

# The Kingfisher

## Our Community's Newsletter



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**from your Chair**

*Murray MacDonald*

Looking back a year ago, the big Kingfisher news item was about the grizzly family, marauding up and down the valley. No such excitement this year, as they seem to have moved off to some non-human place. Good luck for us and them, I think. Nevertheless, there is still plenty of wildlife to be observed in the valley (I'm not talking about the Corn Roast).

Last July, Laura were driving home, talking about how it is good to live in a place where seeing bears is common. Good as long as they're not too close, we agreed. Then, rounding into the yard, we were astonished to see, not five feet from our deck, a very large cougar. Noticing us, it stood up, walked slowly along the front of our house and disappeared into the field. My first thought was, "wow" and then, "I guess that's it for our cat". Turns out, the cat slept right through it.

Two days later, Laura, still feeling nervous outdoors, was working in the flower garden. Just as she bent over to pull a weed, a large animal pounced on her back. I heard the scream over the sound of my weed-whacker. Lucky, it was just the neighbour's puppy.

The harvest has been a good one this year. So much abundance in this corner of the world. Come celebrate at the Harvest Dinner potluck on Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Food, friends and maybe a song or two.

### **Harvest Dinner Potluck**

Saturday, October 22,

5:00 p.m. Kingfisher Hall

Roast Beef provided by donation

## **Kingfisher/Mabel Lake/Hupel History**

The book that the History Steering Committee has been working on for the last 4 years is finished and at the layout stage. We anticipate it to be published and ready to go in the spring.

We are having a book launch celebration on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Kingfisher Hall - an afternoon event and we welcome all community members to attend this Gala. As the time approaches we will have more details. Of course, you will be able to physically handle the book at that time, pick up pre ordered copies and purchase others. In the meantime, we are encouraging pre sales in order to help with printing numbers and costs.

The book is \$25 and it can be purchased at various events at Kingfisher Hall, by contacting Judy Fischer at [judy.fischer@shaw.ca](mailto:judy.fischer@shaw.ca) or 250-838-0025 (Remax office) or by contacting Diane Hatt at [dianehatt@hotmail.com](mailto:dianehatt@hotmail.com) or 250-838-6649.

In addition, there are still the DVDs for sale. They cover a variety of things that have happened in the valley through the years. The one titled 'Kingfisher Memories 1989' can be picked up immediately. Others need to be ordered. The cost is \$10. contact Diane Hatt if you want more information.

Thank you for your stories and support of this project. *Diane Hatt*

## **Emergency Evacuation/Planning**

*Herb Latchko*

As you may have noticed, most of the Fire Barrels have been taken down. Thanks to those of you that supported this educational initiative.

Special thanks to those people sponsoring one of the 'Community Fire Barrels'. They are: Jan Lacko and Greg Clark (the halfway); James Latchko (Isobel Falls Sign); Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (Cooke Creek) and Hew Kidston (Leighton Road Standpipe). I sponsored the one by the mail boxes across from the Schalin's Corn Stand.

The Regional District has not yet formally announced the person being hired as Protective Services Manager. I'm hopeful that this person will meet over the winter with members of the Local Planning Groups (LPG) and other interested people. It will be nice to have that person lead the way in terms of: revising our evacuation plan; coordinating with the Local Planning Groups (LPG); and start the process of reducing fuel loads.

Spring and Fall are a great time of the year to reduce the fuel loads around your home. For more information on preparedness, brush clearing and venting conditions go to: [bcwildfire.ca](http://bcwildfire.ca)

## **Road Hockey**

The tennis court.

Sundays 2.30

**Equipment supplied.**



**Grandma's Playground**

## **Badminton**

Kingfisher Hall

*Catalin Faget*

1 250 999 0945

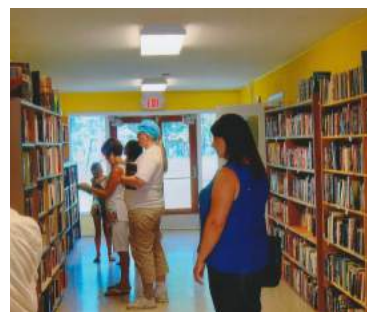
or the Hall

838 6200

## **Kingfisher Quilters**

Old Kingfisher School

*Barbea Flath 250 838 0324*



**Kingfisher Library**



## Looking Back: The Corn Roast

*Brigitte Koch*

When I woke up on Saturday morning it was raining and I was wondering if that is a good or a bad sign???

The tables got set up and everything was ready. The time was almost 5 pm but only a few people had showed up so far !?!



Then all of a sudden there was a lineup - - - about 100 people attended, a spontaneous 50/50 draw happened, people remained seated and were talking after they had enjoyed the food.

A big thanks to all who came and enjoyed the evening. Thanks to all who helped setting up and cleaning up. Special thanks to: Schalins who donated the corn, Matthew and David who husked the corn with their mother, Wayne who cooked the corn, and Jacky, Lin, Marianne, and Marieka who were great helpers and supporters.

## Salmon Egg Take on the Shuswap

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society will be hosting their annual Salmon Egg Take event over the Thanksgiving long-weekend. The event will be run on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 3:30 (at the latest).

Kingfisher Interpretive Centre is a community-run salmon hatchery looking for volunteers to help us catch Chinook salmon using our big seine net!

This free, fun, family event is a great opportunity to get a close, hands-on, look at our local Chinook salmon. Some of the eggs collected will be taken to local schools where thousands of children will get hands-on experience raising these fish in their classrooms.

Bring waders or gum boots, if you have some, and a lunch to enjoy on the scenic banks of the Shuswap River. We have waders to lend out but be forewarned that it is first come, first serve! If you are interested in lending a hand or just observing, you will need to drive 25 km east of Enderby on Mabel Lake Rd. Continue 500m past the Interpretive Centre sign to the site on the river. You can't miss it! If you have any questions, call 250-838-0004. *Shona Bruce*

## Community Ads (free to KCS members)

### MESSAGE PRACTITIONER

Available for booking in home or studio sessions. Call Catalin 1 250 999-0945

Need a private getaway for a few days? Beautiful fully equipped **FOUR SEASONS FIFTH WHEEL** at Horsetail Hollow, 3173 Mabel Lake Rd. Less than a 5 minute walk to the river, and a 5 minute drive to the lake. Call Brad and Lin 250-838-6326

**MABEL LAKE RENTALS** [www.mabellakerentals.ca](http://www.mabellakerentals.ca)  
Listings of accommodations for rent by owner.

**MABEL LAKE BOAT STORAGE**

**Bev Brookes** Tel: **250.838.5712**  
#34 201 Kildonan Ave.  
Enderby, B.C., V0E 1V2

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## Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Ted Vroon	250 838 7856
Treasurer -----	Brigitte Koch-----	250 838 7350
Memberships	Art Herbert	250 838 9759
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Jan Lacko -----	250 838 6882
Maintenance	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	James Latchko -----	250 503 6698

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

## Request for Bids

Kingfisher Community Society requests bids for **snow plowing our Hall parking lot**. Questions? Contact Greg Clark, 250-838-02902.

Submit bids by October 31, 2016

by mail:

to KCS, 3337 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, BC  
V0E 1V5

or email:

shusecd@gmail.com .



## 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.

## KCS Newsletter

Direct your advertising and distribution questions to *George Jameson* [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)  
Email photos and news items to *Brenda Heywood* [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

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. Please send text as an attachment, not in the body of the email. **If you have 2 items, use 2 separate emails.**

## KCS Membership

\$30/family and \$20/single. An important means of our yearly fund raising. Money is used to keep up/improve Hall, school, and grounds for community use and enjoyment. Also, fees help fund the many activities taking place and the excellent monthly newsletter that keeps us all so well informed about what's happening in Kingfisher. Further, as a KCS member you are entitled to reduced Hall rental rates for private or public functions.

Questions? Phone me at 838-9759 or email me at [candaherbert@gmail.com](mailto:candaherbert@gmail.com). You can pay fees to me at various Hall functions or by snail mail. Cheques through the mail work the best and you will receive a receipt in return.

Thanks, Art Herbert, 3080 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, B C, V0E 1V5

## 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