
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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Hello Kingfisher Spring...!

April showers bring May flowers and all the little critters and birds are out and about. We have a pair of Canadian Geese that arrived a week ago, right on schedule as they do every year for the last five years in a row. They build their nest on the rock island in the middle of the river across from our property, so we get to hear them honking away each morning as they fly around and gather their materials to make their cozy nest just right. Last year they had 3 little goslings and we got to see them grow and take their first flight. It was really special! Being that they are in the middle of the river, they are fairly protected from predators, however we have seen them scare away an eagle or two that were eying up their eggs! I'm not sure if you've ever seen a Canada Goose egg in the wild, but they aren't small (about the size of a baseball) and would make a good sized meal for an Eagle or other creature if left unguarded. These parents are very steadfast though, and have been able to successfully protect their nest from that happening. A few years ago, one of their little ones got swept into the current and washed into our yard during high water. All day I could hear this little "peeping" sound coming from this lost baby gosling. It took me a while to find it, but I was able to rescue him/her until the parents came back to reunite with it. I'd like to think we have a trust bond now after that, and that's why they keep coming back to this spot. It's a lovely place to raise a family!

Not a lot to report for this edition, however the kitchen renovation is almost complete! We had our annual AGM and Greg Clark let us know that we have around 500 hours of volunteer time put into this project, not including the time it



took for planning and choosing the new floor sample, paint, appliances, etc. plus the rest of the hours to completion. It really does take a village and we are so incredibly grateful for ours!

We are so looking forward to hosting a "New Kitchen Party" to test out the appliances and overall flow of the fresh space and to thank our volunteers, so stay tuned for details about when that will happen!

Thanks everyone!



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Kitchen Renovation Update

Laura Jameson, Secretary

We are making great progress on the major upgrade to the hall kitchen. It began with moving everything out of the kitchen including the island and cupboards. The floor needed major work as discovered as our crew removed tiles, glue and eventually found the sub-floor. The sub-floor had some issues and was repaired and replaced.

The basement/crawl space was a bit of an archeological dig (see photos). The chimney, which went through the kitchen floor to the ceiling, was removed. The very old water heater, Simpson Sears brand, was removed, footings poured and a new heater installed.

Colin Cogswell ordered the appliances and equipment and assisted with planning and lay out.

The electrical was in need of significant upgrading which has been completed.

We now have new flooring, new lighting, and a repaired and repainted ceiling. Painting is scheduled soon.

How have we done this so effectively and within budget? Volunteer labour. Skilled labour from our local residents and Directors. It is a generous offering and will benefit the community for years to come.

The team: Greg Clark and Kowyn Hibbert; Greg is leading the project and Kowyn has worked alongside Greg from the start. Terry Price worked many hours alongside Greg and Kowyn and shared his expertise. Colin Cogswell was our kitchen expert and helped immensely to source and purchase top quality appliances and equipment. Dirk Campagnolo helped when needed. Our local plumbers Amy Clark and Stephen Nadeau installed the plumbing. Directors helped with the sorting, clean up and painting.



Amy, our plumber



early work



Greg lounging



Kowyn

This project was funded by a grant from the Regional District of North Okanagan - Community Works Fund Grant.

We'll celebrate with a kitchen party when it's all done... stay tuned



Kingfisher Community Society SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

We had 9 Directors in the past year with Alana Brookes and Pat Burnett joining the team. The Directors held 11 meetings in 2024.

Highlights include:

- Continuing succession planning and capacity development.
- Purchased a snowblower and built a storage shed for use for winter hockey
- Started the Social Committee – Alana, Sandra, Sherry, Rhea, Sydney
- And created 2 new events: Mabel the Marmot and Movie Night
- The 'Meet the Director' for the front page of the newsletter, developed a one-time ad rate.
- Updated the brochure and website
- Renewed grounds maintenance contract for 2 years after posting for proposals.
- Extended snow plowing contract for a year
- renewed annual website hosting fee.

Hall improvements – Kitchen renovation discussion began in early spring. – Greg got a design quote, Directors got quotes for appliances, lighting, flooring, Colin Cogswell got better quotes. Proposal sent to RDNO in July and received approval a month later. In Late July the geothermal cooling and heating system failed. We were able to get support from the Area F Director to add funding to our original project.

Farmers Market – the liaison from our team is Sherry Saunby. She works closely with the Market Manager during the season. We are hoping to provide more shade for the coming season.

Thanks to our behind the scenes volunteers:

Robin Gubler – newsletter editor

George Jameson – newsletter distribution (pickup, mailing, emailing)

Jan Lacko – putting the signs at the halfway hill

PLEASE NOTE AGM Follow-up Report

The Kingfisher Community Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2024 was held Saturday March 22 at Kingfisher Hall. The meeting was attended by 7 Directors and 12 community members.

A yearly AGM is required of non-profit societies and includes a financial report and reports from Directors. The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandra Scott. Auditors commented on the well organized and detailed financial records and all have agreed to serve as auditors for the current year.

Other reports described the many hall events, regular users and bookings for special occasions. There were 201 memberships for 2024 representing 77 families and 47 singles.

A new hall sign will be constructed soon to replace the one destroyed last year. There was an update on the replacement of the geothermal heating and cooling system and an overview of the kitchen renovation. Approximately 500 volunteer hours have been contributed so far to the renovation. Look for a Kitchen Party to celebrate coming soon. The majority of the current Board agreed to remain for the next year. Pat Burnett has stepped down and Laurie Baines has agreed to join the Board. Welcome Laurie.

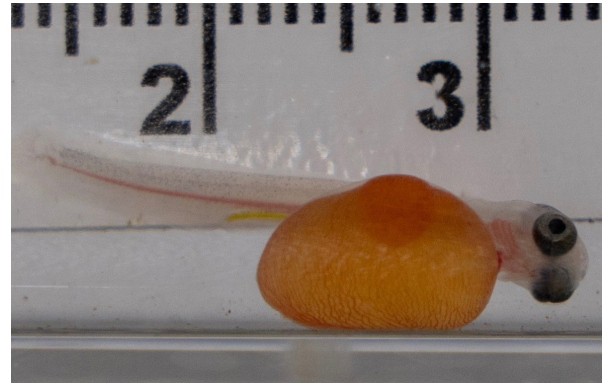


KINGFISHER Interpretive Centre

Update from Your Community Salmon Hatchery

- Submitted by Shona Bruce

With spring in the air and the promise of new life, the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre would like to share the good news that the Community is caring for 37,000-baby salmon. These delicate little fish are nestled, safe and sound in their salmon incubators at the Centre. These precious fish began hatching on New Years' Day and with luck, they will start feeding in May. They are currently receiving nourishment from the remainder of their yolk sac as they prepare to face the wild world. If you would enjoy an opportunity to see these young salmon, please call the Centre to arrange a time for viewing.



2025 promises to be another exciting year for raising salmon at the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre as we will continue to update our salmon rearing equipment in an effort to become more efficient and provide more safety for these amazing little fish. Last year two new brood tubs were installed and this year water alarms, cameras and a back-up water circulation system will be added to provide more water security.

As we say goodbye to a very easy winter, there is still a lot to be done to prepare the site for our busy field trip season ahead. The first school will be arriving on April 23rd and we anticipate over 2,000 schoolchildren, teachers and parents will be participating in this year's field trip season. We encourage all community members to come for a visit to witness first-hand the magic of personal connections be made with nature. We have heard many children say: "This has been the bestest day of my life!" or "I wish that we could come here every day!". These field trips are truly life-changing for some and the creation of water and salmon stewards will help make a difference in the future.

In preparation, the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society will be hosting the annual Volunteer Work "B" on **Sunday April 13th from 9-1**. This a great opportunity to connect with nature, become a watershed steward, visit with other community members and **join in something special**. A fire and a hotdog lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Shona Bruce at the Centre at **250-838-0004**.

SPRING CLOTHING SWAP/SHOP

MAY 24/25 ~ 3PM-7PM
KINGFISHER HALL

contact Rhea @ kingfisherpromos@gmail.com or
check the FB page for more info & event details!

SPRING Clean Up Day

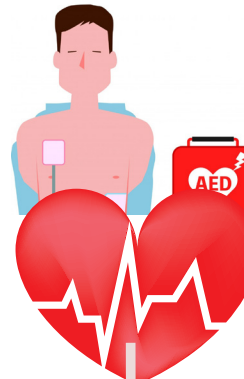
It's time for the annual Hall Cleanup Day!

Saturday, April 5th from 10am - 2pm

Let's turn up some music, roll up our sleeves, grab a broom or a rake and have some fun turning a chore into an opportunity to catch up!



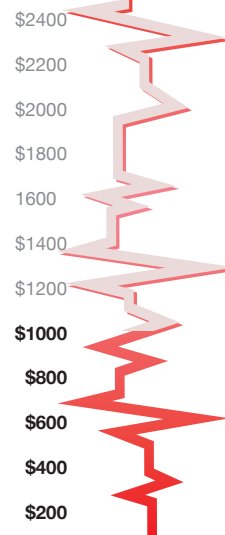
KCS IS RAISING FUNDS FOR AN AED MACHINE FOR THE HALL!



DONATE YOUR AGE CHALLENGE

The donate your age challenge, to buy an AED (Defibrillator) for the Hall, is off to a great start. We are almost halfway there. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far. The idea is to donate one dollar for each year of your age.

Luckily, there is still time to get involved. The heartbeat graph will let us know when we've reached our goal. Make those years count. See you in a month.



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Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Coffee/Tea provided, bring your own lunch

We make a variety of quilting/sewing items that we donate to local charities like: SAFE House * Park View Place *

Kingfisher Hall

We also make baby quilts for all the new Kingfisher babies!



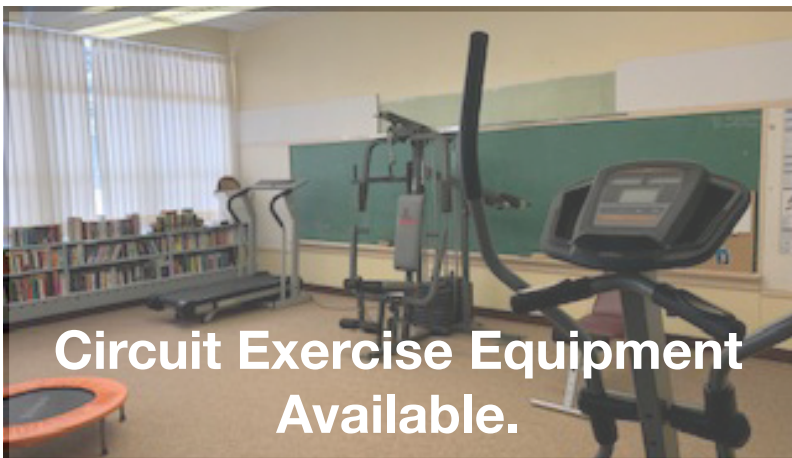
First Fidget Quilts!

Which are donated to seniors' home for dementia patients.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lisa Miner

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library hours are 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM every Wednesday.

Welcome to a new year. We have exciting plans for the library. We will be expanding our Kingfisher Historical section to highlight our wonderful historical panels on the outside of the school. We are looking for newsletters that are missing, I will put out a list in the next edition of the newsletter.

I would like to remind members that 2025 memberships are due.

Looking forward to seeing you at the library this summer.



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& FRIDAY**
9-11AM



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BABY WELCOME FUND

The Kingfisher Community Society is pleased to announce the establishment of a Baby Welcome Fund.



This fund is made possible through a generous donation by local residents (who wish to remain anonymous).

The fund provides one-time financial support to parents of infants from Kingfisher.

Application forms are available from a Director. The family must reside in Kingfisher at the time of the birth.

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OR

Kingfisher Library: Wednesday (SUMMER ONLY)

11am - 1pm

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Email photos and news items to Robin:
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