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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**

*Murray MacDonald*

**Hall Decorating Party:** Friday,  
December 8th 5 pm  
**Christmas Potluck & Concert:** Friday,  
December 15th

**Doors open:** 5pm  
**Potluck:** 5:30 pm  
**Concert:** 6:30 pm

Amidst all the hubbub around Christmas it is comforting to know that you can find some old-fashioned tranquility right here in Kingfisher. Our two planned events are happening a little earlier in the month this year.

The **decorating party** is **December 8th** and the **Christmas Concert/ Potluck** is on **December 15th**. The program is still taking shape, but rest-assured it will involve our up and comers along with a good dose of cuteness.

If you are planning to attend the concert and have a child grade four and under, notify **Jackie Clark at 838-6062**. She will make sure Santa knows. People coming with a child from outside the valley will need to bring a wrapped gift.

***Wherever you are this Christmas, your KCS family wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.***

One of the initiatives happening at KCS has been to boost our online presence. We are using our website and Facebook page to track memberships, streamline the newsletter, display images and communicate about events. Fortunately, we have directors who understand these mediums and can steer the changes.

A movie is being shot around Enderby in December. They will be using Kingfisher for some of their location shots. Everything arrives here eventually.

Speaking of movies, the Hall now has its very own projector - We hope to see it used in the coming months.

### Kingfisher/Mabel Lake History Project

The Steering Committee would like to thank the community for its tremendous support of this project. We are very pleased with the sales of the book '**Flowing Through Time – Stories of Kingfisher and Mabel Lake**'. The feedback has been very positive and there has even been talk of a second edition. The current committee will not be doing this, but if you did not submit a story and you now wish you had, please DO! Write it out and give it to one of the members listed below and we will put it in a file in the museum so the next group that takes on this project will have it!

There are a limited number of books still for sale and if you need a last minute Christmas gift, please call **Diane Hatt** (250-838-6649), **Sue Saloka** (250-838-7060) or **Jean Clark** (250-838-7299) and we will make sure you get your copy.

**Pot Luck & Christmas Concert**

Hear ye, hear ye!

A Pot Luck dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, December 15 preceding the Kingfisher Christmas Concert this year.

Bring a main dish and vegetable, salad or dessert.

There'll be lots of time to visit before the Concert begins at 7pm.

As always, our Hall will be beautifully decorated for the festivities. Concert entertainment will include Kingfisher's traditional visit from that jolly old elf.

Please spread the word so that those attending from near and far can take part:

**Potluck & Christmas Concert this year!**  
**Friday, December 15th, 2017**  
**Doors open 5:00pm**  
**Dinner 5:30**



Hey, **KCS members**.

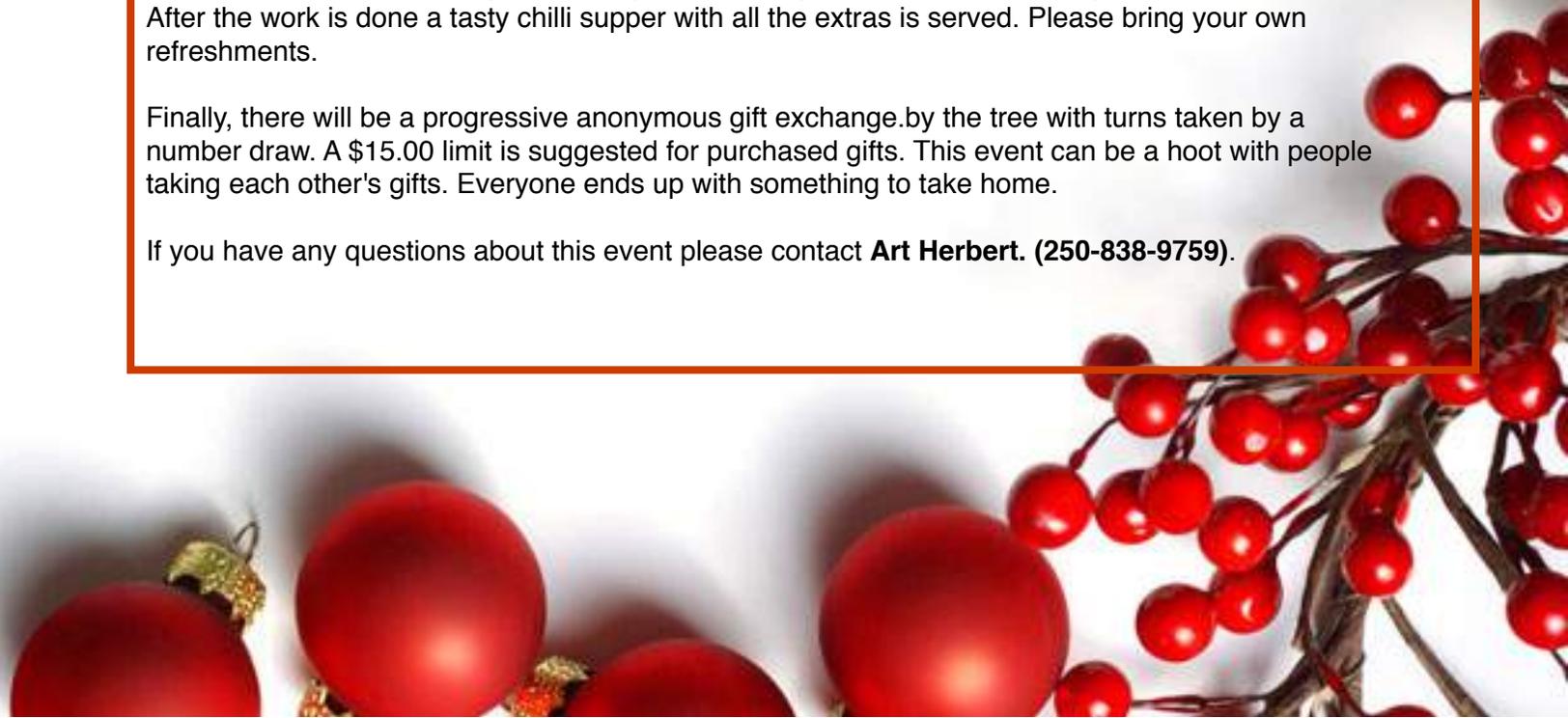
Christmas is coming quickly. Two fun events are planned for December. The first event is the Decorating Party on Friday, Dec. 8 at 5 p m. to 8/9 pm. There are several tasks to complete before Santa's arrival at the Christmas party on Fri. Dec. 15.

A large beautiful Christmas tree needs decorating with lights, ornaments and baubles. The hall entrance, interior walls, stage, and ceiling are waiting for your creative touches.

Some tables are set up for gift wrapping and labelling supervised by knowing Santa's helpers. After the work is done a tasty chilli supper with all the extras is served. Please bring your own refreshments.

Finally, there will be a progressive anonymous gift exchange by the tree with turns taken by a number draw. A \$15.00 limit is suggested for purchased gifts. This event can be a hoot with people taking each other's gifts. Everyone ends up with something to take home.

If you have any questions about this event please contact **Art Herbert. (250-838-9759)**.



## **Emergency / Evacuation Planning Update**

**December 2017**

*submitted by Herb Latchko*

Much of the following paragraph was submitted in last months newsletter. I have added a few items, which appear in bold.

On October 4th, Dr Lori Daniels spoke at the College in Vernon. Dr. Daniels is a Professor of Forest Ecology in the Forest and Conservation Sciences Department at UBC-Vancouver, where she directs the Tree-Ring Lab at UBC. She spoke of the need to reduce the fuel load in British Columbia, which has vastly increased with modern fire fighting techniques.

Well over 90% of all fires in British Columbia are detected, actioned and put out before they reach 4 hectors. Over the years, this has caused a tremendous increase in the amount of available fuel standing and on the forest floor. For example, the podcast mentioned below (**2050 Degrees of Change**) states that areas around Peachland had 40 to 50 trees per hector before contact and now some have over 4000 trees per hector.

Dr. Daniels, several grad students have surveyed BC interface forests (those forests near cities) and have concluded that it would take \$3.4 Billion to significantly reduce the chances of huge interface fires destroying highly populated areas. She points out that although this seems like a lot of money, \$17 Billion has been allocated to earthquake proof schools in the Lower Mainland. She also asks us to consider the fire fighting costs and rebuilding costs following an interface fire. Dr. Daniels has submitted a 48 point proposal to the Premier and Minister of Forests outlining a realistic way to conduct this fuel reduction. This proposal has been signed by seven mayors, **including the mayor of Vernon; the Board Chair of The Regional district of East Kootenays; Chief of the Ktunaxa Nation; and some 30 Professors and Researchers from throughout the province.** If you Google: Tree Ring Lab @ UBC - The University of British Columbia you can click on the proposal/letter. **I have photo copied the letter. Let me know if you would like a copy.**

The eight page proposal/letter takes a four-pronged approach: 1) Initial Attack and Emergency Fuel Reduction Treatments (15 Recommendations); 2) Integrated Wildland-Urban Interface Zoning and Pro-Active Landscape Planning (13 Recommendations); 3) Forest Restoration and Adaptive Forest Management (10 Recommendations); 4) Research to Inform Adaptive Wildfire Management (10 Recommendations). I found the recommendations regarding controled burning interesting. They recommend massive funding for early spring and late fall fuel reduction and also recommed easing the venting restrictions, which would allow burning under 'fair' conditions. We will have more smoke! Will it be uncontrolled smoke by chance (massive fires in the heat of the summer) or smoke by choice?

As mentioned in my October submission, there have been some interesting fire related programs aired on CBC radio this summer. You may want to check out **2050: Degrees of Change** which is a 6 part series on the impact of Climate Change in British Columbia. Episode 5 **`Fire and Forests`** is an eye opener. The program **`Ideas`** produced an episode called: **World on Fire**, which aired on May 1st. Also, the program **'The Current'** aired an interesting program on Wednesday, 22 November 2017, which gave a historical prospective as well as posing solutions for the future. If you download the free CBC radio app, you can search for these thought provoking shows. For those earlier mentioned programs, just keep scrolling back as the app loads previous episode choices.

**At this point, I have not heard from the Regional District about revising the 2005 Evacuation Plan. If you would like to be involved with revising the Evacuation Plan, please call me at 250-838-6525. I will be sending out meeting information to contact people of the Local Planning Groups (LPG). The revised Evacuation Plan will hopefully be in place before the next flood or fire season.**

We have a brand new projector and watching movies was never more fun.  
But we want to hear from you - What movies do you want to see? Winter is a perfect time to get cozy in our warm hall and watch HD movies with buttery popcorn. Write in to us with your suggestions on movies, movie timings and more.

This December's Movie Night will also have the **Hatt-Rowley Fundraiser**. We encourage all to come and join and support their efforts. Details mentioned in the poster. Please reach out to any Director if you have any questions regarding this event.

***"We are raising funds to assist with travel and accommodation expenses as baby Mason is required to stay in the NICU several hours away from the family home."***

There will be a silent auction, smoked pulled pork on a bun and vegetarian chili. Potluck will be salads and dessert.

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
*in* **KINGFISHER**  
HATT-ROWLEY FAMILY FUNDRAISER



**DESPICABLE ME 3**

**5 pm: DOORS OPEN**  
**5:30pm: DINNER (\$10)**  
**6:30 pm: Clean Up & Raffle**  
**7 pm: MOVIE Starts (FREE)**

**KINGFISHER HALL**  
**9th December 2017**

We are raising funds to assist with travel and accommodation expenses as baby Mason is required to stay in the NICU several hours away from the family home.

There will be a silent auction, smoked pulled pork on a bun and vegetarian chili. The potluck part will be salads and dessert.



## TASS

**Tuesday Afternoon Social Scene** for this season will start in January as usual; however, for those who want to get a jump start on things:

We are adding a dimension to the usual table games done at TASS, namely **PICKLEBALL!!**

Yes, for those of us septuagenarians, who need to keep the lower extremities moving before we fossilize into one position, we have added the slow version of tennis.

Ted (and Marieka) Vroon will be on hand on Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at 1 pm to get you limbered up for the Christmas festivities, and to teach you the rules. It would be most helpful if you come with your own racket. Rackets can be purchased at Can Tire, Walmart, and at the local manufacturer:

**Pickleball Depot Ltd., 4211-25A Ave, Unit #1, Vernon, BC, V1T 7G8. (250-550-5280)**  
**[www.pickleballdepot.ca](http://www.pickleballdepot.ca)**

I recommend you go on-line to see their line of goods. This is where we purchased. Go inexpensive for your first racket to see what you like. Pickleball Depot was very helpful in selecting size and weight for our strength and style of play.

A bientot!

## Kingfisher Christmas

It's a Kingfisher Christmas,  
And all my best wishes,  
Go out to you today.

With the snow all around  
On the trees, on the ground  
So happy I'm here to stay.

And when Mabel Lake freezes,  
Forget colds and sneezes,  
It's off to the ice for the day.

Cos it's here that I want to be,  
Home by the Christmas tree,  
Shining for you and me.  
Cos there's no place I'd rather be,  
Kingfisher's gotta be,  
Special for you and me.





*The first of 40 Fire Barrels*  
PC: Herb Latchko



*Seasons Change*  
PC: Herb Latchko



*Sunset Over the River*  
PC: James Latchko



**21st Annual Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count**  
**All day Sunday, December 31, 2017**  
with  
**New Year's Eve Potluck to Follow!**

Looking for something different to do this New Year's Eve? Try some bird counting and help with Bird Studies Canada (BSC) annual Christmas Bird Count. Then celebrate the New Year with a neighbourly Potluck featuring lots of good local wildlife stories.

Our count is within the 15km diameter circle that goes roughly from Mount Mara on the north to Tsisus Narrows (midway up Mabel Lake) on the east, south to the Islands Provincial Park on the Shuswap River to Blurton Creek on the west.

If you're new to this, are wondering where to go or would like company, give **Jan Lacko** (838-6882) or **Susie Everatt** (838-7636) a call. We'll help you out.

The Christmas Bird Count is easy. You definitely do not need to be experienced to participate. Keep a list of what you see at your feeder. Keep a separate list of what you see or hear in the field and the times and places you go. [This helps us avoid counting the same birds twice.]

Kingfisher's bird count gets added to BSC's data base along with over 2,000 North American communities. Compiled over time, the data provides important information to help track winter bird populations and distribution. The data is also used to describe impacts of climate change and significant changes in habitat.

**What:** Annual Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count & Potluck  
**When:** Any time from sunset Saturday, Dec. 30 to sunset Sunday, Dec. 31.  
**Potluck to follow at Susie Everatt's:** 2012 Mabel Lk. Rd., 5pm Dec. 31

**Here's your chance to spend some time outdoors and then bunch up with neighbours for a fabulous potluck this New Year's Eve!**



### **Kingfisher Library**

*November, 2017*

We would like to thank all 675 visitors that visited the library from June 27th to September 6th, 2017.

We again have donated to the friends of the Library in Enderby for their annual book sale. They stated a great thanks to the Kingfisher Library for the donation of the books.

The library cannot accept anymore VHS tapes, due to lack of space. Also in addition to that because of lack of space we cannot accept any books published before 2000.

Thanks again for the wonderful season, seeing new faces as well as the regulars. See you next year, we accept all the donations of VCR's and books with a big THANK YOU ALL.

**Happy Reading!**

*Sue Leavitt and Jane Clayton*



### **Kingfisher Quilters**

Old Kingfisher School  
*Marieka Vroon 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*

## **CARDS BY LUXE**

**KINGFISHER, B.C.**



**10 CARDS FOR \$25.00**

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**GOING QUICK! CALL NOW!**

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Allen & Brad Clark  
250 838 6062  
References available.



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#### WESTERN RED CEDAR

spindle, rail, posts, hand rails, curved and funky pieces  
custom-made furniture etc.  
Allen Clark 250 838 6062  
www.allenclark.ca

#### MASSAGE PRACTITIONER

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

#### MABEL LAKE RENTALS

[www.mabellakerentals.ca](http://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](mailto:kcsentertainmentdiector@gmail.com)  
 to know about events.  
[KCSrecreation@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:candaherbert@gmail.com) 838-9759  
 \$30/family and \$20/single.

### KCS Newsletter

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

#### **Paid Advertisements**

paid ads be limited to 1/4 page  
 Word Document only  
 KCS members only

Ads run from May - April for full year (\$50)  
 or 6 months or less for \$25

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

Payment prior to ad placement to be mailed to:

George Jameson  
 2365 Mabel Lake Road  
 Enderby  
 V0E 1V5

Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society

### KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to Marion Fernandez:  
[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.

**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