

The Kingfisher

Our Community's Newsletter

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from your **Chair**

Murray MacDonald

Question: What do children and adults have in common?

Answer: Lots and lots of music.

On Saturday April 8th KCS will be presenting a **Family Music Night** at the Hall.

What is family music? It is music that connects with both young and old. Music that people are familiar with or can learn quickly. Think of songs that you heard your parents listening to and that hooked you right away. For me it was *Ghost Riders in the Sky* or *Donald Where's Your Trousers*.

We are in the early stages of planning, but so far, performers are on board and we have a menu that features macaroni and cheese. We're hoping you'll join us, add your voice and make this another great night out in Kingfisher.

Doors open and games at 5:00. Showtime 6:30. Tickets \$10; Family \$25.

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| Saturday, April 1 st | Hall Clean-up & Potluck Lunch |
| Saturday April 8 th | Family Music Night |
| Sunday, May 14 th | Organizer needed for Mother's Day Breakfast!
See inside for exciting details. |
| Friday, May 26 th | Annual General Meeting, Wine & Cheese Social to follow. |
| Saturday, June 10 th | <i>Tentative</i> date, Porch Party & Potluck Dinner |
| Wednesday, June 28 th | First Farmer's Market! |
| Saturday, July 8 th | Strawberry Tea |

No Foolin'!



Saturday, April 1st 9:30 AM Hall Clean-Up & Potluck Lunch

What to bring?

- Most important item: YOU (and your Potluck contribution!)
- Your rake, shovels, pruners, and elbow grease.

All ages encouraged to come and help out.

It's fun! Really.

Greg Clark

Outdoor Toilet Gets Approval

Due to the increasing use of the park space surrounding Kingfisher Hall, a need has arisen for toilet facilities.

The directors asked for and were given approval from RDNO, to install a toilet on the grounds. It will be a precast toilet similar to the one at the river mouth. We are hoping to have it installed and running this spring.

Thanks to Herman Halvorson and the Regional District for the funding.

Mother's Day Breakfast – Chief Organizer Change.

New organizer needed!

After an amazing run of 10 years organizing the Kingfisher Mother's Day Breakfast, Harry Flath has turned in his apron.

A strong volunteer crew remains intact, ready and able to perform their usual duties. These volunteers will be a great help the new organizer. They assert that they wish to remain in their previous volunteer roles.

A new organizer is needed! Harry has provided a detailed list of what it takes to organize the event. With all that support, it would be a piece of (pan) cake!

This fundraiser is well attended. It helps keep the Hall running and spreads a lot of warmth throughout Kingfisher and surrounding communities. Contact any of the Directors *now* to discuss this opportunity!

Jan Lacko, Entertainment Director, 250 838 6882
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Looking back- Mother's Day Breakfast organizer Harry Flath & Volunteer Crew



Middle of February: Brian Lussin and Catalin Faget test the ice conditions on Mabel Lake with their skates.

You know the Kingfisher Christmas song lyrics about when Mabel lake freezes ... totally true.

*Sue Saloka
photos and text*



Road Hockey
The tennis court.
Sundays about
2.30
**Equipment
supplied.**

Badminton
Kingfisher Hall

Catalin Faget
1 250 999 0945
or the Hall
838 6200

TASS Tuesday Afternoon Social Scene
Kingfisher Hall Tuesdays 1:00

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

Mingle and have fun with friends and neighbours.

Kingfisher Library
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.
Happy Reading,
Sue Leavitt and Jane Clayton




Kingfisher Quilters
Old Kingfisher School
Barbea Flath 838 0324




Calling all bakers and/or lunch makers.

Ushi has retired from the Kingfisher Farmers' Market and we need someone in the kitchen, and a baker.

Please contact Barb Bannister for more information.
250 838 7312

Driveways

What a great job Kent Clark does to keep our driveway open. Thanks Kent,
Marj and Don Kjarsgaard

Community Ads (free to KCS members)

MASSAGE PRACTITIONER

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

MABEL LAKE RENTALS www.mabellakerentals.ca
Listings of accommodations for rent by owner.



Dorothy Clark turns 94 this month!

To celebrate this amazing event there will be a drop in Tea party for her on Sunday March 12 from 1:30 to 4:30 at the Evangelical Church (across from the Credit Union) in Enderby.

Please drop in to say Happy Birthday to her and have a piece of Birthday Cake.

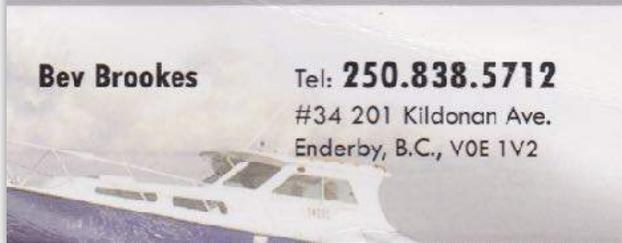
Jacky Clark

MABEL LAKE BOAT STORAGE

Bev Brookes

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Winter is here
Don't lose
hope...

Call Kent for Snowplowing:
250.838.6248



Some Sky Viewing *Brian Lussin*

Today, February 20th, Venus is at perihelion. It is 3 o'clock on a warm afternoon and I can see Venus in my 8x56 binoculars; a crescent shape two hand widths east of the sun. Lovely too, is a solo parhelia or sundog sharing the sky. Venus will move rapidly now away from evening viewing towards the western setting sun.

By mid March, Mercury is low in the west for best chance evening viewing; itself at perihelion on the 23rd.

Also check out the evening Zodiacal Light through March. This light affect only happens when the sun path (zodiac) is at a steep angle to the horizon. It is a huge triangle of light pointing upwards starting about a half hour after sunset lasting a short time. It reoccurs in October, but in the morning twilight. Good viewing!

Looking Way Back: Kingfisher Christmas 2016

Once again, Kingfisher Hall welcomed the community to our annual Christmas events. Hall decorating and a Christmas Concert have been part of the community for many years. They began as a partnership with Kingfisher School. A concert would be prepared and play performed for the community in the Hall on the last day before Christmas holidays. The lavishly decorated Community Hall would be packed as family, friends, and community came together to support the children. When Kingfisher School was closed in 2000, community members stepped forward to continue the traditions. With a dip in the number of school age children in the valley, it became a challenge to bring together a stand-alone concert so a Potluck was added in 2014 to fill out the evening.

This year in preparation for the Christmas Potluck and Concert, the Hockey/ Tennis Court Improvement Fundraisers provided some spectacular decorations that included two gigantic evergreen wreaths suspended high from the hall ceiling. Next, the able crew at the December 10 Decorating Party trimmed the tree, added finishing touches, and set the room for the following week's potluck & concert. Never passing up a chance to share good food and have some fun, this bunch feasted on chili and desserts (both spectacular and homemade), then ended the evening with a lively gift exchange.

When December 16th rolled around, the Hall held about a hundred community members and their friends. Loads of fine potluck dishes filled the buffet tables. Tantalizing desserts were hustled off to the kitchen to enjoy after the concert. Before beginning the potluck, we saluted both the youngest ones present and our treasured elders. There followed an easy air of camaraderie as neighbours reconnected and efforts abounded to welcome new folks. After everyone's dinner dishes were cleared by a small gang of unobtrusive elves, the concert began.

Master of Ceremonies Murray MacDonald turned up that morning with laryngitis. He had us bursting with laughter as he mouthed his introduction while the dulcet tones of an off-stage assistant supplied the voice. A brief but dazzling concert followed. Community children played instruments, danced, and performed the skit, "Santa's First Night Before Christmas." After a lovely solo by a young, local chanteuse, all the little children were invited on stage to sing the show-stopping "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Never fails. The lights came up, song sheets appeared, and all joined in singing our very own song, "Kingfisher Christmas". Suddenly Santa emerged from an unknown location and took the stage, offering a small gift to each young child present. Older children passed out Christmas oranges and the luscious desserts were shared as visiting and fun continued.

Winners of a Raffle organized by the Hockey/ Tennis Court Improvement group were announced. There were two prizes: a big gift basket of blueberry products donated by Mabel Lake Farms and a large decorative winter sign donated by Dee Caswell and Delia Backhouse. The Raffle raised about \$200. The money will go towards improving fencing and installing lighting for the court.

People stuck around and visited; all the dishes got done. The kitchen got tidied too, all with the ease that comes when many hands help out. It was a simple night filled with delight in an old fashioned, rural community way.

Jan Lacko



Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	250 275 5030
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!

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.**

Membership

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\$30/family and \$20/single.



Marieka Vroon photo

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