

Ties that Bind

Community Street Art Project

Participate together with other community members as we create a series of `tree ties` that will be used as an outdoor textile installation at Sherwood Park.

Participants will stitch together fabric rectangles and embellish them with buttons, bits of ribbon and even hand writing.

Join us

- August 1st 5:00 – 8:00 PM @ Espanola Public Library
- August 12th 9:00 – 12 PM @ Espanola Farmers Market (QPC Parking Lot)
- August 21st 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM @ Espanola Mall
- September 12th 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM @ Espanola Public Library
- September 22nd 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM @ Espanola Public Library
- September 25th 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM @ Espanola Mall

No experience necessary and all supplies are provided. Participants 12 and under accompanied by an adult please.

This is a joint project between the Espanola Fibre Arts Festival and the Espanola Public Library.

If you are unable to attend our gatherings to create a tree tie, you are welcome to create a tie and submit to the Espanola Public Library. Submissions must be received by September 25th, 2017 – please attach a piece of paper to your tie that includes the first name and the names of the individuals who have helped create your tree tie. Please let us know if you would like to have your tree tie returned to you after the installation is dismantled.

Ties that bind can be related to family ties, friendship type ties and ties that bind us in our community or what we have in common.

Tree ties will be created to express and represent ties we share within our community. Businesses and non-profit groups are welcome to create tree ties that demonstrate their unique ties within and to the community.

The tree ties will be exhibited collectively at Sherwood park throughout the month of October 2017 in conjunction with the 6th annual Espanola Fibre Arts Festival.

- Tree ties will be created out of rectangles of fabric that have been stitched together length wise, short sides together with a ¼ inch seam (rectangles will measure 5.5 inches wide X 8.5 inches long). It is suggested that each tie contain a minimum of 12 rectangles.
- Each tree tie will have 4 strips of fabric measuring 12 inches long and 1 inch wide securely attached at the top and the bottom of the tree tie. These strips will be used to attach the tree tie to a tree in Sherwood Park.
- Tree ties may be embellished with buttons, ribbons and other fancy trimmings. Be creative with the use of fabric – old shirts and jeans, baby blankets, beach towels, vintage ties etc.
- Tree ties may have hand writing on them or images printed on the fabric.
- We hope to have over 100 tree ties to wrap as many of the trees as possible in Sherwood Park.

