
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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from your **Chair**

Murray MacDonald

January is truly a winter paradise in this corner of the world. A Mecca for snow-shoeing, skiing, sledding, or just curling up with a book and tea cup. Not everyone understands this though. Sometimes people from town will roll their eyes and say, "Oh, how's that road of yours this winter?" They think we're all trying to escape. I have to explain to them that Kingfisher **is** the center of the universe.

Rounding into February, it's always good to invent a way for people to get-together. This year on February 17th, KCS will be hosting a Lasagna dinner and fun-raiser. We've done lasagna dinners many times over the years and it is always a good time.

We are fundraising because;

- a) that is what we have to do and
- b) to pay for damages caused by that freak wind storm last August. The storm caused a power surge that damaged the electronics of our heating/cooling system.

In addition to the dinner there will be a silent auction of goods and services. If you have either of those you'd like to donate, contact a director. Adding a splash of sound and colour to the event will be a group of Gypsy serenaders. On the screen will be a montage of valley photographs both old and new.

Winter Family Fun Day at KIC

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society will be hosting a winter family fun day on **Sunday February 18 from 10:00-2:00** at the **Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (2550 Mabel Lake Rd)**. This is an opportunity to get together with family and friends and enjoy winter before the seasons change. Bring your snowshoes, skis and snow gear and enjoy a day outdoors, playing in the snow.

Hone your forest detective skills by taking a snowshoe or ski through the forest looking for animal tracks and other animal evidence. Warm up around a fire in the kekuli or enjoy a free hot dog and hot chocolate around the bonfire outside. Decorate the snow with colour maybe build a snow fort or carve some snow.

If you would like to be involved or would like any other information please contact us at **(250)838-0004**.

Kingfisher Community Society Presents

February Fun-Raiser *We put the fun in fundraising*

Saturday February 17th, 5pm

Admission \$10:00; Family \$25

- Lasagna, Salad and Sundae Dinner
- Beer and wine bar
- Door prize
- *Silent auction
- Beat the goalie challenge
- Gypsy Serenaders
- Our Valley. A montage of photographs old and new

*Donation of goods and services welcome. Contact a director. Funds to support ongoing sports and cultural activities at KCS

Movie Night saw Sly Reynolds' first birthday celebrations with **Lego Ninjago** being featured on the big screen. Do you have any events coming up that you would like to see tied up with our Movie Nights?

Make it a time for celebration - be it birthdays, or simple get togethers and combine it with our monthly movie night.

February's date is yet to be announced, stay tuned for it on our FaceBook page!

The Guitar

You might have noticed a guitar hanging on the wall above the piano. It has been generously donated to the KCS by Jade Lawrence, to encourage random music-making. Feel free to play. Rock out, Kumbaya or practice.

Age 10 and up would be a rule of thumb.

Eye in the Sky 2018 ~ Brian Lussin

Here is a selection of celestial events for 2018. With the help of astronomer friend, Nairb Nissul, I have mostly selected those that would be best for naked eye and binocular viewing.

Watch for Zodiacal light after evening twilight during first two weeks in February. Venus gradually appears in the evening western sky in March and moves higher until elongation on August 17th. Equinox on March 20th at 8AM. Several planets move into nighttime viewing in April, May, and June. Solstice on June 21st -ya summer or prepare for fire season. Get a water barrel and bucket.

Lots of planet activity in July and August. Check out the moon shadows on Jupiter as some of its moons transit the planet; August 2, 6, 9, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 27, and 31. Because of the close planet activity several celestial objects can be seen within the viewing field of most binoculars. Cover a flashlight with a red coloured celluloid gel sheet or equivalent for outside night viewing. The eye will not dilate or constrict noticeably viewing red light.

Perseid meteor showers peak on the 13th. Zodiacal light Sept. 5 for two weeks and again starting Oct. 13. Both events in the AM. Equinox on Sept. 21. Occultation of Mars 1.0 degree N of Moon on Nov. 13. And there is always good Moon viewing each month. Also most months have meteor shower events, like the Gemini and Ursids in Dec. peaking on the 14th and 22nd, respectively.

Interested in a summer night time viewing session? Best during the week before or after Aug.11. Watch this space. Clear skies everyone!

Kingfisher's Annual Bird Count Numbers Are In

Seventeen hardy enthusiasts took part in this year's Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count held December 31, 2017. It was the coldest count day in the twenty-one-year history of the group! An overnight low of -16 and day time high of just -10 seemed to keep the number of birds sighted (279) down, but thirty-seven species were spotted, which is right up among the top numbers over the years.

There were some species recorded for the first time on our list:



- Two Pine Grosbeak, pictured left.
Female grosbeak- yellowish markings, male- pink-red colouring

- Snow geese (5). Though often seen in Enderby, they have not been counted here.
- Mourning Doves (8) holding their own against invasive Eurasian Collared Doves at Hupel Farms
- Semipalmated Plover (1) hanging out around Brian Lussin and Sue Saloka's
- One Yellow-shafted Flicker (below), in addition to our often-seen Red-shafted Flicker



A few other observations worth noting:

- (13) Trumpeter swans gracefully moving along the river in groups of 4-6.
- Mallard ducks (14) in low numbers, compared to hundreds counted in other years.
- Black-capped, Chestnut-backed and Mountain Chickadees showing up simultaneously at one feeder.
- The usual suspects including Great Blue Heron, Eagles, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers.

Not one Kingfisher was spotted on this year's bird count. This is the first time a Kingfisher has not made our list; maybe it was too cold to be out and about for this bird, but not for our Kingfisher birders! After braving the cold, we gathered after sunset for a great potluck hosted by Susie Everett. By consensus, we celebrated the New Year at 10 pm and topped off the night with good cheer.

Everyone is invited to share their observations of birds and other wildlife throughout the year in the Kingfisher newsletter. Just email George Jameson g67george@gmail.com or phone him at (250) 838-6882.

BC Flood and Wildfire Review - Coming Soon *Herb Latchko (838 6525)*

In December 2017, the Government of BC launched an independent review of 2017's unprecedented wildfire and spring flood season. The review will include in-person engagement in select communities across B.C., as well as an online engagement platform for those who cannot attend in-person events. The report's draft is due in April 2018 with the final report in June 2018. George Abbott and Maureen Chapman will conduct the review. This will be the first major examination of responses since the Filmon Report after the 2003 fire season (the year of the Kelowna Fire). The Filmon Report, which you can find online with a simple Google search, called on the government and municipalities to fireproof forests around communities. Go to: bcfloodfirereview.ca to sign up for updates and information about the review.

It is worth noting that last year some people were receiving evacuation financial support due to flooding at the same time others were receiving financial support due to fire evacuations. Last fire season, wildfire evacuation orders affected 65,000 people in BC and firefighting costs were over \$564 million. Estimated costs to reduce the fuel load around most communities in BC would be in the \$3-4 Billion range. Do we want to pay fire fighters to try and put out fires or pay people to reduce the fuel load?

In closing, the Regional District's Protective Services Manager will be preparing a statement regarding the revision of the 2005 Emergency Evacuation Plan for the March Kingfisher Newsletter.

Kingfisher Library

The Library will be accessible from 10am - 3pm every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Happy Reading!

Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School
Marieka Vroon 838-7856



TASS - Tuesday Afternoon Social Scene

Every Tuesday @ 1pm -
Contact: Ted & Marieka Vroon for more details
838-7856

Recycling

The Rivermouth Road recycling program is now active, but remember to label your recycling so garbage doesn't slip in and attract the local wildlife.

We are phasing out glass this year, so please drop off all glass at the waste management location up Beattie Road.

That's right, no glass. You may dispose any plastic and aluminum cans and bottles, but no tetra packs (juice boxes) or other waste.

Please do not leave boxes, cardboard, or other containers along with your recycling—just the cans or bottles. Look for new 'no parking signs' in front of the drop off and pick up area :)

Thank you, KCS Recycling Program,
Catalin Faget



MACKENZIE CAMP AGM & THANK-YOU DINNER

On **February 3, 2018** at 7 pm the Annual General Meeting of the MacKenzie Camp Society takes place in the basement of St. Andrew's United Church, 1110 Belvedere Street, Enderby, BC V0E 1V0. Preceding it at 5:30 pm by an invitational **Thank-You Dinner** for all our donors, volunteers, members, past members, & life members.



MACKENZIE CAMP 2018 SUMMER JOBS

MacKenzie Camp is now accepting applications for the following **Core Staff** positions:

- Camp Director
- Assistant Director
- First Aid Attendant
- Waterfront Director
- Head Cook

In February 2018, hiring will also begin for seven (7) **Camp Counsellor** positions.

Core Staff work commences **May 28, 2018** with the MacKenzie Camp school program. Camp Counsellor work commences **July 2** with our summer youth camp program. All positions continue to August 17, with additional opportunities for Core Staff in late August and September.

Find job descriptions and application forms at
<https://mackenziecamp.ca/employment/>.
Questions? Phone 250-838-6293.



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www.mabellakerentals.ca
Listings of accommodations for rent by owner.

BOTTLE RECYCLABLES NEEDED....

If you are not wanting to sort out your pop/beer/wine bottles, we will gladly pick them up for you or you can drop them off at The Schalin Farm located 2843 Mabel Lake Road. Aspen, Navi and Boden are fundraising for fastball and 4-H and are looking for ways to help out with costs.

Mabel Lake Farms

Kent & Suzanne Clark
250-838-6248
Kentclark@telus.net

Products available all year

Please call to order

Blueberries, Jams, Syrups, Pies, Xmas Baking

Services available

Mini Excavator

Bed and Breakfast

Venue Hosting (May-September)

Coffee Shop (July & August)

Snow plowing

MABEL LAKE BOAT STORAGE

Bev Brookes

Tel: 250.838.5712

#34 201 Kildonan Ave.
Enderby, B.C., V0E 1V2

Badminton

Kingfisher Hall

Catalin Faget

1 250 999 0945 or
the Hall 838 6200

Road Hockey

The tennis court.

Sundays 2.30

Equipment supplied.



Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	1 778 721 5665
Treasurer -----	Brigitte Koch-----	250 838 7350
Memberships	Art Herbert	250 838 9759
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Deanna Caswell-----	250 838 9678
Maintenance	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	James Latchko -----	250 503 6698

Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brigitte Koch, our treasurer, 838-7350, or 2215 Mabel Lake Road.

Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; members are welcome to attend!

Please write to: kcsentertainmentdiector@gmail.com to know about events. KCSrecreation@gmail.com to ask about activities happening in & around the hall

Membership *Art Herbert*

3080 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, B C, V0E 1V5 candaherbert@gmail.com 838-9759
\$30/family and \$20/single.

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KCS members only

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George Jameson
2365 Mabel Lake Road
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Email photos and news items to Marion Fernandez:
editorkingfisher@gmail.com

Deadline is 25th of each month.

Deadline is 25th of each month. I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email.

If you have 2 items, use 2 separate emails.

Please send text as an attachment, not in the body of the email.

From OUR ARCHIVES Kingfisher Community Society Mandate

The purposes of the KCS are:

- to acquire land and thereon build and operate a Community Hall and Recreation Centre, and
- to foster and promote social, sporting, recreational, charitable and educational activities