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THE TETRA SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA: CUSTOM ASSISTIVE DEVICES



TetraNation 2023

Thank you to everyone who participated in 2023!

Congratulations:

- Atlantic: Adapted Hockey Glove
- Central: Powered Grabber in Pretty Pink
- Prairies: Custom Seating Apparatus
- BC: Wheelchair Platform - Custom Made



If you haven't seen all of the projects in this year's TetraNation competition, head over to our YouTube channel to view the 35 projects that made up TetraNation 2023:

<http://ow.ly/uUTu500aTun>

You can also check out our awards celebration, sponsored by [Fable](#), and find out the top three vote-getters in each region.

A special thank you to
the TetraNation 2023
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YOU'RE INVITED!

TetraCon 2023

I'MPOSSIBLE

Make sure to join us on Zoom on October 17th for our Annual TetraCon. This year's theme is I'mPossible, and we'll have presentations on various topics, from power hockey to home automation to sex toys and more! You don't want to miss this. Learn more and register now!



tetracon2023.eventbrite.ca

Tetra Trivia

Bring your answers to TetraCon for your chance to win prizes!

- 1) What year was the Tetra Society formed?
- 2) What are the THREE 'categories' of Tetra projects [Hint: Otherwise known as 'home, work & play']
- 3) What is the name of Tetra's founder?
- 4) What is our annual video contest called?
- 5) What is the name of the Tetra-made device that allows users to perform many functions of a computer mouse and keyboard with a touch from a single digit or limb?



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TETRACON 2023: I'MPOSSIBLE

Schedule: 10 AM - 2 PM PT

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
10 - 10:15 AM	Eric Molendyk, Program Manager, to give welcome remarks, land acknowledgment, and introduce the executive director.
10:15 - 10:30 AM	David Fong, Executive Director, to give opening remarks.
10:30 - 11 AM	Eric to speak about TetraNation and introduce each Regional Coordinator to speak about their region's winning project.
11 - 11:05 AM	Answer trivia question number 1 for a chance to win a \$50 prepaid visa.
11:05 - 11:30 AM	Eric to introduce Casper Ryan – Tetra client and videographer and DIGA board member.
11:30 AM - 12 PM	LUNCH BREAK - A video of projects will play throughout the break and answer trivia question number 2 for a chance to win a \$50 prepaid visa.
12 - 12:30 PM	Sylvia to introduce Meghan Hines from Power Hockey Canada and Tetra client and PowerHockey player, Rachel.
12:30 - 12:35 PM	Answer trivia question number 3 for a chance to win a \$50 prepaid visa.
12:35 - 1 PM <i>*Mature theme</i>	Steve to introduce Rachele from Venus Envy and Tetra client Lachlan to speak about the sex toy collaboration. <i>This presentation is of a mature and adult nature, if you would prefer not to be part of it, please return at 1 PM for the next part of the afternoon.</i>
1 - 1:05 PM	Answer trivia question number 4 for a chance to win a \$50 prepaid visa.
1:05 - 1:30 PM	Crystal to introduce Sarah Yanagi, chapter coordinator and volunteer.
1:30 - 1:35 PM	Answer trivia question number 5 for a chance to win a \$50 prepaid visa.
1:35 - 2 PM	Sylvia to introduce Bill Cressman, volunteer from Guelph, and Eric to introduce BC volunteer Kasra Shafizadeh to speak about automation.

PEOPLE SPOTLIGHTS



Rachele Manett - Tetra Collaborator

Rachele (they/she) is a queer and disabled sexuality educator and the education coordinator for Venus Envy, an education-based sex shop and bookstore in Halifax and Ottawa.

Caspar Ryan - Tetra Contract Employee

Caspar is an award-winning artist driven by his passion for storytelling. As an accomplished video director, producer, and writer, he engages with communities both locally and abroad creating authentic and heartfelt narratives



Ali Taha Tetra Volunteer

Peel Region volunteer Ali was recently recognized by the Province of Ontario for his 20+ years of volunteering with Tetra Society.

Congratulations Ali, your time, effort and skills are greatly appreciated.



TETRA GEAR

If you are a loved one have difficulties operating a standard mouse and keyboard, NetClé might be the answer you're looking for.



Created by a group of Tetra Society volunteers, netClé underwent an extensive period of testing and refining beginning in 2019 with the support of the Government of Canada. The project resulted in an affordable adaptive device for operating a computer, laptop, or tablet with minimal hand function.

netcle.ca

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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Powerchair Drive-Up Workstation

Andrew needed support for his computer monitor and keyboard to work sitting in his power chair, tilted back at a comfortable attitude. For Andrew, the tilt is about 20 degrees from the vertical, which raises his knees and feet and prevents him from pulling up to an ordinary desk or table.



The solution was to suspend the computer monitor and keyboard mid-air, allowing Andrew to drive up and park his power chair under them. A commercially available computer monitor support was mounted on a custom-made cabinet, which supports Andrew's laptop computer and provides convenient storage space.

The project was completed in October 2019 by volunteer Carl Anderson, Halifax NS Tetra Society.

If you or a loved one needs an assistive device, please submit a request for assistance on our website. You will be asked to provide some background information about yourself, your disability and your requirements. It helps to have researched commercial devices to be sure that no alternative is available. You will NOT be required to forward additional materials like medical documents.

tetrasociety.org/assistance

INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM & ACCESS

Tetra is a registered charity that enables people with disabilities to overcome barriers in the physical landscape. We recruit technically skilled and compassionate volunteers who work one-on-one with individuals requiring custom engineering solutions. The completed gizmos empower people with disabilities to live independent and active lives.

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