

# TRADE TALES

## MEET THE TEAM

### ***Kendra Shiells***

From grade 5 experiments to co-founding TTE, Kendra's journey inspires. Her passion for learning and inspiring the next generation drives her as a second-year electrical apprentice. .



### ***Natasha Zsiak***

Natasha, a co-founder of TTE, is a seasoned steamfitter and Level 2 welder. She is passionate about sharing her experiences and encouraging people to break barriers and explore the trades.



### ***Laura Cameron***

Laura, a versatile Red Seal Welder and Fabricator, is now pursuing a new trade as a heavy-duty mechanic. Passionate about blue-collar jobs and hands-on skills, Laura aims to inspire everyone to explore the trades and unleash their creativity.



# WHAT'S NEW



## Fall Frenzy Recap: A Season of Success with TTE

The autumn season at Tools to Empower (TTE) was a whirlwind of creativity and learning, marked by our "Fall Frenzy" series. Our kickoff event on September 18th, 2023, the iPad Workshop, was a resounding success. Youngsters engaged in crafting stylish copper iPad/book stands, surrounded by an atmosphere brimming with excitement and laughter. A big thanks to CatCoin and United Way for sponsoring these events, their support was instrumental in bringing these creative opportunities to life and enriching our community.

## But the fun didn't stop there!

- **The Drywall 101** - A smashing success, thanks to Briggs Solution. Participants enjoyed both demolishing and repairing drywall, gaining valuable hands-on experience.
- **Jingle Blocks** Due to popular demand, we brought back our Yardzee event. The enthusiasm from our 'Hammer Time' event carried over, making it another hit.
- **Cookies and Copper** - Our year ended on a high note with the kids joyfully decorating cookies and then joined their parents in creating charming copper reindeer..



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## ***Drywall 101***

Breaking down walls and building skills! A big shout-out to Briggs Solution for making this workshop a resounding success.



## ***Spooky String Art***

kids learned the precise skill of hammering nails. Their creativity blossomed as they transformed simple materials into festive, ghoulish masterpieces. Shout-out Catcoin and Caring Cats for sponsoring various events.

## ***Cookies & Copper***

This festive gathering was a fun experience for the whole family, blending cookie decorating thanks to @briannebakes and copper creativity





# small tools that make a big difference

## Compact Router

An impact router is the unsung hero of any woodshop. This versatile tool is like a sculptor's chisel in the hands of a woodworker. It enables precision carving, intricate detailing, and flawless edge profiles, turning raw lumber into refined masterpieces.



## Woodboring Countersink Bit

Precision is paramount, and woodboring countersink bits are your trusted allies. These handy tools combine drilling and countersinking in one efficient step. They create clean, flush holes with neatly beveled edges, perfect for accommodating screws or creating seamless joints.

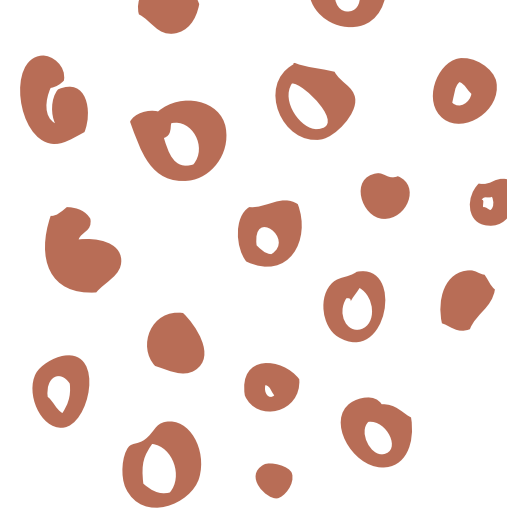


### Woodworking 101

When we were presented with the idea of building a community cupboard for Mission, we were absolutely thrilled! This is exactly what we're passionate about: helping communities thrive! Although our expertise lies in being a heavy-duty mechanic, electrician, and steamfitter, woodworking was a new challenge for us. But, thanks to Paul Roberts, the owner of Campbell Rivers and Stone, we quickly got up to speed. He taught us essential cabinet-making skills and other valuable woodworking tricks. Together, we crafted a magnificent community cupboard, which we proudly presented to the city of Mission over Thanksgiving weekend. This experience has greatly boosted our confidence in woodworking, and we're excited to share our newfound knowledge in our upcoming workshops.

# BIG REVEAL

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD



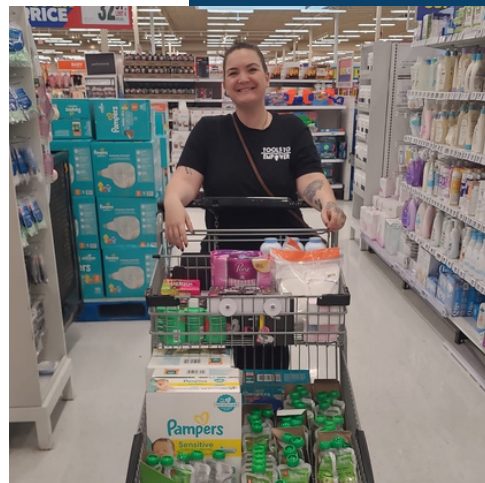
## October 5th

The grand reveal of the Community Cupboard in Mission, BC.

## What is a Community Cupboard?

It's a remarkable resource designed to lend a helping hand to those in need. With the support of local businesses and caring neighbors, we stock this cupboard with pantry staples, toiletries, and essential items like socks and gloves.

We also had the opportunity to fill the cupboard, an experience that was truly an honor and one we look forward to having again.



**Big thanks to United Way and Cedar Valley Church for making this project possible! Your support was crucial and deeply appreciated!**



## Here's peak of what we have planned for the next quarter

Thank you all for your incredible support in 2023. We had an amazing first year and are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with so many fantastic partners. Excitingly, here's what we have lined up for 2024:

- **Expansion Announcement:** We're growing! Check out our application if you're interested in joining TTE, either on the board or as a member. We have numerous opportunities coming up and can't wait to share them with you all.
- **February 2nd, 2024 - First Meetup:** Join us at Bevee's for our first meetup of the year. Follow us on Instagram to stay updated on future meetups!
- **March 24th, 2024 - First Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Mark your calendars for our first AGM, where we will elect our new board and welcome new members.
- **New and Returning Partnerships:** We're thrilled to announce some old and new partnerships for the upcoming year.
  - **Catcoin Sponsorship:** Catcoin is sponsoring our first meetup and the exciting Mario Flowerpower event on March 10th.
- **More to Come:** Stay tuned for more updates and events. We have plenty in store for 2024.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone for your support. We look forward to another fantastic year with TTE!