

The Kingfisher

Our Community's Newsletter



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from your **Chair**
Murray MacDonald

This November, like most Novembers has been quiet at the KCS. People are at home stacking wood and putting away the garden tools. I don't know about you, but I'm glad to forget about weeds for five months.

December has a couple of dates to look forward to. The Hall decorating party on Friday, December 9th is work, fun and food rolled into one. The gift exchange always gets laughs.

One week later on Dec. 16th the, Christmas potluck and concert takes the spotlight. A chance to hang with the neighbours and check out the next generation of Kingfisherites.

This year we will have a short skit entitled "*Santa's First Night Before Christmas*" as well as songs and you know who.

Saturday, December 10

Hall Decorating Party

5:00 pm

Friday, December 15, 2016

Christmas Potluck and Program

Doors open 5:00pm Dinner 5:30 with entertainment to follow directly.

Hear ye, hear ye!

Christmas Pot Luck & Program at Kingfisher Hall

Join in a regular Potluck- whatever shows up is what we have!

- ❖ We suggest... bring enough to feed those with you and a little extra. Something along the lines of a main dish; maybe add a vegetable, salad or dessert.
- ❖ Entertainment DIRECTLY after we eat.

NOTE: This year we'll wait with all Kitchen clean up and have dessert *after* the entertainment. This is so that families with young ones have the option to leave before it gets too late for their children. Thanks for your cooperation!

Spread the word so that family or friends attending from afar can take part -



Potluck &
Christmas
Concert
Friday,
December 16th,
2016
Doors open
5:00pm Dinner
5:30
Entertainment
directly after dinner,
including a visit
from a jolly old elf!

Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank.

Pssst! It's not too late to contact Jacky Clark, Santa's elf, if you'll have a child/children under 10 years old attending,
Email: allenclark@telus.net or phone: 250-838-6062.

Hall Decorating Party Saturday December 10th 5 p.m.

Art Herbert

Your chance to help turn the hall into a Christmas wonderland in preparation for the Christmas Program and Santa's early arrival on Friday, Dec.16-5 pm.

The tree is waiting to be decorated along with the entire hall. Bring your creative ideas! As well, the presents are waiting to be wrapped.

After the work a delicious chilli dinner will be served along with yummy desserts. Coffee and tea available. Please bring your own refreshments.

After dinner we will be doing a progressive gift exchange. Please wrap these gifts with a \$15 max purchase price. This will be fun even if you don't get what you hoped for!?

If someone could decorate a large box for collecting food bank donations at the door please contact me at 838-9759 beforehand.

Come and join the fun and get into the Christmas spirit with your friends and neighbours.

20th Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count

Sunday December 18, 2016

Jan Lacko

Have you seen the scores of trumpeter swans bunching up in the corn field just outside Enderby? No surprise, as we in the top wintering ground for these beautiful birds. Join in the Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count this year to count them and other birds to add valuable information to a data base describing wintering birds!



Our bird count begins at sunset Saturday, December 17th. This is to count owls and other night birds. Truth is, most folks start their count the next day,

Sunday, December 18th. We count through that day until dusk. Count at your feeder in the comfort of your home or venture outside for an hour or as long as you like. Just try to keep your feeder numbers and in field numbers separate this year.

If you'd like company, give Jan Lacko (838-6882) or Susie Everatt (838-7636) a call to connect with someone who's happy to join you. In any case, the Christmas Bird Count is easy and you definitely do not need to be experienced to participate! Simply keep track of what you see and hear and the times and places you go. This helps ensure we're not counting the same birds twice.

The day concludes with a potluck around dusk on Sunday evening at Susie Everatt's house, 2012 Mabel Lake Road. Bring your list and something for the potluck. After supper we add up our numbers. Great stories are shared throughout the night. It's a good way to get together with new and old friends while providing important data to the North American Christmas Bird Count data base.



Our results are later submitted to Bird Studies Canada and are compiled with over 2,000 other community Christmas Bird Counts across North America. These results are used to help track bird populations and are amassed into a huge database that, over time, reflects the distribution and numbers of winter birds. The data contributes, among other things, to describing the impact of significant changes in habitat.

Don't miss this chance to bunch up with neighbours and get to know more about your feathered friends!



Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School

On November 23, the Kingfisher Country Quilters presented a quilt to Caitlin, Ursula and Baby Drake. The quilters hope that their little gift will keep Drake cozy and warm.

Left to right: Barbea Flath, Jade Lawrence, Caitlin Faget, two week old Baby Drake, Ursula Lussin, Mukti Bath, Waldy Maier, Lorraine Powell.

Diana Warnock and Waldy Maier display one of the 12 quilts which were donated to Safe House in Salmon Arm on Friday, November 18. The Kingfisher Country Quilters have been donating quilts to that Emergency Women's Shelter since 2014 and to date, Safe House has been the recipient of 45 quilts.

Barbea Flath 250 838 0324



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Tuesday Afternoon Social Scene for this season resumes January 10, 2017
Kingfisher Hall Tuesdays 1:30

A variety of activities from Mexican Train dominoes, Wizard cards, Scrabble etc. to ping pong.

Mingle and have fun with friends and neighbours.

Badminton

Kingfisher Hall

Catalin Faget
1 250 999 0945
or the Hall
838 6200

Road Hockey

The tennis court.
Sundays about 2.30
Equipment supplied.

Grandma's Playground



Kingfisher Library

We had a great year, 647 library users signed in our book. We hope that in future we will get even more signing.



Thank you to all the donations for the library. Because of lack of space however, we cannot accept: Reader Digest books, any magazines, books published before 2000. We accept any children's books as they do not seem to come back from the little ones, which we understand.

Thank you to all for such a good year.

Happy Reading,

Sue Leavitt and Jane Clayton



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I've learned so much from my mistakes; I'm thinking of making more.

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 27th 2017 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 or 250-838-0025 (Remax office) or by contacting Diane Hatt at 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.

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

Membership

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

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
Email photos and news items to *Brenda Heywood* 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.**

Kingfisher Christmas

**It's a Kingfisher Christmas
and all my best wishes
go out to you today.**

**With the snow on the ground
and the trees all around,
so happy I'm here to stay.**

**And when Mabel Lake freezes,
forget colds and sneezes,
we're off to the ice for the day.**

**It's here that I want to be,
home by the Christmas tree,
shining for you and me.**

**For there's no place I'd rather be,
Kingfisher's gotta be
special for you and me.**

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