
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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Yahoo!! I am celebrating my 50th summer of selling pottery at the Kingfisher Market. That's about 450 Wednesdays that I have packed-up and unpacked pots for my market display. And, that's more than 50 years of muddy hands, spinning wheels, firing kilns, and wonderful creations! Truly, this milestone was never on my wish list..it sort of crept up on me.

Since my first sales in 1976 from our tipi at the "Chucks", I have always been overwhelmed with gratitude to my customers and friends for their support of my art. I like the idea that I can make a piece and that it could become a favourite for someone because of its usefulness but that it is also unique and is masterfully created. I've been told how comfortable my mugs feel and how essential they are to those customers' morning routines. Friends have shared that my serving bowls are filled with favourite recipes at family gatherings.

Pottery is my meditation in motion. The distinct stages of shaping, decorating, glazing, and firing motivate me in many ways. Each stage requires 'centering' and focus, perseverance and patience, skill and knowledge. But most of all, the whole process always depended on the support of Brian and our 3 daughters Ursula, Emily, and Natalie. They were (are) more helpful than any employee could ever have been.

In the summer of 1977, I joined vendors Susan and Keith Gray, Bev Gale, Nada Potrie and Fred Osha inside the Kingfisher Hall for my first summer of markets. The price for a mug was \$1.50 and for a teapot was \$10. I was thrilled to meet John McIntyre from Kelowna at those 70's markets as he is the professional musician who wrote a tribute song called Pottery Lady. In verse three he sings: *"There's a teapot large and a teapot small, A big round bowl and a jar so tall, One or two things just to hang on your wall made by the Pottery Lady."*

I look back on fifty years of making art and making market memories. Over those decades the market merriment has grown along with the number of vendors. It has been a vibrant hub for our Kingfisher/Mabel Lake community. Thank you to the many weekly visitors, to the many summer regulars, and to the volunteers and organizers who have kept the market's spirit alive.

"Wednesday morning in July, ya know it's the Farmers' Market time. There's bread, honey, corn and beets to buy and see the Pottery Lady."





Wednesday • 10am - Noon

Meet Your Vendors ...

FRITZ THE BAKER • GREEN CROFT PRODUCE • KM ORCHARDS • GRASS ROOTS DAIRIES • LOVE BOWL FARMS • SANDY ACRES BERRIES • AFTER DARK DISTILLERY • SHUSWAP CIDER • BUSTER'S FOOD CART • STICKS AND STONES POTTERY • MARIS GOLD AROMATHERAPY • SWEET LOVE SOAPS • EDGE OF THE EARTH WINE • LET'S GET PICKLED • JANET BROWN PHOTOGRAPHY • HAVANA NIGHTS BOUTIQUE • CRAFTS BY SANDRA • LUDDITT BEE PRODUCTS • SAMOSA LADY • SHUSWAP HIGHLAND STILLS • BROKBOYS BAMBOO CLOTHING • KINGFISHER KITCHEN ... and there are more Vendors Applying!!



COME AND HAVE PIE & COFFEE - LISTEN TO MUSIC AND SUPPORT OUR MARKET.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**FARMERS
MARKET**
August 5 - August 26
Every Wednesday
10 am - noon

Contact Sherry Saunby
sjsaunby@telus.net



**CORN
ROAST**
August 22nd
5:30 pm

Corn Roast and Potluck
• Corn and Chili provided •

To help, contact Alana Brookes
778-212-3255 or brookesa@hotmail.com

New KCS Mission Statement

Our community hall has used the original mission statement since 1949. The Directors thought it was time for an update. The original Mission Statement was:

"1) To acquire land and thereon build and operate a Community Hall and Recreation centre; and 2) To foster and promote social, sporting, recreational, charitable and educational activities."

At the July 7th Directors meeting the following updated version was approved:

"The Kingfisher Community Society will foster a vibrant, inclusive and connected community by supporting and promoting recreational, educational, charitable, cultural, and social activities that enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages."

The Mission Statement is required for some reporting documents, funding applications and most importantly to guide the direction of the Society.



KCS DIRECTORS TEAM UPDATE

For the past few months we have been working together as a 7 member KCS Directors group. We are pleased to welcome Donna Murray to the team. Donna and her husband Russ have owned their property for 22 years and have lived here full time for the past 5.

She took on the leadership role for the Strawberry Tea and did an excellent job of organizing the many details of the event and supporting event volunteers. Donna will join the team at the August Directors meeting.

If you are interested in stepping up to fill our remaining vacancy, please contact Chairperson Laura Jameson (250 838 6379 or kcschairperson@gmail.com for more information.

The Community Society Bylaws state that the Director positions are 2 year terms. In the last many years, the 2 year terms are often renewed by Directors at the Annual General Meeting held in March. Directors appointed during the year will have the opportunity to continue their term at the March 2027 AGM.

Should there be more than 9 people wishing to become Directors, a vote by the members will be held at the AGM.

Jumble Dance and Strawberry Tea Volunteer Appreciation



The 69th Jumble Dance was a fun filled evening with amazing costumes, food, prizes and music. A week later was the Strawberry Tea also so much fun, great shortcake, time to visit with old and new friends and the cake walk.

Our thanks to all of those who helped with promotion, scheduling, purchasing food and beverages, cooking, baking (10 cake bakers including one who was a first-time baker), making prizes, working at the door, serving food and drinks, set up, clean up and follow up.

This year a special shout out to Tony Os in Enderby who have faithfully handled ticket sales for the Jumble Dance over the past decades.

Thanks to Donna Murray for the Strawberry Tea and Sydney Graham for the Jumble Dance for your leadership on these events. This leadership greatly assists the Directors in sustaining these traditional events.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE



1 Someone has failed to return the key to the lockbox ... please return.

2 The large induction pot (expensive to replace), and some Kitchen Aprons have been removed from the Hall... please return.

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Catch the Fun!

July has been fantastic 😊 at the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre! Visitors can still see the remaining Chinook salmon fry before helping release them into the Shuswap River. Guided hatchery tours are available **Thursday through Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, offering a fun, hands-on look at the remarkable journey of Pacific salmon.

Our annual Learn to Fish event was another tremendous success, with more than **400 participants** spending the day learning new fishing skills and creating lasting family memories. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the **more than 50 volunteers** who generously donated their time and energy to make this event possible. Your enthusiasm and dedication helped create an unforgettable experience for so many young anglers and their families.

The fun doesn't stop there! Throughout the summer, we will also be welcoming several youth groups to the Centre, providing even more children with the opportunity to experience the excitement of catching their first fish and learning about the importance of healthy watersheds.

We have another great lineup of **free, family-friendly programs** planned throughout August. No pre-registration is required—simply arrive **10 minutes before the scheduled start time** to check in.

For our complete event schedule, current hours of operation, site rules, and visitor information, visit www.kingfishercentre.org.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you on the river!



KINGFISHER Interpretive Centre

2026 Summer Programs

Programming is free and fun for the whole family!

July 19

Learn to Fish



This event includes many activities including an opportunity to catch a real fish!

July 26

The Bug Guy



Get up close and personal with colourful, exotic animals.

Aug 3

Guided by Plants



Join Mikaela Canon for a plant walk and talk

Aug 8

Rockin with Zach



Join Zach in a walk and talk and learn about why our river rocks!

Aug 15

Sensory Story Trail



Help Benny the bear find his mom.

Aug 22

Birds of Prey



Join Falconer Mandy McDiarmid and her bird and learn about falcons

STRAWBERRY TEA SHOUT OUT!

On Sunday, July 12th, we had a fun filled afternoon with an amazing turnout for Kingfisher Community Hall's long-standing annual event! As tradition dictates, we had strawberry shortcake which was thoroughly enjoyed by guests! The hall was decorated with beautiful flowers & tables. Music was playing & many reconnections & new connections of people was evident.



The event was well attended by youngsters & young-at-heart as participants took part in the cake walks. There were many beautiful home baked cakes donated & lucky participants were delighted by their win of a cake!

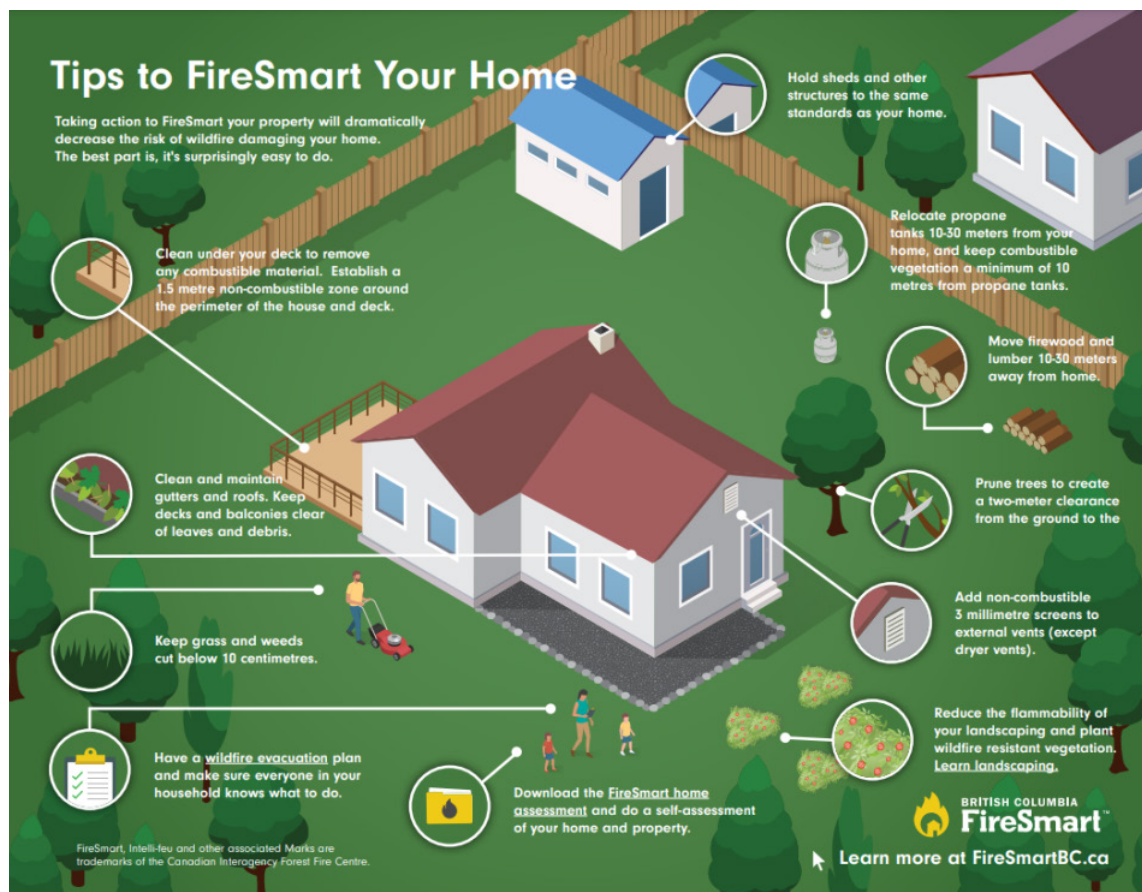
This year, strawberry plants were donated as a take home gift for those that were interested in growing their own. One of best parts of the tea was having so many jump in & help out... we have so many amazing volunteers in our community.

THANK YOU to all that took part!



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LIVIN' On Strings

★ ACOUSTIC MUSIC. REAL CONNECTION. ★

Livin' On Strings is the stage name of Armstrong, BC artist Cale Kortland, a 21 year old acoustic musician whose performances blend modern country, classic country, folk, and acoustic rock into an engaging, heartfelt live experience.

With nothing more than an acoustic guitar and a passion for connecting with people, Cale brings familiar songs to life in a way that invites audiences to sing along, tap their feet, and feel at home. His performances balance energy, storytelling, and authenticity.

After beginning to perform at farmers' markets, cafes, restaurants, and community events throughout the Okanagan, Cale has quickly become known for creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere wherever he plays.

The name "Livin' On Strings" is a tribute to his wife, Liv, whose encouragement gave him the confidence to pursue his lifelong dream of sharing music with others.

Whether performing for a small gathering or a larger crowd, Cale's goal is simple: to create genuine moments of connection through live music and leave every audience feeling like they were part of something memorable.

★ LIVE AT ★
MABEL LAKE FARMS
AUGUST 3RD
10:00AM

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Kingfisher Locals & Business Owners:

Help shape what comes next for Kingfisher School!

There are several options to share your input:

Option 1: Visit the Community Futures team at the Kingfisher Farmers Markets and share your input for the future of the Kingfisher School. Here are the dates we will be at the Market:

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

July 22 **July 29** **August 5**

Option 2: The Kingfisher School survey will be mailed to Area Residents in July - watch for yours in the mail & fill it out!

You can return your completed survey to the Community Futures team at the Kingfisher Farmers Markets, mail it to the RDNO, complete the survey online using your code (rdno.ca/kingfisher-school-planning-survey), or email it to communityservices@rdno.ca.

PLEASE NOTE

The Kingfisher Hall and Kingfisher School facilities are both available to rent for family birthdays, weddings, parties, workshops, or ongoing sessions. - Subject to availability -

Inquiries: Joan; turnerr1@telus.net or Laurie; lauriebaines96@gmail.com

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FAMILY RATES: \$30
SINGLE: \$20

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