

Mehri Owjimehr

Mehri Owjimehr and her husband moved to Calgary from Iran two and a half years ago. In Iran Mehri was studying to receive her PhD in Electrical Engineering; at the same time, she was teaching undergrad students. Currently she is an Electrical Engineer in the medical field performing image processing. She is also working towards a Master's Degree at the University of Calgary. Mehri has a passion for art, such as painting, jewellery making, sewing, etc.

Not long after moving to Canada she was researching online in hopes of finding a place to volunteer, she found CIWA this way. She was drawn to volunteer with CIWA because she enjoys finding a creative outlet in arts and crafts and she also appreciated that this is an organization that helps a diverse group of women from around the world.

Mehri has volunteered with the Arts and Crafts group for over two years. Her passion and love for the group radiates as she speaks about her experiences with CIWA. She says that CIWA 'feels like home'. Volunteering with the group early in the week inspires her and energizes her for the rest of the week. She has learned a lot about other cultures, cross-cultural communication, and how to work with people of diverse ages. She also enjoys volunteering because it has helped her to be more open and overcome shyness. In addition she says her English has improved and she has made many new friends.

It is with joy and pleasure that Mehri was nominated for Volunteer of the Month. She exhibits great passion and dedication towards CIWA. No matter how busy her schedule is with her studies and work she can always be relied on to be a part of the Craft Group. She is dynamic in the tasks she can carry out and always performs with excellence. CIWA staff can trust her to lead the group without supervision, should they have other things to tend to. She is highly respectful of CIWA staff and volunteers and always treats people with dignity and respect.

Congratulations Mehri for being Volunteer of the Month for November!

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