will co-host a candle-lighting ceremony to remember those lost to femicide in 2025 and to recommit to building a safer, more equitable future.

This is a time to grieve, to stand with survivors, and to strengthen our collective resolve for change. We welcome our community to join us in reflection, solidarity, and hope - for a world where everyone can live safely, freely, and with dignity.

Bring a candle or light one with us. All are welcome.




## WORKSHOP SERIES: COLLECTIVE COURAGE

STRENGTHENING THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

### Dates & Themes

Nov 20 — Avoidance → Acknowledgement
Dec 3 — Discomfort → Resilience
Jan 14 — Burnout → Boundaries
Feb 11 — Codependence → Harmony
Mar 11 — Conditioning → Caring
Apr 8 — Resistance → Action
May 6 — Isolation → Community

Join IWAV for a free seven-part workshop series exploring community care as a powerful path toward prevention and collective safety. Together, we'll look at common gaps we experience in ourselves and our communities and learn practical tools to move toward acknowledgement, boundaries, resilience, and connection. Each session builds on the last, supporting a journey of becoming more attuned, capable, and rooted in compassion.

Register soon, space is limited!

**Register by:**
Scanning the QR code to fill out the online form
Email sarc@iwav.org
Call 250-931-7712

**Time & Location:**
6:00pm–8:00pm
Salt Spring Library

All are welcome!
Let's imagine safety together - grounded in care, connection, and community.