



Celebrate Salmon

Join us and make a lantern

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Runaway Moon Theatre & KICS Present: Out of the Darkness

A salmon life-cycle themed lantern procession, 7 PM on Feb. 20, 2022

by Carolyn Uher

Kingfisher Interpretive Centre is working with **Runaway Moon Theatre** to bring forth a special event to 'lighten up' the community and help people through the doldrums. On the evening of February 20th at 7pm, we invite you to join us for a Winter Lantern Procession 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.

The walk will begin at the Enderby Bridge, proceeding along the Enderby Riverwalk to Riverside Campground, where lantern bearers will encounter predator species, hear a natural soundscape, and end up with a hot chocolate and a shadow show reward!

Ahead of the procession, we need as many lanterns to be made as possible by the community. They can come in many forms -simple egg lanterns to more complex fish shaped lanterns made of bamboo. You may even wish to contribute to our giant 15-foot spawning salmon lantern which will arrive at Kingfisher Hall, February 6th. Come to our workshop opening **Tea Party** on Feb. 1st between 1 and 4 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, EDAC, and Kingfisher Hall over the first few weeks of February to offer instructional sessions and drop in lantern making opportunities. Please see the poster below for locations, dates, and times:

Runaway MOON invites you to
Lighten Up!

and make
a lantern
to be part of our
Winter

Feb. 20th
Lantern Procession
Lantern Making Workshops

FREE

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

for
info
visit
www.runawaymoon.org

Please email kicsexecutive@gmail.com
for more info or to sign up as a volunteer!

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For the actual event on Feb 20, we are seeking volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- Lantern lighting
- Carrying the 2 giant salmon lanterns
- Play a part of a kingfisher, heron, frogs (children), owl, eagle, bear (costumes provided)
- Serving hot chocolate
- Helping with musical 'soundscape'

*Music contact Murray MacDonald:
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Everyone is welcome and participation is **FREE!** It's all about celebrating an important species and shining the light in our community.

For more information see www.runawaymoon.org, or to sign up to help with the event on Feb. 20th, please drop us a line at kicsexecutive@gmail.com or check for facebook updates [@kingfisherinterpretivecentresociety](https://www.facebook.com/kingfisherinterpretivecentresociety).



The eggs have hatched and students get a first hand look at the developing fry

Stream to Sea Update

by Carolyn Uher

Our Stream to Sea program this year involves 38 classrooms raising Chinook salmon. At this point (late January) the eggs all have all hatched and the alevin are now 'buttoned-up' and have become fry (yolk sac gone). The young caretakers are now feeding their growing fish, preparing them for their eventual release in the Shuswap River!

We want to acknowledge the dedication of 'salmon tank' teachers to maintain their tanks and continuously ensure the baby Chinook are fed and cared for. KIC's passionate Stream to Sea coordinator Shona Bruce ensures teachers are well supported in the task; setting up tanks, delivering eggs, distributing fish feed, troubleshooting issues and problem solving.

The Stream to Sea Program is an experiential salmon education program sponsored by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and delivered through the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society for over 30 years. This program provides salmon eggs to schools in three local school districts giving students an opportunity to learn about salmon hands-on and play an active role in salmon stewardship activities. For more information on the Stream to Sea Program follow the link below:



Sponsor a Salmon



by Carolyn Uher

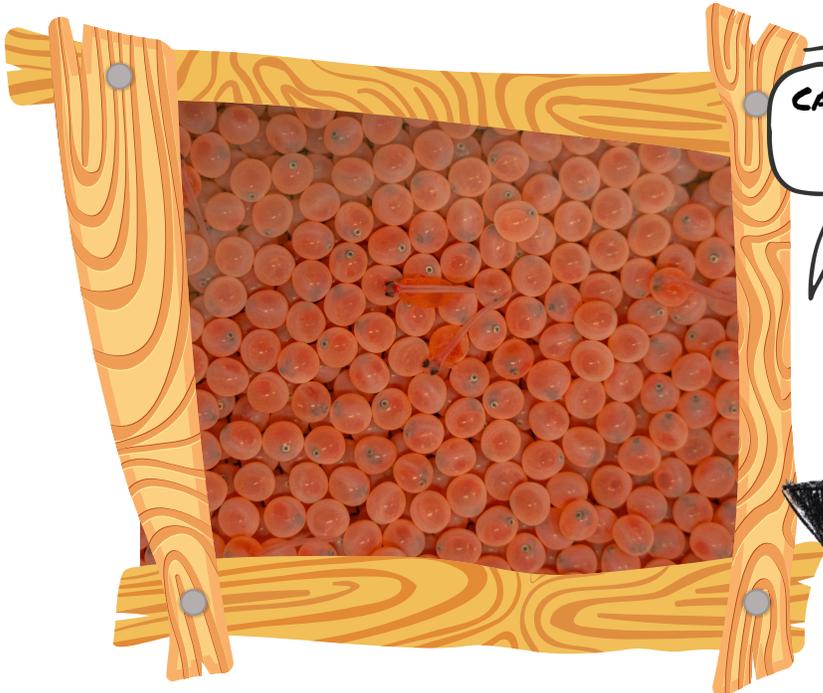
If you are a salmon sponsor, we've got more fun newsletter content coming your way, as your sponsored baby salmon graduates from eyed egg to alevin stage! Now that the eggs have hatched you will receive your official baby salmon birth certificate too.



Another BIG thank-you to our generous salmon sponsors



We would love to hear your feedback, so please let us know how we're doing. Email kicsexecutive@gmail.com or find us on facebook [@kingfisherinterpretivecentre](https://www.facebook.com/kingfisherinterpretivecentre)



CAN YOU SPOT THE NEWLY HATCHED ALEVIN??



HINT: THERE ARE 3 HIDING IN THIS PICTURE

Local Photography

SHUSWAP SCENES

JANUARY 2022



Thanks to Alana Brookes for sharing these amazing images: 1. A frosty day on the Shuswap River and 2. Still waters of Mabel Lake under a changing winter sky.





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We would love to feature your **nature photos** of the Shuswap River in our next community newsletter. Please send your jpeg or png files to kicsexecutive@gmail.com **before March 1st, 2022, thanks!**

Wolfe Wesle of Grindrod, captured the serenity of a winter day on the Shuswap River with his camera from the Kingfisher shoreline. His photos were featured in our Dec. 21st, 2021 issue.

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