

# The Kingfisher

## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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### *December in the Valley: A Season of Quiet Strength*



December settles over the valley like a soft blanket. The paths fall silent, the hills breathe in long, cool rhythms. Even the light seems to step back, making room for our own inner glow to gather itself. This is the time of year that asks us to move gently, to restore, and to let stillness become part of our nourishment. Warm cups of tea become rituals, small comforts become lifelines. I like to bring in herbs like Tulsi, Lemon Balm and Nettle for cold mornings and heart warming nights. Ginger, Cinnamon and Turmeric combined with your favorite cream or nut milk and a dollop of honey can bring a gentle lift to the Spirit.

As the longest night draws near, our little valley enters its deepest hush...December 20th, the Solstice, is the quiet returning of the light. The path forward reveals itself in thin, golden strands. This is the season to allow yourself the same pace. Rise gradually. Root gently. Follow the new light without rushing towards it. Trust the small signs. Trust the quiet. May this time remind you that rest is not a collapse, it is preparation. And may the returning light stitch itself into you so steadily and softly that by the time the days lengthen, you feel ready to rise with them.

*Stay cozy Kingfisher...*

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Monthly Newsletter  
will Not be published  
in January.**



**THE GREY CUP  
PARTY WAS A HIT!**

Thanks to Laurie,  
Sherry, Joan & Sandra  
for organizing!



Sue Levitt



Lynn Stuart

**The winner of the 50/50  
draw was Lynn Stuart and  
Sue Levitt won BOTH of  
the Football Pool.**

**Prizes coming in at \$250!  
Congratulations to them  
and big thanks to everyone  
who came out to support  
the event!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**KINGFISHER CHRISTMAS**  
*Concert &*  
*Potluck*  
**DECEMBER 13TH AT 4 PM**  
**AT THE KINGFISHER HALL**

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PLEASE CONTACT URSULA AT  
[ULUSSIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ULUSSIN@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU HAVE A  
CHILD/CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER TO ADD  
TO SANTA'S LIST & WOULD LIKE TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE CONCERT





**Christmas  
Decorating Party**

Join us for festive fun,  
**sparkling lights**  
*& joyful cheer!*  
December 12th, 7PM  
at the Kingfisher Hall

**BYOB & a light snack to share!**



**SOLSTICE SOUND BATH**  
with Kate & Robyn

**Kingfisher Hall • Dec 20 • 2-4 pm**  
Register: [katefagervik@live.ca](mailto:katefagervik@live.ca)      \$30 per person

## HOW DO YOU FIND ABOUT HALL EVENTS?



**YOUR  
OPINION  
MATTERS**

The Directors are reviewing the ways we communicate to the community. We hope to improve communication and reduce costs.

**Please give us your feedback in one of the following ways:**

- At the next hall events, give your feedback at the form available at the door
- Complete the survey on the Kingfisher Community Society Facebook page
- Email [kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com) with your answer to the following question: "I find out about hall events by..."



**Answers could be:**

- large signs at halfway hill/ hall
- paper newsletter by mail
- newsletter by email
- word of mouth
- Kingfisher Facebook page
- other local Facebook page
- Kingfisher website
- poster

... Comments are also welcome.

Please note that when you purchase a membership to Kingfisher Community Society, you can receive an email copy of the newsletter each month.



**MEMBERSHIPS FOR  
2026 ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE.** Yearly rate

- Family \$30.00
- Single \$20.00

**Contact Sherry Saunby:**

Email: [sjsaunby@telus.net](mailto:sjsaunby@telus.net),

Mail a cheque to:

Sherry Saunby

74 Lusk Lake Road East, Enderby, BC V4Y 4L4  
or

Etransfer to: [kingfisher3337@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisher3337@gmail.com)

(include your name and 'membership' in memo).



# CHRISTMAS

## Traditions Over the Years

The Hall Decorating Party and the Christmas Concert over the decades the concert has included a play, music and of course a visit from Santa.

The Hall Decorating Party was the 'Ladies Decorating Party' for several decades. A large tree, boughs and an assortment of decorations transformed the hall. The event includes wrapping the gifts for all the community children from birth to 10 years. The gifts are purchased by the Community Society.

About 15 years ago, the Directors decided to include men in the event to ensure better attendance.

This year's Decorating Party is December Friday December 12 at 7 pm. Bring a snack and beverages if you like.

The Christmas Concert has been part of the community celebrations for decades. In the Flowing Through Time history book, the teacher who arrived in 1958, is quoted: 'the Christmas Concert was a major event..' Over the decades, presented the concert which included a play, music, and of course Santa's arrival.

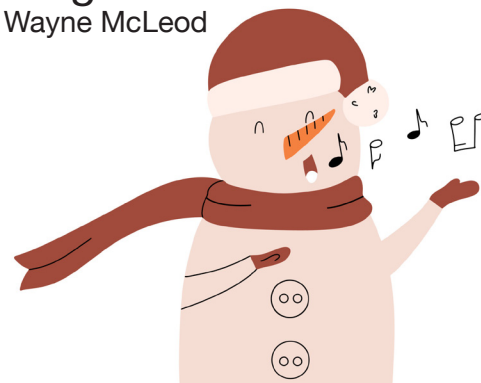
Murray MacDonald continued the tradition and now Ursula Lussin leads this event.

As a former child performer in the concerts, Ursula understands how to make the event successful. The song "Kingfisher Christmas" written by former resident, Wayne McLeod, is a welcome part of the concert each year. This is the event where new babies make their debut, sitting (and sometimes howling) on Santa's knee.



### Kingfisher Christmas

Wayne McLeod



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  
We're off to the ice for the day  
Cause it's here that I wanna be,  
home by the Christmas tree  
Shining for you and me  
And there's no place I'd rather  
be, Kingfisher's gotta be  
Special for you and me.

Repeat



*Santa still comes every year  
though he has thinned down a bit.  
There will be potluck, gifts  
for children 10 and under.*

**Hope to see you  
December 13th, 4 pm.**





## BEGINNING OF THE KINGFISHER LIBRARY SUBMITTED BY SUE LEAVITT



### For the love of books

Sue Leavitt organizes the shelves at the library located in the old Kingfisher school. She and Jane Clayton created the library to satisfy summer-visiting, book-reading grandchildren and it has grown to a copious inventory of books. The collection is organized alphabetically and there are even sections for children, westerns, cooking, crafts and more. It is free to take or leave books, just sign the register. The library is open during the weekly market and whenever the school is open.

[Photo by Jackie]

In 2007, the Kingfisher Community Society acquired the Kingfisher School from RDNO on a 25-year lease. When the community asked for ideas for the old building, I suggested creating a free library, inspired by one Jerry and I had seen while visiting relatives in a Florida mobile home park in 2005. Their community hall had a card room, a gathering space, and along the walls, a well-used free library stocked entirely by resident donations. I thought something similar could work in the school hallway.

I brought the idea to George, and after some discussion (and after turning down Sherry Saunby's idea for an M&M store!), I was encouraged to give it a try. I packed up my own books and brought them to the school. Jerry and I set up bookcases along the hallway walls, and the library began to take shape.

I asked the Enderby Library if they had books to spare, and they kindly allowed me to take from their recycling shelf. I also put a notice in the newsletter asking for donations and reached out to friends in Mabel Ridge. Books poured in—despite my forgetting to mention that we didn't need magazines, Reader's Digest, or cookbooks! Over time, the collection grew steadily.

After the first year, Jane Clayton joined me to help shelf books and greet visitors on Market Day. Over the years, many others have helped as well, including Sandra Scott, Sherry Saunby, and Jan Quesnel.

All of our books are donated, and any extras or duplicates are passed along to the nursing home in Enderby, the Enderby Library for their book sales, and the Salmon Arm Hospital.

Our library motto: If you want to keep a book, that's fine. If you want to return it, even better. We just ask that you don't throw books away—everything here has been donated by our community.

Thanks,  
Sue Leavitt  
Happy Reading!!!

*"Where there are books, there is always a doorway to wonder."*

## KARATE KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL

**CLASSES FOR KIDS 7-11 yrs.**  
**Saturdays, 10:45 - 11:30 am**

**ADULT CLASS, ages for 12 and up**  
**Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**Saturday, 9 - 10:30 am**

### FREE CLASS

Open dojo for everyone including the curious.  
Come when you can and leave when you must.  
**Monday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

**JOIN NOW!**



### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Shihan Terry at 250-540-9028**  
or email at [kingfisherdojo@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherdojo@gmail.com)

**3337 Mabel Lake Road,  
Kingfisher Community Hall**

**Everyone is welcome!**

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



**778-908-1480**

**FOLLOW US**



**SAVE THE DATE**



**Oh  
What Fun!**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
**OUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
CHRISTMAS AT KINGFISHER HALL  
ON THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 25TH, 2025 AT 3PM.  
Doors will open at 2.

This is a community social event open to  
anyone wishing to share Christmas dinner  
with others.

We will contact you with further details  
regarding how those attending can help out  
by bringing dishes, set up and clean up...  
*We look forward to celebrating  
with our community.*

*Thank you, Alana, Shelley and Families*

**RSVP**  
by Dec 15th, 2025  
**brookesa@hotmail.com**



## PHOTO CONTEST



We encourage you to send a photo that highlights  
some aspect of life in Kingfisher: past or present, at  
the hall, school, outdoors, the lake, river or any other  
local site.



Filbert Hill  
Jan Lacko

Brenda  
Heywood



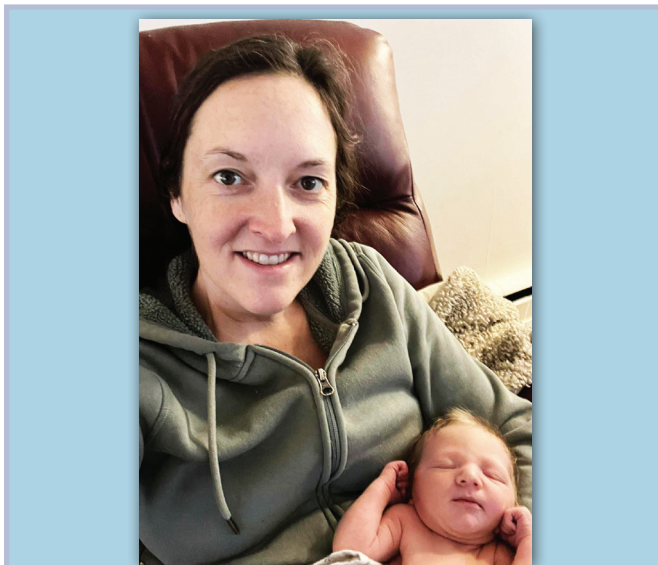
My daughters canoeing down the river  
towards the Dale boat launch. What a  
beautiful time of year to take in the beauties  
and witness the salmon finishing up their  
life cycle.

Thanks! Lisa Olsson





The new AED Machine is now setup at the Hall.  
Thank You for all the donations that made this a reality.



Born to Kelly Miller and Tessa Cran  
November 18, 2025  
A boy, Kane Alexander Miller  
3:22 am  
Weighing: 7lbs 9 oz

**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.

**Link Kent Clark-Daniels**

**MABEL LAKE Farms**

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Its that time of the year again ...

**For Snow Plowing call Ryan  
T: 250-838-6248**



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 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

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 Maintenance & Supplies: Kowyn Hibbert..... 250-938-6025  
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 Director: Joan Turner ..... 250-838-6714

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Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to  
 George Jameson  
 E: [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)  
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 Word Document only  
 KCS members only  
 Ads run from May - April for full year  
 (\$100) or 6 months or less (\$50)  
 Payment required **prior** to ad  
 placement. Make cheque payable to  
 Kingfisher Community Society.

#### Payment Options

E-transfer:  
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 Include name and what it is for in  
 comment box.

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

Make cheque payable to  
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 Include what it is for in the  
 memo line.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

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

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IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address

OR

**Kingfisher Library: Wednesday (SUMMER ONLY)**  
 10am - Noon

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Email photos and news items to Robin:  
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 Or call, 250-574-3572

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.