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#### YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

# 25th Anniversary of the International Year of Older Persons: Call for Time Capsule and Friendship Quilt Contributors

by the City of Calgary

In 1999, the City, in collaboration with community partners and citizens, created a time capsule and a friendship quilt to celebrate the International Year of Older Persons. This year, 2024, marks the 25th anniversary of that significant event, making it the perfect occasion to open the 25-year time capsule and reflect on the meaning of the friendship quilt crafted during the 1999 celebrations. We are set to commemorate this milestone on October 1, 2024, coinciding with the International Day of Older Persons.

As we prepare for this special event, we aim to reconnect with individuals who played a crucial role in 1999, particularly in creating the time capsule and the friendship quilt. We want to ensure that those who contributed their time and creativity 25 years ago have the chance to participate in the October 1 celebration.

If you were involved in any capacity with the time capsule or friendship quilt in 1999, we want to hear from you! Your stories, memories, and reflections are invaluable as we revisit and celebrate the legacy of that extraordinary year.

Your participation will enrich our celebration and help keep the spirit of community and connection alive for future generations. Join us in this journey of remembrance, gratitude, and celebration by emailing us at agefriendlycalgary@calgary.ca.



# **Hydration and You**

by Alberta Health Services



Water keeps every part of your body working properly. It helps your body flush waste and stay at the right temperature. It can help prevent kidney stones and constipation.

You lose water throughout the day through your breath, sweat, urine, and bowel movements. If you live somewhere hot, you could lose even more fluid.

It is important to replace this lost fluid to stay healthy. If you don't get enough water, you could become dehydrated. If you get very dehydrated, your body no longer has enough fluid to get blood to your organs which can be very dangerous.

#### What is the Right Amount of Water to Drink Each Day?

All liquids help you stay hydrated, but water is usually the best choice. A common recommendation is to drink six to eight glasses of water per day (250 ml or 8 fl oz). Some adults may need more depending on your overall health, how much you exercise, and how hot or dry the climate is.

Most people get enough fluid through the beverages they normally drink each day. You also get water through food. Some fruits and vegetables contain a lot of water, such as watermelon and lettuce.

Did you know? Experts say it is not true that beverages containing caffeine – coffee, tea, and cola drinks – are

dehydrating. Healthy individuals who consume moderate amounts of caffeine do not lose more fluid than people who don't have any caffeine. A moderate amount of caffeine is about 200 to 300 mg per day which is about two to four cups (250 ml or 8 fl oz) of coffee.

If you are feeling well, you urinate every few hours during the day, and are not feeling thirsty often, you are likely drinking enough water.

People with certain health problems, especially heart and kidney problems, need to speak with a doctor about how much water to drink.

#### Ways to Consume More Water During the Day

If you struggle with consuming water or remembering to drink enough throughout your day, these suggestions may help:

- Drink a glass of water when you get up in the morning, before drinking coffee or tea.
- Keep a cup or water bottle by your desk at work. Take several sips of water each hour. If you don't have a desk job, carry a container of water with you and take sips throughout the day.
- Take a sip whenever you pass a drinking fountain.
- Mix it up! Add sugarless flavouring to your water or a slice of lemon/lime. Alternate with sparkling water.





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## GAMES & PUZZLES Guess The Drink!

1. On August 28, 1898, Caleb Bradham invented this sweet, carbonated drink originally called "Brad's Drink" which was used to relieve dyspepsia (indigestion).

2. In 1969, Walter Chell invented this drink in Calgary which is typically made from Clamato juice, Worcestershire sauce, spices, and vodka.

3. This non-alcoholic drink is named after an iconic 1930s Hollywood child actress.

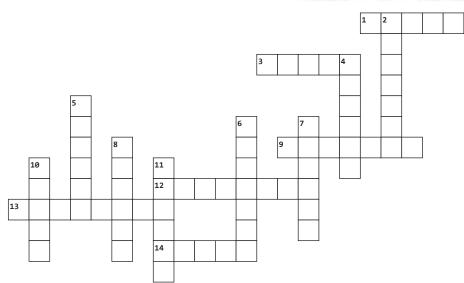
4. This drink has been around for thousands of years. Legend has it that in 2737 BC, Chinese emperor Shen Nung discovered it while sitting underneath a tree with boiling water.

5. This sparkling wine is named after the region from which it is produced.

6. This caffeinated energy drink from Austria "gives you wings".



# August Crossword



#### Across

1. One of two birth flowers for August, this flower symbolizes remembrance and is often used to honour veterans who have passed away in war.

3. On August 28, 1963, in Washington D.C., civil rights activist and reverend, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his inspiring "I Have a \_\_\_\_\_\_" speech.

9. This yellowish-green gemstone is one of three birthstones for August, the others being the spinel and sardonyx.

12. On the first Monday in August, Albertans celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ Day, which recognizes the multicultural landscape of the province.

13. In August of 1896, George Carmack was the first to find gold at Bonanza Creek, Yukon, sparking the \_\_\_\_\_\_Gold Rush.

14. The Summer Olympics takes place in which French city from July 26 to August 11 this year?





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#### Down

2. Canadian filmmaker James Cameron, famous for movies such as *Titanic, Avatar*, and *The Terminator*, was born on August 16, 1954, in Kapuskasing, \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The fantasy novel *A Game of Thrones*, written by George R.R. \_\_\_\_\_, was first published in August of 1996.

5. August is a popular name for boys in this Scandinavian country.

6. On August 8, 1969, The \_\_\_\_\_, took to the street to take the cover photo for their album Abbey Road which featured songs such as "Here Comes the Sun", "Come Together", and "Octopus's Garden".

7. The Perseid \_\_\_\_\_\_ shower is one of the best shooting stars displays which Canadians can view on the eve of August 12 this year.

8. The saying "The Dog Days of Summer" is linked to the rising of the star called \_\_\_\_\_, also known as the Dog Star.

10. Canadian actress, Evangeline \_\_\_\_\_, famous for her role as Kate Austen in the drama series *Lost*, was born on August 3, 1979, in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

11. Michael \_\_\_\_\_\_ set the record for the most gold medals by an athlete in a single Olympic Games in Beijing, 2008.

# Saving Grandma's Garden

Article and Photos by Monika Smith

As my mom descended into dementia last year and could no longer live in her home, I had to sell her property. As with so many older residential properties on the market, many of my mom's and baby boomer generation had gorgeous gardens.

I needed to save a few token plants that she had tended over the years. They had brought her joy and a funny and often acrimonious relationship with Joe. Joe was born into a farming family, and although he became citified, he was a proud vegetable grower. But flowers? Heck no. He'd occasionally get into a mood and just rip out my mom's hard work, because they were not food.

Just before the new owner took over, I had a moment of, "I have to bring some of mom's plants to my place!" She had been growing them for decades. I broke a number one rule: if you get a plant, there's a hole in the ground ready for it! I basically dug out a big bunch of plant shoots and roots and dumped them into a bucket of soil.

What did I take home, dig in, and promptly forgot about? Primroses (Primula auricula), bergenia (Bergenia crassifolia), and leopard's bane (Arnica cucanlis).

There's another very good rule about plants, 'right plant in the right space'. However, plants want to survive and will make an effort. Just don't expect anything lush or healthy looking.

I was surprised in late May by a few leaves emerging in strange places, like near my Colorado spruce. What is that? Primroses! Ok, so that's where I put them. They were shorter than normal and looking a bit stunned. That's what a spruce tree and lean soil will do. We did have a wet-ish May that helped, and June has coaxed more plant out of the ground.

Mom had a big row of bergenia that I chopped apart and shovelled into a bucket. A gorgeous umbel of pink flowers emerged in the spring where I didn't remember putting them. Those famous big leaves were small! Another super hardy and evergreen perennial, if conditions are right. Last but not least is leopard's bane. Such a cheerful yellow and the earliest blooming daisy. None of these plants are 'native', but that got me to thinking of maybe leaving those plants in a 'cultivated' zone? Not large — as I prefer native plants — but these are from my mom's garden, and I needed something that is more than a piece of jewelry, art, or her favourite baking pan.

My message is simple. Save those old garden plants! If they are your grandmother's, aunt's, family members', or an aging friend's that has to move, ask if you can dig up a few favourites. Or chat with the developer if the house is sold. They don't care as long as you are not in the way or trespassing.

If you're new to gardening, these old plants are time tested to grow well. Find out how to remove a batch from a knowledgeable friend, or contact Calgary Horticulture, or even myself.

Keeping these hardy and old-fashioned plants lovingly tended to by my mom is a special legacy which I honour.

Thanks mom, your plants will remind me of you and wonderful memories of gardening and growing up.



This lovely pink umbel is one of the early flowering bergenia. An old fashioned, but lovely addition to any yard.



The yellow leopard's bane daisy is such a cheerful addition in a garden.



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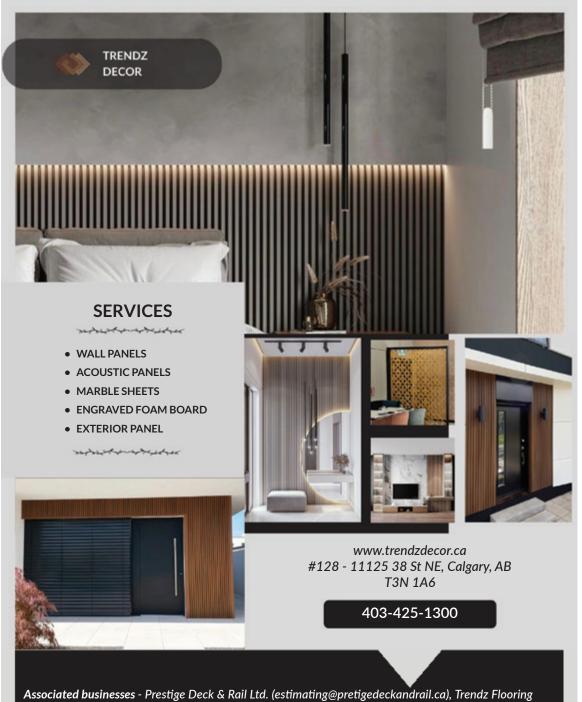
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