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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter



... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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[kingfishercommunity.com](http://kingfishercommunity.com) is live!!



**From your Chair:**

Jacky Clark

Unfortunately for me I was unable to attend the 70th Birthday party (*I love my grandkids but I wish they'd stop giving me things like the flu*) but I have been hearing that those who attended were treated to a nice trip down "Memory Lane". Thank you those that hosted and to those that spoke and not least those that attended. As this will be the last newsletter of 2019 I would like to THANK everyone that participated in ANY event /activity to do with the Hall. Whether you organized, helped out, donated, washed dishes, put out chairs, swept the floor, cooked, ate, sang, danced, decorated, did the newsletter, put up signs, showed up, whatever! THANK YOU!

Us directors can direct all we want but it would all be for nothing if **you** didn't participate.

So THANK YOU one and all for caring about your Community. It has been a good 2019!

But we're not done yet.. there is still the decorate the Hall night. Friday Dec 6 at 6:30. Bring a snack for sharing and an anonymous gift for the ever favourite gift exchange game. See you there. (*I might bring butter tarts* :)

And don't forget the Famous Kingfisher Christmas Concert. Friday Dec 13 @6:30. Hosted yet again by our very own Murray McDonald. As there is NO pot luck this year Murray might need a bit of help with some entertainment so let him know if you can help out. Don't forget to bring a little snack to share for the "after party". See you there too!

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. 2020!!**

As always feel free to call me 250 838 6062 or email at [allenclark@telus.net](mailto:allenclark@telus.net)

Jacky

PS

For the holidays We will not be doing a January issue.

We will start again in February

## **Kingfisher's 23rd Annual Christmas Bird Count**



Did you know we live in the top wintering grounds for bald eagles and trumpeter swans? Join in the Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count this year and see for yourself!

Every winter in Kingfisher for the past twenty-two years, eyes have turned to the skies during a designated 24-hour period to record the type and number of birds from Mabel Lake to the half-way hill. This year in Kingfisher the 23rd annual Christmas Bird Count, a hidden gem in the community calendar, occurs from sunset January 2nd to sunset January 3rd.

### **What's Involved**

- Some people count at their feeders. Others venture out to walk along the road, by the river, or into the bush. While some may spend a good part of the day, all that's required is a couple of hours of your time. It's not a competition; you don't need to "bag" a large number.

- You don't need to be an expert to participate. The basics are binos, a bird book, and the ability to count. For myself the joy lies in slowing down and appreciating what's around us.

- You can email or phone in your sightings or better still bring them to the famously delicious potluck supper on January 3rd at Susie Everatt's home, 2012 Mabel Lake Road. This is a wonderful low-key, almost no-key, opportunity to meet new people; if you are new to Kingfisher, we'd love to see you. While encouraging younger contributors, we are mostly a grey-haired group and the evening ends early.

There is so much to learn about our Watershed and its related wonders. When we pause to appreciate the depth of diversity around us and the interconnectedness of our natural world, we can be inspired to continue our efforts to raise awareness of it and to protect it. Join the Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count this year! If you are interested, you can call myself (George) or Jan at 838-6882 or Susie (838-2026) or contact me at [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com). Join us!



Are you seeing a lot of this bird in the valley as the weather turns cold? These cheeky, intelligent birds are frequent visitors at feeders in general. Some we are seeing may be younger ones who have moved down from higher elevations. They're Steller's Jays.

Did you know that in 1987 the Steller's Jay was voted the people's choice for our Provincial bird? But where did its name come from?

It may surprise you to learn that the "Steller" part of the name is due to Georg Steller's notes of 1741! He was the surgeon/naturalist on the second Vitus Bering exploration of the far north's waters. The vessel visited what is now Kayak Island in the Gulf of Alaska. On this same

island where Steller collected the jay, he noted evidence of an active first people's camp. This became the first record of European contact in North America. Steller left some items from his ship in trade and collected few items from the camp. He gathered berries and collected specimens, including the vibrant blue and black bird we often see today.

Later in the voyage, two-thirds of the crew and Captain Bering himself perished. They refused Steller's advice to eat berries he had gathered. They became too weak to mind the sails, ran the ship aground and died probably of scurvy. The surviving crew, who had followed Steller's advice, then joined him in salvaging enough of the grounded vessel to build a small boat. They sailed the open seas on through Alaska's treacherous False Pass and landed on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula.

Steller, the specimens he collected, and all twelve crew members survived. Later in his life when his sailing days were over, Steller was honored with his name attached to several creatures he noted - including our own, strikingly beautiful jay.

### Hall Decorating Party

The Hall Decorating Party for the Kingfisher Annual Christmas Concert is on **Friday December 6th, 2019**. We welcome all helping hands and enthusiastic hearts to assist with the decorations, lights, and gift wrapping for all the gifts that Santa will distribute.

This is a 'Bring a snack' and BYOB event and we will do our traditional gift exchange (\$15 limit). Any questions, please call Marion Fernandez at 250-838-9567.

### Kingfisher Christmas Concert Wants YOU!

The Kingfisher Christmas Concert at 6:30 on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> promises to bring plenty of warm, good-feeling Christmas fun to everyone. We're inviting young and old to be part of the program. If you have a song/ dance/ poem or skit call Murray MacDonald at 250-838-6379.

The night is already taking shape with some exciting acts. The littlest ones will be singing *Twinkle, Twinkle*. Sierra Reap will sing as well as co-host the concert. The Reynolds kids will be back plus Marion Fernandez, Murray MacDonald and Mikenna Allen and Brenda Heywood. Later we'll all bring in the Elf with a rousing version of *Kingfisher Christmas*.

Whether it is on-stage or in-the-audience, come out and celebrate in the good old-fashioned Kingfisher way.

In the rural areas there is little being done to accent the RCMPs work from a community's point of view. Mike Moyer from the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is our Safe Community Coordinator he wrote an article in Blockwatch Newsletter. Mike currently works at the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) as the Safe Communities Coordinator and 2nd Bylaw Officer. The RDNO provides over 70 services, to more than 87,000 North Okanagan residents. I have edited his article to fit the Kingfisher newsletter:

*The rural areas are where I offer Block Watch training to 30 Block Watch groups throughout the RDNO. Before working at the RDNO, I was an RCMP officer with 19+ years service in seven different posting locations in BC with services in varied in roles such as Crime Prevention, uniformed policing, Covert Operations, administration and Aboriginal Policing. I have seen first hand how effective Block Watch can be. The program empowers people to provide additional "eyes and ears" for the Police as neighbours form a network to report suspicious activity. Rural BC Historically, the Block Watch Program has operated well in urban settings where neighbourhood groups organize to identify and record suspicious vehicles and human activity. It may not come to mind immediately, but rural crime is different than urban crime. Opportunities for criminal activity are largely based on a lack of density. When a community all knows one another, they are more likely to leave their doors unlocked, and with no neighbours for miles, there are fewer people that can see their neighbour's car being stolen or house broken into. While rural areas have less crime than their urban counterparts, criminal behaviour is on the rise, so by joining Block Watch, tight-knit communities are empowered to be more aware of what happens a few miles down the road.*

*If you have crime concerns or interested in Crime Prevention in Area "F" contact Mike at:*

**P 250.550.3733 | E [mike.moyer@rdno.ca](mailto:mike.moyer@rdno.ca)**

Mike as well gives FireSmart awareness courses (when he is not fighting crime) we hope to see him come out to give FireSmart awareness lessons to the community.

## KINGFISHER SCHOOL NEWS

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th, @ 11 am**

**BRING A LUNCH AND COME JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY**

Make a swag-cost is \$20.00 OR a centrepiece arrangement-cost is \$25.00

All supplies provided, but if you have other accent pieces that you wish to add, please feel free to bring them.

To book your spot, contact Suzanne @250-838-6248 or Laurie @250-838-7522.

Please RSVP by December 6th, to ensure there are enough supplies.

### BOOKCLUB

Over the past 6 months, we have had up to 12 people picking up and reading books. We have found that we can order books through our local library, taking turns choosing through the Okanagan Library website.

Our objective is to keep the cost to readers minimal, hopefully encouraging more readers!

We generally meet about every 4 to 5 weeks for roughly an hour to discuss the book chosen. Not all readers are able to attend but we have more than a 50% turnout.

Anyone interested, please contact Suzanne@250-838-6248 or Laurie@250-838-7522 If you would like to be added to our email list, please email Laurie at lauriebaines96@gmail.com.

### KEYS

To keep costs down on cutting new keys, we would like anyone who has a school key and no longer needs it, to please drop off at their earliest convenience.

It is imperative that we know who has keys for the school.

Please contact Suzanne Clark @250-838-6248

### QUILTING AND CRAFTING WEDNESDAYS

Quilting Days are November 27th, December 11th, January 8th, and 22nd

Every 2nd week we have a Crafting Day, and we are encouraging those in our community who do not quilt to bring a lunch and their CRAFT to come and socialize.

Crafting Days are December 4th and 18th, January 15th and 29th.

WE HAVE AMAZING TALENT IN OUR COMMUNITY, and just maybe one or more talented people will do a workshop teaching us some of their skills. Stay Tuned!

### Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert will begin at 6:30 pm, December 13.

Bring some snacks for yourself and your family.

**There will not be a potluck this year.**

There'll be lots of time to visit before the Concert begins. As always, our Hall will be beautifully decorated for the festivities. Concert entertainment will include Kingfisher's traditional visit from that jolly old elf.

**Parents, please bring a small gift for kids outside the community who will be at the concert.**

**Bring a donation for the Enderby food bank.**

Please spread the word so that those attending from near and far can take part in the Christmas Concert this year! If you would like to participate and show off your talents, please contact Murray at 250-838-6379

**Friday, December 13th, 2019. Doors open 6:00pm. Concert 6:30**

### HARVEST DINNER QUILT RAFFLE WINNER

The lucky raffle winner of the quilt at the Harvest Dinner was Herb Latchko.

Cuddle up and keep warm!!



**Community Ads (free to KCS members)**

<p><b>Mini excavator for hire</b> 0 turn, 5'wide 52 hp</p>	<p><b>Allen</b> 250-838-6062</p> <p><b>Brad</b> 250-838-6326</p>	<p><b>Consultants</b></p>
<p><b>Dirt work</b> Driveway parking areas ditching....etc,etc,etc</p> <p><b>Bush work</b> Tree removal stump removal Brush removal....etc,etc,etc</p>		

**Clark Boyz**

3173 Mabel Lake Rd Enderby, BC V0E1V5  
**Allen** 250-838-6062  
**Brad** 250-838-6326

Consultants

License tree **faller 15 + years** production falling.  
 Heavy Equipment **Operators since 1969**  
 Logging development, Road construction  
 and maintenance, erosion control....etc

**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.

**LOOKING FOR LEADS**

Please give me a call if you spot interesting wildlife out Kingfisher way. I love coming out to the valley to catch these images. Thanks!

Janet Brown, 250-833-8181  
[www.janetbrownphotography.com](http://www.janetbrownphotography.com)  
[e:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com)

**KINGFISHER COUNTRY QUILTERS**

For information please contact Lisa Miner at (250) 838-7128 or email her at [lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com).

**Road Hockey**

The tennis Court.  
 Sundays 2.30 pm  
**Equipment  
 Supplied**

**Pickle Ball:** Kingfisher Hall

**Tuesdays/ Fridays/ Sundays:  
 2pm**

Pickleball paddles provided -  
 just bring your enthusiasm!

**KINGFISHER MEMBERSHIPS**

Are available from please buy or renew your memberships

Megan Martin Membership Director  
[megaan92@gmail.com](mailto:megaan92@gmail.com)  
 250-838-0455 Cell 250-540-2916

**Mabel Lake Farms**

Kent & Suzanne Clark  
 250-838-6248  
[Kentclark@telus.net](mailto: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**

**Heinz Doerfling Drywall**

- Boarding •Taping •Finishing
- Textured Ceilings
- Residential •Renovations
- Serving Enderby and Mabel Lake

**250-838-7477**

**[hddrywall@xplornet.com](mailto:hddrywall@xplornet.com)**



### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Jacky Clark -----	250 838 6062
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	250 838 9567
Treasurer -----	Michele Huntington ---	250 838 7477
Memberships	Megan Clark-Martin	250-838-0455
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Sydney Graham -----	250 574 5725
Maintenance & Supplies	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
	Kowyn Hibbert -----	250 938 6925

#### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Michele Huntington, our treasurer, 838-7477.

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

Membership Megan Martin  
250-838-0455  
([megaan92@gmail.com](mailto:megaan92@gmail.com))  
\$30/family and \$20/single.

#### KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to :  
[editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

#### Deadline is 25th of each month.

Deadline is strictly 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

#### KCS Advertising

##### Paid Advertisements

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to  
George Jameson.  
[g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

Paid ads be limited to 1/8 page  
Word Document only  
KCS members only

Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100) or 6 months or less for \$50

Submit directly to George - [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

Payment prior to ad placement to be dropped off or mailed to:

George Jameson  
2365 Mabel Lake Road  
Enderby  
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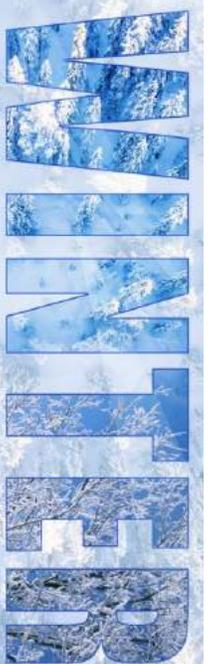
**Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society**

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

# December 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2:00 PICKLE BALL	2	3 2:00 PICKLE BALL	4	5	6 2:00 PICKLE BALL 6:30 CHRISTMAS HALL DECORATING	7
8 2:00 PICKLE BALL	9	10 2:00 PICKLE BALL	11	12	13 2:00 PICKLE BALL 6:30 CHRISTMAS CONCERT	14
15 2:00 PICKLE BALL	16	17 2:00 PICKLE BALL	18	19	20 2:00 PICKLE BALL 8:00 BADMINTON	21
22 2:00 PICKLE BALL	23	24 2:00 PICKLE BALL <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>Boxing Day</i>	27 2:00 PICKLE BALL 8:00 BADMINTON	28
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes	 			