

# The Kingfisher

## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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**Hello Kingfisher!** Can you believe it's June already? The pace of life seems to have sped up since May, and the Hall has been a busy place lately, with another great summer of events ahead of us to look forward to!

We had a nice turnout for our Mother's Day Breakfast and got to utilize the new kitchen space that made prep and cleanup so much easier!

The team all looked snazzy in their new matching aprons - shoutout to our newest board member Laurie Baines for that idea! (Laurie will be featured in our next addition of "Meet Your Directors").

**WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS**



The kitchen party was really fun too - music and food and good times for all in attendance - and special opportunity to celebrate the ones who worked so hard devoting their time and energy into the kitchen renovation (especially Greg & Kowyn).

For myself, I organized the long anticipated return of my famous clothing swap as well, which saw a large crowd of eager women looking to update their wardrobes and enjoy a day of shmoozing and shopping - I suspect it'll be an annual event.

We've got Jumble Dance and Strawberry Tea and Farmer's Market season ahead of us, so make sure you check out the community calendar for all your upcoming events!

Happy gardening folks!  
Rhea

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



We just wanted to say a "heartfelt" THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to our AED fundraiser! We have had quite a few donors who have participated in the "Donate Your Age" challenge that Murray MacDonald initiated. Thanks Murray - Such a great idea!

And many thanks to the Karate Club, the Pickle Ball group and the individuals who donated last month to the AED purchase.

**We aren't quite at our goal yet, so the fundraising continues ...**

If you would like to send a cheque you can do so by mail to:  
Kingfisher Community Society  
Put in the notes: AED Fundraiser  
3337 Enderby Mabel Lake Rd,  
Enderby, V4Y 4L3

Or you can send an e-transfer to:  
Kingfisher3337@gmail.com  
with AED Fundraiser in the note section.

Thank you all so much for your support in helping us fund this life-saving device! It's something we can all benefit from and have some added comfort knowing it's available to utilize in an emergency.



# Kingfisher

## Jumble Dance

June 28th

Kingfisher Hall  
3337 Enderby Mabel Lake Rd

68th Annual (ish)

✨ Evening Schedule:

🕒 9:00 PM – Doors open, music, and mingling

🕒 9:30–11:00 PM – First dance set

🎉 11:00–11:30 PM – Costume parade & prizes

🌮 Midnight – Taco party!

🎵 12:00–1:30 AM – Final dance set

🎫 Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by e-transfer to [Kingfisher3337@gmail.com](mailto:Kingfisher3337@gmail.com) (please include your name and "Jumble Dance" in the message!).

Starting in early June, tickets will also be available at Tony O's Outfitters in Enderby.

We're hoping to accept credit and debit at the door—but can't promise just yet, so bring cash just in case.

📍 Kingfisher Hall is about 30 km east of Enderby, BC, down Mabel Lake Road.

📶 You'll lose cell service at Halfway Hill—so plan accordingly.

👁️ Come for the vibes, stay for the tacos. Bring your best (or worst) outfit, and let's keep this wild tradition alive. |

**Gender-bending costumes,  
chaos, and community.**

Don your wildest outfit (gender-bending encouraged!) and come be part of something real, weird, and wonderful.



19+ Event

This year's soundtrack comes courtesy of Joe Abbott and the Flying J's—a Vancouver-based outfit serving up an eclectic blend of original roots music influenced by honky tonk, swing, and rock & roll.

Expect crooning vocals, wailing steel guitar solos, and surprise cameos from clarinet and alto sax. From western swing to psychedelic rock, the Flying J's bring enough charm and character to delight two-steppers, folkies, and all-season merry makers alike.

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# Strawberry Tea

Sunday, July 13th  
1am – 3pm



Fun for the whole family,  
featuring delicious shortcakes,  
a cake walk and live music.



**Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.**  
**Children under 5 are free.**  
Shortcake is provided for each ticket.



The Strawberry Tea is a longstanding Kingfisher event that began several decades ago. It was traditionally hosted by the famous Kingfisher Kitchen Band at the property of Isabel and Wilfred Simard. Each year a crew of helpers moved the piano, tables and chairs to and from the property. For several years, it was held on a Thursday afternoon, the day the 'men came down from camp'. The Kitchen Band provided the Strawberry shortcake and provided the music.

Eventually the event was moved to the hall where it continues on each July. The cakes have often featured Isabel Simard's famous short cake recipe, passed on over the years.

## JULY



11am – 2pm

June 25 – August 27  
Every Wednesday  
**Farmers Market**  
Kingfisher Community Hall



11am – 1pm

June 25 – August 27  
Every Wednesday  
**Library open**  
Community Resource Centre (old school)



8 – 10am

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
**Drop-in Pickleball**  
Kingfisher Tennis Court



**STRAWBERRY TEA**

1am – 3pm

Sunday, July 13th  
**Strawberry Tea**  
Kingfisher Community Hall



9am – 2pm

Sunday, July 20  
**Learn to Fish**  
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (KIC)



Monday, August 4  
**BC Day Holiday**



10am – noon

Friday, August 8  
**Science Camp for Kids**  
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (KIC)



5pm

Friday, August 15  
**Corn Roast & Potluck**  
Kingfisher Community Hall  
Hosted by the KCS Social Committee

Corn, coffee, tea & punch will be provided. We ask that you bring a food item to compliment the Corn on the Cob.



10 – noon

Saturday, August 16  
**Salmon Superpowers**  
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (KIC)

For more information about the FireSmart Chipping Program and the FireSmart Home Assessment Program, please visit [www.rdn.ca/firesmart](http://www.rdn.ca/firesmart) or contact the FireSmart Coordinator at [firesmart@rdn.ca](mailto:firesmart@rdn.ca).

**Regular class: 8:30 - 10 AM | Seniors & Family Class: 10:15 - 11 AM**





## KINGFISHER Interpretive Centre

### Spring into Summer with Salmon

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society is excited to welcome back an opportunity, for anyone interested, to assist with a **public Salmon fry release**. Salmon Sunday will be taking place on **Sunday June 29th from 10:00am – 12:00**. This free, family event will provide an occasion to release baby salmon into the scenic Shuswap River, wish them good luck and watch them swim away. There are over 10,000 Chinook salmon to release and they all need names so come prepared!

At the same time as caring for the baby salmon on site, the KICS is also welcoming hundreds of local school children for their annual salmon fry release field trip season. Field trips began in April and will continue into the middle of June. An estimated 1,500 people will have participated in these award-winning education programs. Thanks, and appreciation go out to the 6 staff members and 2 teacher candidates from UBCO who do such an amazing job teaching these kids about some of the wonders in our watershed.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society will be taking place on Wednesday June 18th at 7 PM at the Splatstin Centre** – Community room. Join us in welcoming special guests from Splatstin and learning about the conservation and recovery efforts being made to help protect the **Southern Mountain Caribou** in the North Okanagan.

Summer hours will commence on July 3rd, with on-site interpreters available to answer questions and offer tours from Thursday to Monday 9:00 – 2:00. If you are interested in bringing a larger group of friends and/or family, special arrangements should be made in advance and we would love to see you all.

***We are planning some fun summer programs which are free and family friendly! All ages are welcome to enjoy the following:***

#### **Learn to Fish – Sunday July 20th, 9am-1:30 pm**

We are absolutely thrilled to continue with this very popular event. This year's event will be taking place on Sunday July 20th. It is a free, fun, family event aimed to teach children about the ins and outs of fishing and other aquatic life. We have lots of great door prizes to give away and many other activities for the participants to enjoy. For more information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please call us at (250)838-0004.

#### **The Bug Guy– Saturday July 26th, 10:00am – 12:00**

More than just bugs, Stuart Brown is an entertainer, an educator and enthusiast of insects, reptiles, arachnids and more. His shows have become very popular and promise to fascinate his all-ages audience when he will introduce you to some of his 4, 6 or 8 legged friends.

#### **Science Camp - Friday August 8th, 10:00am – 12:00**

Join local naturalist James Murray for interesting science lessons which may include local geology and successful "panning" techniques. Who knows, you may get lucky and find some gold!

#### **Salmon Super Powers – Saturday August 19th, 10:00am – 12:00**

This annual education program discusses the salmon life-cycle and some salmon superpowers. It also includes a Salmon Dissection that promises to heighten at least one of your senses.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these events, would like more information or would like to serve on the KICS Board of Directors, please contact us at (250) 838-0004 or at [kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com).

### ***The History of the Jumble Dance***

While some details about the origin of the Jumble Dance are consistent, the exact year it began remains uncertain. We do know that the Kingfisher Community Society was established and built the community hall in 1949. The idea for the dance is credited to Eva New. The earliest known photo of the event dates back to 1955, though there are suggestions it may have started earlier in the 1950s.

At that time, alcohol was not allowed in the hall, so the men often gathered outside for a drink. A local resident recently revealed that the women were also discreetly drinking in the women's bathroom. The tradition of cross-dressing began as a playful way to encourage more dancing – women, dressed as men, could approach the "men," who were dressed as women, to ask them to dance.

Except for one year during the recent pandemic, the Jumble Dance has continued ever since. This is tribute to our community members who have continued the tradition for decades, preserving the spirit of fun and creativity.



*One memorable story from an early Jumble Dance, shared in Kingfisher Stories by Eva Monkhouse, goes like this:*

“ Russell Large, exceptional for his taste in feminine finery, caught the roving eye of George Cargill, who incidentally retained his masculine dress. George, who had been on the outs with Russell for many years but did not recognize him, asked him to dance. Russell, in true maidenly coyness graciously accepted. During the dance full realization came to George. ‘Hell,’ he said, ‘I don’t want to dance with you. You’re Russell Large!’ and left him in the middle of the floor. ”

## Mabel Lake-Kingfisher COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE



### Kingfisher Country Quilters

**Would like to welcome all quilters and crafters to join us to work on either a charity project, or your own project.**

**Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Coffee/Tea provided, bring your own lunch

**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.*

### To Kingfisher Area Residents and Visitors

Date: Monday, May 5, 2025

We would like to inform you that partial harvesting cooperations are set to resume in the area accessed from Beattie Road and Holiday Creek Forest Service Road. These activities will once again be carried out by our trusted logging contractor, Balcaen Consolidated Contracting, who managed the previous phase of the work.

We anticipate that the associated hauling operations will take approximately eight weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions and operational progress. Our hours of operation will be from 4:00 am to 2:00pm. We anticipate beginning to move logs around May 12, weather and road conditions permitting as rain is currently in the forecast.

We understand the increase in recreational traffic at this time of year and have taken action to address that. We continue to emphasize the importance of safe and conscientious operation to all of our contractors. Should you have any concerns or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.



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### DROP IN PICKLEBALL

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL  
now playing outside



**PICKLEBALL**

**MONDAY,  
WEDNESDAY  
& FRIDAY**  
**9-11AM**

### BABY WELCOME FUND



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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### Very Berry Cafe Open June 25th



**OPEN Wednesday - Sunday**  
**8am - 2pm**

- Homemade jams, syrups, ice cream
- Fresh baking
- Iced coffees
- Smoothies
- Lattes
- Fresh in-season fruits

Campground opening May long weekend.



### July 19 - FAMILY DANCE

7pm - Midnight  
9pm afterward 19+ only





To get on the Directors' Meeting Agenda: [kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com)  
 To submit a post to the Facebook page: [kingfisherpromos@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherpromos@gmail.com)  
 Hall booking and entertainment: [KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com](mailto:KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com)

### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chairperson: Laura Jameson ..... 250-838-6379  
 Secretary: Laurie Baines..... 403-510-1334  
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### Kingfisher School Contact Information

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 comment box.

Cheques can be mailed to  
 Sherry Saunby  
 74 Lusk Lake Rd, Enderby  
 V4Y 4L4

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 Kingfisher Community Society.  
 Include what it is for in the  
 memo line.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

**FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00**

#### Contact Sherry Saunby

T: 250-838-5660 | Email: [sjsaunby@telus.net](mailto:sjsaunby@telus.net)

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**E-TRANSFER:** [kingfisher3337@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisher3337@gmail.com)

IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address

OR

**Kingfisher Library: Wednesday (SUMMER ONLY)**

11am - 1pm

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Email photos and news items to Robin:  
[editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)  
 Or call, 250-574-3572

Deadline is the 20th of each month.

I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you  
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