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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

FEBRUARY 2022

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**www.kingfishercommunity.com is live!!**



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**From your Chair:  
Jacky Clark**

### **STILL NO INDOOR ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL. KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR FUTURE OUTDOOR EVENTS.**

Well here we are in another New Year, 2022 and we're still dealing with the Covid virus. It seems to be more and more a regular way of life. There are definitely good things coming from it though. I read that paid sick days for employees is now a thing for everyone, and there is sooo much money available through all kinds of grants. (where does it all come from??). So having said that we are applying for several grants to help with some improvements/projects at the hall and school. I'm not giving away any info now as it's early days yet. We'll all just have to wait and see. We also have a few other interesting projects in the works so hopefully 2022 will be a GOOD year for Kingfisher.

The Christmas with Santa was a fun event. There were so many kids...it was great. Thanks to Greg for another lovely tree, nice job on the decorations directors and a big thanks to Murray for stepping in and organizing a fun parade for all those kids. To everyone that brought baked goodies you should pat yourselves on the back as they were ALL delicious. Thanks everyone that helped out and it was good of Santa to make time in his busy schedule to drop by and give all those kids a present. Ho Ho Ho it was a Merry Christmas at the Hall.

I think that outside will be the new venue for events at the Hall for awhile. February is just around the corner bringing Valentines Day with it, don't forget to let your loved ones know how much you love them.

Wishing you all good health and happiness for 2022.  
As always feel free to call me at 250-838-6062  
Jacky Clark

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PS. Thanks to my secret Santa's Elf. We got a marvelous bag of Christmas goodies.

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**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
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## Kingfisher Community Society Annual General Meeting Saturday March 19th, 2 pm Kingfisher Hall

COVID-19 Policies will be in place.

### New Membership & Renewals available at the meeting.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)?

- Each year the Kingfisher Community Society (KCS) holds an Annual General Meeting to report the activities for 2021 to its members. KCS is a non-profit registered society and as such is required by the BC and Canadian governments to hold an annual meeting. The annual meeting follows the format outlined in the Society's Bylaws.
- The Directors will provide reports on the year's activities. Because we have had another year of the pandemic, there has been only a few activities.
- The financial report for 2021 will be presented.
  - A report on the Kingfisher School will be presented.
  - Finally, there is an election/appointment of Directors for the current year.

Currently there are 8 Directors. If you are interested in becoming a Director, please contact Chairperson Jacky Clark. We encourage community involvement in our Society and also welcome volunteers for events and would welcome any ideas for new events.

#### *Fun was had by all at the KCS Christmas Get Together*



Photos: Diane Hatt

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January Update

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**Denis Delisle**  
**Regional Director of Area "F" Electoral Area Advisory Committee**  
**Contact: Cell: 250 253 0976 Home: 250 838 2314**

For the Areas of: Ashton Creek, Grandview Bench, Grindrod, Kingfisher/Mabel Lake, Mara and Glenmary/ Twin lakes.  
in the Regional District of the North Okanagan (RDNO)

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Mabel Lake water system will be getting an ultraviolet disinfection system. RDNO will be applying for a 2/3 grant funding to help pay for it. The total cost will be \$1.2 million dollars. Mabel Lake Water was recently classified as a "large water system" from a small water system and in doing so has more expectation put upon it. A report was done on the Mabel Lake Water system.

The RDNO Board will be sending a letter to the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure about the poor road maintenance conditions that are occurring on our back roads. Not only the roads such as Glenmary, Twin Lakes, Gunter-Ellison and Rosemond Lake roads were not plowed for days, but this happened - or should we say didn't happen - in other areas within the RDNO as well. Beyond the concerns about people not being able to use the backroads, there were safety issues with school buses and Fire Departments being unable to reach homes.

The Electoral Area Advisory Committee recommended that the COVID-19 Restart Grants be allocated to: Grindrod Recreation Association (\$7,000) Riverside Community Club Society (\$14,000), Kingfisher Society (\$4,500) and the Enderby & District VFD (\$18,720.75).

The Rail Trail owners CSRD/RDNO & Splantsin are considering to enter into a services agreement with the Shuswap Trail Alliance for administrative support, fundraising coordination, grant research and preparation, communications and Rail Trail development support. The Rail Trail winter funding campaign noted that December was a record month with \$10,685.11 received in donations. Most of those dedications (60%) were from Rail Trail Christmas gift certificates. Funding to be recovered from each owner partner at a ratio relative to the linear ownership of the Rail Trail: CSRD 46%, RDNO 46% and Splantsin 8%.

The Shuswap River Ambassadors have created a new web page to direct people of where to go and how to use the river respectfully and safely. Check it out at: [www.shuswapriverambassadors.com](http://www.shuswapriverambassadors.com)

The coming Fire Season one should consider "hazard fuels" are not just conifers when looking at the different land-cover types in a study area. It's important to recognize that not all types of vegetation are hazard fuels. Some types of vegetation are easy to classify. For example, black spruce contains highly flammable resins which burn intensely and can spread wildfires via short and long-range embers and radiant heat. Other vegetation types, however, are more complex. Aspen is often used as an example of a fire-resistant tree, and this is generally true in the summer. Under spring conditions, aspen can spread wildfires through short-range embers and radiant heat. Grasses can also act as hazard fuels depending on their condition. While a mowed (<10 cm tall), well-watered lawn can serve as a helpful fire break. Dry grasses are a rich source of fine fuels and can spread wildfires through radiant heat and short-range embers when burned. Such considerations are made for each land-cover type, so that all hazard fuels in the study area are identified.

As if fires and heat domes were not enough for us to contend with, we should be aware of potential flooding. The RDNO's 200-year flood map shows areas of concern. To see if your area could be impacted go to: [www.rdno.ca](http://www.rdno.ca) government-administration/maps-and-digital-data and scroll down to Flood Plain maps and click on the + sign. It will open up to different areas along Shuswap Rivers showing the 200 year flood plain.

A site that can help farmers (and residents) prepare for floods is well worth reading go to: [www.climateagriculturebc.ca/library/farm-flood-readiness-toolkit/](http://www.climateagriculturebc.ca/library/farm-flood-readiness-toolkit/)

Runaway MOON invites you to  
**Lighten Up!**

and make a lantern to be part of our  
**Winter Lantern Procession** Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>  
**FREE** Lantern Making Workshops

Jan 30 - Salmon Arm Gallery, 1 pm - 4 pm  
Feb 5, 12, 19 - EDAC Space, Enderby, 10 am - 4pm  
Feb 6, 13 - Kingfisher Hall, 11 am - 4pm  
Drop-In Dates TBA

Please email [kicsexecutive@gmail.com](mailto:kicsexecutive@gmail.com)  
for more info or to sign up as a volunteer!

for info visit  
[www.runawaymoon.org](http://www.runawaymoon.org)

**KINGFISHER**  
Interpretive Centre



Runaway Moon Theatre in association with Kingfisher Interpretive Centre are working together to bring forth a special event to 'lighten up' the community and help people through the doldrums.

On the evening of February 20th at 7 pm, we invite you to join us for a Winter Lantern Procession called "Out of the Darkness", featuring salmon life-cycle themed lanterns. This will be a snowy version of the popular Floating Lantern Celebration which has often happened in September but has been made impractical by changes in climate.

Ahead of the event, we need as many lanterns to be made as possible by the community! They will come in many forms –simple egg lanterns, to more complex fish shaped lanterns made of bamboo. You may even wish to contribute to one of our giant 15-foot 'spawning' salmon lantern which will arrive at Kingfisher Hall, February 6th. Come to our workshop opening Tea Party on Feb 1 between 1 and 4 pm at the Enderby and District Arts Council (EDAC) space on Cliff St. and find out what we're up to!

We'll be occupying various art making spaces at the Salmon Arm Gallery, Enderby Arts Council, and Kingfisher Hall over first few weeks in February to offer instructional sessions and drop-in lantern making opportunities. Please see our poster below for locations, dates, and times. Everyone is welcome and participation is free! It's all about celebrating an important species and shining the light in our community.

***For the procession itself, we would greatly appreciate volunteers to assist in the following areas:***

- Lantern lighting
- Carrying the 2 giant salmon lanterns (8 people)
- Play a part of a kingfisher, heron, frogs (children), owl, eagle, bear (costumes and masks provided)
- Serving hot chocolate



***For more information see [www.runawaymoon.org](http://www.runawaymoon.org),***

**or to sign up to help with the event on Feb 20 please drop us a line at [kicsexecutive@gmail.com](mailto:kicsexecutive@gmail.com)**

**or check for facebook updates @kingfisherinterpretivecentresociety.**

# Games Afternoon

Every Friday, starting  
February 11  
2 - 4 pm



Betty & John Gubler  
will be hosting game  
get together at the  
Kingfisher School.

Join us to learn Pegs & Jokers  
- board games supplied.

Or, bring your favourite games  
and team mates!

## LIBRARY NEWS

**OPEN WEDNESDAY 11:00 am to 1:30 pm**

The library has had very little traffic over the winter. Remember, as well as a great selection of books, we also have jigsaw puzzles, VHS and DVD tapes, and board games.

Your 2022 Kingfisher Community memberships are also available. We hope to see you soon at the library.

HAPPY READING.

Respectfully submitted- Sherry Saunby

## SCHOOL OPEN FOR CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



Should you wish to dazzle us with an idea for a workshop or even host one - Please Give Us a Call!

Please Contact Suzanne  
Tel: 250-838-6248



## BOOK CLUB

Contact Laurie  
lauriebaines96@gmail.com or  
call 250-838-7522.



Daily, Weekly or Seasonal slip rentals.  
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250-838-6236



## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE KINGFISHER INTERPRETIVE CENTRE SOCIETY



You may have noticed that a cable has been installed on the KICS driveway at Mabel Lake Rd. This was done in response to some recent firewood thefts. The thieves have stolen the precious firewood that was purchased and intended to be used during the educational programming that is offered to thousands of local school children. We have photos of the culprits during the most recent theft that took place at 12:30 in the morning on January 17th. It is understood that we all want to stay warm during the winter but although firewood does indeed grow in trees it does not split, deliver and stack itself. The thieves went to a lot of trouble digging out trails through the deep snow to get at the wood. We will be relieved when they replace what they stole.

We hope that you are as excited as we are to welcome in a new year. Our salmon eggs have hatched and the little alevin are safe and sound in the incubator. With colder than average water temperatures, the fish are developing more slowly than usual but are still happy and healthy.

There are 38 schools involved in this year's Stream to Sea, salmon education program. These dedicated teachers are raising salmon in their classrooms and are spreading watershed awareness and salmon knowledge to hundreds of local school children from three different school districts. The program will culminate with a trip to the Centre in late spring to release their baby fish back into the natural world.

If anyone is interested in getting involved, please visit our website and sign up for the volunteer program. We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to offer more educational programming this summer including the very popular Learn to Fish event.

Stay tuned and be sure to read about the upcoming lantern procession.  
[www.kingfishercentre.org](http://www.kingfishercentre.org)



Thanks to all those equipment operators in the valley who helped with snow removal during the last huge snowfall.



### NOT GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER?

The "Kingfisher" newsletter is delivered to all rural postal boxes from the "Welcome to Kingfisher" sign to Mabel Lake.

You will not receive the newsletter if you have informed the post office that you don't want fliers delivered to your mailbox.

If for any other reason, you, or someone you know isn't getting the newsletter, please let me know.

FYI - every year there is no January newsletter.

*Thanks, George*  
[g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

### PICKLEBALL AT THE HALL

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 am - 11 am for pickleball fun.

Safety Protocols include: must be fully vaccinated, masks and distancing while not playing and maximum 10 players



## COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Free to members. Limit of 50 words - no graphics.  
Please confirm information every six months.

Advertisements from local non-profit organizations are free and limited to 1/2 page.

<p><b>MINI EXCAVATOR FOR HIRE</b></p> <p>52 horse power, 5'wide 0 turn</p> <p>Dirt work Driveway parking areas Ditching ... etc, ect, ect Bush work ... ect, ect, ect</p> <p>Inquiries: BradleyClarkQ@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Allen</b> 250-838-6062</p> <p><b>Brad</b> 250-838-6326</p>	CONSULTANTS
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<h2>Clark Boyz</h2> <p>3173 Mabel Lake Rd, Enderby, BC V0E 1V5 Allen 250-838-6062 Brad 250-838-6326</p>	CONSULTANTS
<p>License tree <b>faller 15+ years</b> production falling Heavy Equipment <b>Operators since 1969</b> Logging development, Road construction and maintenance, erosion control ... ect</p>	

### 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  
e:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com



**North Mabel Lake buy/sell/free**



TELUS IS INVITING CUSTOMERS TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY WOULD LIKE BETTER INTERNET SERVICE.

Currently, Telus offers Internet 6-15 for most people in the Mabel Lake area. Take a minute to go to this Telus site and sign the petition.

Here is the link provided by Telus to sign the Petition

<https://www.telus.com/en/contact-form/omni-form/i-want-fibre>

## KCS PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to George Jameson.  
g67george@gmail.com

Paid ads will be limited to 1/8 page  
Email: editorkingfisher@gmail.com for Ad submission details.  
KCS members only  
Ads run from May - April for full year \$100  
or 6 months or less for \$50

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

George Jameson  
2365 Mabel Lake Road  
Enderby V0E 1V5

Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society

## MABEL LAKE ROAD

**Direct your concerns and/or inquires to:**

**Contractor:** 1-866-222-4204  
Website: aim-roads.ca  
Twitter: @AimRoads  
Facebook: @AIMRoads  
Instagram: @aimroads.ca

Email: aimroads@acciona.ca

### Ministry contact:

Vernon Area Office: 250-503-3664

# 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 & Breakfast  
Venue Hosting (May-September)  
Coffee Shop (July & August)  
**Snow Plowing**



### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair.....	Jacky Clark .....	250-838-6062
Secretary.....	Laura Jameson .....	250-838-6379
Treasurer.....	Michele Huntington.....	250-838-7477
Memberships & School .....	Suzanne Clark.....	250-838-6248
Hall Bookings/Entertainment....	Sydney Graham .....	250-574-5725
Librarian & Memberships .....	Sherry Saunby.....	250-838-5660
Maintenance & Supplies .....	Greg Clark .....	250-838-0292
	Kowyn Hibbert .....	250-938-6025



### Kingfisher School Contact Information

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Kingfisher Country Quilters.....	Lisa Miner.....	250-838-7128	Email: lisamarie31ca@gmail.com
Librarian .....	Sherry Saunby.....	250-838-5660	Email: sjsaunby@telus.net

## 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE



### SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

As of November 22nd we have 106 memberships in good standing. Your membership is valued and important to the whole Kingfisher Community, so please feel free to contact us with suggestions or ideas for improvement.

### KCS Memberships - Help Support Your Community

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Suzanne Clark  
T: 250-838-6248 Email: queenb47@telus.net

**STOP BY:** at Mabel Lake Farms Store  
July and August daily: 8-2

Kingfisher Library every Wednesday from 11am - 1:30pm  
OR

**MAIL:** Suzanne Clark  
#33 Kingfisher Road, Enderby V0E 1V5  
(Make Cheques out to Kingfisher Community Society)  
OR

**E-TRANSFER:** kingfisher3337@gmail.com  
IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address



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Email photos and news items to :  
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Deadline is the 20th of each month.

I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email.