Artists donate talents generously for Johnsons Landing relief efforts

by Art Joyce

Artists are some of the most generous people, though most are far from wealthy. That has been proven by a generous response to the Johnsons Landing disaster by poets, musicians, photographers and artists of all disciplines throughout the West Kootenay. Two benefit events for Johnsons Landing residents, featuring live performances and silent auctions, raised a total of about $10,000. Most of these funds will be directed toward restoring the community’s water system that was destroyed in the Gar Creek mudslide.

The first event, held at the Kaslo Hotel July 24, was hosted and organized by artist and Kaslo resident Randy Morse. Morse estimates that the event raised about $7,000 for the Johnsons Landing Community Association. Area D Director Andy Shadrack announced that even prior to the fundraiser, some $14,000 had been raised to cover expenses incurred with Kaslo Building Supplies for the water system. He noted that 16 Johnsons Landing households are still without water and that rebuilding the community water system remains top priority. Morse quoted a lyric from songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman: “Life goes on, if given the slightest chance.”

The Nelson event, held July 29 in Nelson’s City Hall square, was organized by veteran actor/playwright Richard Rowberry. It suffered from poor audience turnout despite first-class performances and production values, and raised about $3,000 after costs. The event was well publicized on local radio and other media but was competing with a beautiful summer day - a rarity so far this year. Sound equipment was donated by Doug Harrison of Hairy Productions and the tent donated by Big Tent Rentals. Rowberry found himself having to turn away performers. “I had to shut down my list, it could have gone all night,” says Rowberry.

Both events featured silent auctions featuring paintings, photography, pottery, woodworking, fabric art and even an item at the Nelson auction for cranial-sacral treatment by a local therapist. In true Kootenay fashion, one of the items auctioned at the Kaslo event was a free-run organic chicken from Kootenay Joe Farms in Johnsons Landing. Farm owners Patrick Steiner and Colleen O’Brien were evacuated during the disaster but their chickens and goats had to be left behind. Neighbours kindly made sure they were fed and watered.

The Kaslo fundraiser saw the Kaslo Hotel’s pub packed to standing room only. The audience was entertained by a local marimba group, Dawna McLennan the ‘Harp Pixie,’ Ted Fitzgerald backed by local backup singers dubbing themselves ‘The Fabulous Vixens,’ and many others. Many well known Kootenay artists contributed to the silent auction, including John Cooper, Kathleen Pemberton, Jim Lawrence, Robin Wilse, Deb Borso, David Stewart and the usual ‘others too numerous to mention.’

In Nelson, performers included musicians Bessie Wapp, Tangerine Swing, Pat Hemman and Carol Street, Marion Bergevin, Soniko Waira, Sunshine Drive and a stellar set by veteran folk musician Bill Bourne, among others. Poets included Art Joyce, Margaret Horaby, and Jane Byers. Barry Gray, founder of the Procter Storytelling Festival, performed the classic tale Anansi and the Box of Stories and well-known storyteller Ray Stothers was featured early in the evening program. The silent auction was held in the Hume Room at the Hume Hotel, with beautiful works of art from Stillpoint Pottery, Nicole Bigg jewelry, Kate Bridger fabric art, watercolourist Bruce Martin, paintings by Sue Parr and Alex Forde, metal sculpture by Brent Bukowski, and glass art from the Holland family, among others.
Voting deadline looms for One Book, One Kootenay

It’s simple, really. Read the books; mark your ballot. Tell the world—or at least the Kootenays—which book from the One Book, One Kootenay 2012 shortlist you think should get the nod. The deadline for voting for the book all Kootenay book lovers should read is August 10. Ballot boxes are in libraries throughout the Kootenay Library Federation.

One Book, One Kootenay (OBOK) is a region-wide book club that celebrates the work of the talented writers living in the Kootenay Boundary. Three Kootenay authors share the spotlight for the fourth annual One Book, One Kootenay honour. The 2012 nominees areYes, Sister, No Sister by Jennifer Craig, The Thir...
RDCK takes over recovery efforts at Johnsons Landing

by Jan McMurray

Recovery in Johnsons Landing has been in the hands of the RDCK since the end of the day Thursday, July 26, when the BC Coroner’s Service completed its work.

Deb Boros of Argenta has been hired as the recovery manager, to act as liaison between the community of Johnsons Landing and the RDCK. A community-based group to address unmet needs is also being established.

The RDCK also immediately hired SNT Engineering Ltd for geotechnical expertise. SNT senior geotechnical engineer, Doug Nicol, has come up with a five-phase technical work plan to guide the long-term geotechnical assessment in the landslide area. A technical review panel will review all information throughout the five phases, and is made up of Nicol, Peter Jordan, geomorphologist with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO), Dwain Boyer, engineer and Section Head of Water Management at FLNRO, and geotechnical experts from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Phase one of the geotechnical work plan is to allow evacuees restricted access to their homes, following strict plan is to allow evacuees restricted access to their homes, following strict regulations. It will be done in the fall when the site has dried out.

Phase four is to produce snow avalanche hazard and run-out modeling and will take place before winter.

The final phase will take place before Phase two involves Phase two is to complete initial hazard mapping, and mapping to identify the likely limits of future landslides and debris flows. This will be done in the fall when the site has dried out.

The RDCK multi-agency recovery team is meeting regularly to share information and to ensure coordination of the local and provincial government response to the landslide and the long-term recovery process. The team is chaired by RDCK Emergency Coordinator Noreen Clayton and includes representatives from the RDCK, BC Hydro, FLNRO, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Emergency Management BC.

Disaster Financial Assistance expert Tim MacLeod continues to help residents whose homes have been damaged or destroyed to apply for funding under the provincial program. The BC Coroner’s Service finished its recovery work on the site on July 26. Of the four people who died in the slide, three bodies were recovered. The body of Rachel Webber, 17, was found at about 6 pm on July 25, near the front of what had been her family’s home in Johnsons Landing. The bodies of her father, Valentine, 60, and older sister Dima, 22, were located near the same area during searches on July 15 and 16.

Technical experts concluded there was no reasonable likelihood of finding the body of Petra Frehse, 64-year-old German national and seasonal Johnsons Landing resident. Frehse’s home was higher up the mountain than the Webber residence, and as a result, was more severely impacted by the full force of the slide.

RDCK finds solution for funding fuel treatment projects

by Jan McMurray

The RDCK board is trying to find a way to carry on with fuel treatment projects.

In 2010/11, when the provincial and federal governments were covering 100 percent of the funding for fuel treatment, the RDCK partnered with the Regional Districts of Kootenay Boundary and East Kootenay to complete a $5 million fuel treatment program.

Several projects were completed in the RDCK under the tri-regional program, decreasing the risk of wildfire and creating employment for local forestry workers. However, since April 2011, the provincial government funding program covers only 90 percent of the cost of fuel treatment projects over $100,000 and 75 percent of the cost of projects over $100,000.

Without having budgeted for its $10 or 25 percent share, the RDCK has not been able to move forward. Several projects have been planned and are ready to go as soon as funding becomes available.

At the July meeting, the board passed a motion put forward by Director Ramona Faust (Area E: East Shuswap) to use the RDCK Community Sustainability Fund money to create a strategic implementation plan for fuel treatment projects in the RDCK. This would mean hiring a consultant to prioritize the projects that are ready to go. The resolution also designates the Fund as the place any grant money would go. It also includes representatives from the RDCK, BC Hydro, FLNRO, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Emergency Management BC.

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Open letter to BC Hydro

The Sicilian District Chamber of Commerce board of directors is very concerned about the recent interruption in wireless internet service in our area due to interference from smart meter infrastructure.

Several of our members rely on the local wireless internet service to run their businesses. The interruption caused loss of revenue and loss of operating hours for several businesses in our district.

We urge you to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Nikita Boroumand President, Sicilian District Chamber of Commerce

Wowed by Kaslo Hotel

Having been residents and store owners in Kaslo for only two years, my husband Jim and I left the town in 2008 just as the Kaslo Hotel was about to be renovated. Sadly, we had to leave many good friends behind but recently had a return visit to recall old times and retrace our steps across BC.

We were fortunate enough to be able to spend five nights at the Kaslo Hotel. What an enormous undertaking it was, for Susan and John Eckland, to accomplish such a transformation, and what a huge asset it is to Kaslo and district. It is not only that the town now looks a whole lot prettier, but also the wonderful lady told me her story of heartache. She had a kitty named Missy who had to be put down at the beginning of April. Shortly after that, my kitty appeared on her lawn and they look identical! She was in shock but with a heart of gold, she began to feed her and named her Missy 2. However, upon speaking to the landlord of the hotel, it came to light in fact that...

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Opinions

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Open letter to Glenn Ollec, District Manager (West Kootenay), Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

My wife Helen and I recently returned from a seven-week bicycle tour of BC, riding from our home in Hils to the coast, up Vancouver Island, east from Prince Rupert, and finally home again. We rode on downtown Vancouver streets and remote unpaved roads on Haida Gwaii, rode the Trans-Canada Highway and quiet farm roads, industrial corridors and residential neighbourhoods. Everywhere we went we saw recent accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists. Signs, well maintained shoulders, designated bike lanes, added sidewalks on old bridges. We saw racks on buses and racks in front of public buildings. And the better the infrastructure, the more people we saw cycling.

Back here in the Kootenays, the cycling community enjoys an open dialogue with the major commercial user, Chambers Trucking, and they have shown a sensitivity to the concerns of cyclists and have displayed a ‘share the road’ attitude in practice. But unfortunately when you enter a governmental office and your contacts have not.

Despite years of correspondence and meeting with you regarding repaving in the Kootenays, and yet, your office has not made a serious effort to curb GHG emissions. We all know that they are coming. So the question is, when will you do something about it? Years ago, we let our Legion membership lapse because of the need to replace the existing one, and for a permanent bar. Plans are being made for the creation of a games room with a pool table, a shuffleboard, and dartboards on the second floor of the hall. The Village cannot support such improvements, and such costly improvements, and without the funding provided by the Legion, the hall would fall into disrepair and leave Slocan without a much-needed community centre.

Thank you New Denver ambulance and rescue personnel

I express my deepest thanks to the ambulance and rescue personnel who responded to an incident which occurred on the trail to Wilson Falls.

One member of our group fell and severely fractured her ankle. Because of her location on the trail and the severity of the injury, the decision was made to go for help. That is where the local community stepped in. First, we ran to a local who volunteered to go with us for help as he has relatives who live on East Wilson Creek Road. Within 20 minutes we had arrived at her residence and made the call for help. Shortly thereafter the ambulance arrived, took her to the hospital and to an amazing prompt Search and Rescue.

The Royal Canadian Legion – serving the community

When we moved here in 1995, 22 years ago, we left our Legion membership because we had our hands full clearing our land and building our house. Now that we are more settled in, we have rejoined the Legion here in Slocan to try to give something back to the community which has been so helpful and friendly to us.

We are astonished how small a branch of just over 50 members is able to provide funding for a variety of community services, both within the village and further afield. During the year 2011, Slocan Valley Branch #276 raised and disbursed a total of $21,977.40, as follows: Slocan Fitness Center ($2,500), Slocan First Responders ($2,000), Slocan Senior’s Fitness ($2,000), Library ($2,000), W.E. School (1,475), Slocan Halloween Hunt ($1,200), Slocan Search and Rescue ($750), Kootenay Lake School Play Group ($1,000), Slocan Senior’s Program ($390), Student Pagent Fees ($330), Benefit ($150), New Denver Pavilion ($2,367.40), Kootenay Lake School Play Group ($1,000), Kids’ Help Phone ($500), BC Seniors’ Games ($400), New Parents’ Program ($250), West Kootenay Science Fair ($250), Veterans’ Homes’ Poster Contest ($250), Veterans’ Transition Program ($250).

Legion members in 1,590 branches across Canada, such as our branch, serve their communities in a variety of social functions, such as weddings, funerals, benefits, memorial services, dances and fairs. Recently, a host and catered a high-profile reunion of former NSM Trainees that were held in and around Slocan during World War II.

There exists a popular misconception that the Legion is primarily a social club or the exclusive domain of retired military men and women, including ex-servicemen and -women where old soldiers drink beer, swap war stories and spend long hours playing cribbage and darts. While it is true that the Legion has its beginnings and during and after the First World War in a number of small associations of former soldiers that were subsequently united to form the Canadian Legion of the British Service League in 1926, and renamed the Royal Canadian Legion in 1963, its tenets have since evolved. In addition to being active in its support of our troops, our veterans and their families, the activities of the Legion are increasingly focused on public and community service activities. Legion membership is open not only to veterans of the Armed Forces: any Canadian citizen, Commonwealth subject, or citizen of any allied country is eligible for membership. Previous military service is not a prerequisite. Of the present membership of Branch #276, only 14 have served in uniform, and the remainder have contributed to the community by fundraising for local organizations and charities. Legion branches have become focal points in Canadian communities for the celebration of Veterans’ Day and Remembrance Day.

Peter and Lynda Balthals
Slocan Valley
Kaslo council, July 24: Old Esso to become public parking lot

by Jan McMurray

It looks like the old Esso bulk site will become a public parking lot in the not-too-distant future. Bruce Freeman, who was authorized by council to contact Imperial Oil on behalf of the Village, negotiated a renewable five-year licence agreement for $3 per year. The company has agreed to continue paying the property taxes (approximately $2,350 per year) and environmental monitoring costs (approximately $2,000 per year). They will also cap the 13 monitoring tubes that stick up above ground, and install boxes around the tubes so that they can still be accessed. The Village is responsible for leveling the lot, operating the parking lot, and insurance.

Unfortunately, the wording of the licence agreement does not make it clear that Imperial Oil will continue to pay the property taxes. Council asked the CAO to make sure this is clearly stated in the agreement with Imperial Oil. At a special meeting August 2, council ratified the licence agreement and asked staff to send a note of thanks to Freeman.

Joe Johnston, chair of the arena association board, attended to speak to council about the possibility of a small parking lot behind the arena. He asked staff to send a letter to the Kaslo Community Garden to ask if they would be interested in using the lot. Council decided to let the society know it is free to proceed with an application to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIIF). He explained that the group received from the provincial Community Recreation Program will get the arena the "up to code," but the board would like to make further improvements that would allow summer ice. As the CIIIF grant covers only 50 percent of the cost of the project, the arena association would use the proposed grant to leverage the CIIIF grant. He states in his written submission that the arena association understands the Village is opposed to the application.

Later in the meeting, council decided to let the society know it is free to proceed with an application to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIIF) with no involvement from the Village.

Council also asked staff to request a response in writing from the arena association that clarifies its timeline for submitting requested contractor information.

• The Village will provide a letter of support for the Kaslo & District Public Library for its application to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund to construct an insulated wall at the library drop box.

• The Village will make three applications to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund in support of optional referral of installation of smart meters.

• Council will provide a list of questions about the proposed new fire station and fire hall for Kaslo to the Regional District of Central Kootenay for inclusion in its fire station inspection handout.

• Public Works will be getting a new loader with a 12-foot pushblade at an estimated cost of $190,000, or monthly lease payments of about $1,570. Voted that it was obtained by alternative approval process. Eight negative responses were received; 85 percent disallowed the purchase.

• Council received a letter from John Eckland of the Kaslo Hotel, who was surprised to find out council had granted permission to the Kaslo Golf Club to have live music during the Jazz Festival weekend. He says he was assured some time ago that the club would be allowed to have entertainment during private functions (i.e. weddings) only. Council decided to support the golf club's application to the liquor licensing branch that would allow entertainment, council listed conditions such as live music at private events only. However, the liquor licensing branch cannot impose such conditions. The clubhouse in fact has a licence that allows entertainment up until midnight any night.

Eckland was invited to attend a meeting of the Municipal Services Committee to discuss his concerns.

• Council received a copy of a letter from AKB Liabilities Ltd. to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Keith Ashfield, opposing closure of the Nelson office of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and requesting that public consultations take place in Nelson and Cranbrook.

• Council decided to send a letter to Minister Ashfield, supporting the continued presence of the Nelson office.

• Sandwich board permits were granted to the Live Art Shop and 1896 Books and Silver.

Village of Kaslo initiates development of a new Liquid Waste Management Plan

The Village of Kaslo recently initiated stage one of a three-stage process in developing a community-wide liquid waste management plan (LWMP). This plan will evaluate the overall efficiency of the liquid waste collection, treatment and disposal practices in Kaslo and create a new comprehensive plan for managing the community’s liquid waste well into the future.

According to Ministry of Environment documentation on the LWMP procedure, the three-stage process can typically take two to three years. The Village of Kaslo is requesting public input in this initial stage of planning so that the community may help guide the direction of the plan early on in its development. Public input into the creation of this plan is important because once it is complete and approved by the Minister of Environment, there is no mechanism for appeal and it will not be necessary for the Village of Kaslo to hold a referendum to borrow funds necessary for the execution of the plan.

More information on the LWMP is available at www.true.ca/kaslo. Questions and comments can be submitted directly to the engineers by emailing kasloLWMP@true.ca. Engineers from TRUE Consulting will be available for consultations with the public at the Farmers' Markets of Saturday, August 4 and August 18. A public open house will be held in the fall to present the findings of the public consultations, review the options to be explored in the next stages of the LWMP process, take a community survey and collect valuable feedback from residents.

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• Sandwich board permits were sent to the Kaslo Community Garden through fundraising efforts. Liability insurance will be paid by John Eckland.

• Council directed staff to send a letter to BC Transit in support of the West Kootenay integration plan.

• Councillors Holland, Hewart, Lang and Leatherwood were authorized to attend the UBCM conference in Victoria September 24-28. Mayor Lay will be attending as well, with the RDOC covering his expenses.

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The Valley Voice August 8, 2012

Dust off your dancing shoes because Jackie Tremblay, that awesome funk-soul-juice-doo-fusion band from Vancouver, is coming back to Kaslo the Wednesday after Jazz Fest. The show is at 7 pm at the Langham on Wednesday, August 8. Tickets are $15 at the door. All ages. All genders. All genres. All proceeds from the concession will go to the Johnsons Landing Community Association. Good times, good music. Good cause. See you there!
Slocan valley, columbia, wi hall building assessment received

by veronica pellowski

• Council received a building assessment report on the historic Women’s Institute building from an architectural firm. The report recommends that the hall be decommissioned, as it would likely be both unsafe and uneconomical to repair the building than to re-build it. However, because the building has important historic and cultural significance to the community, the architect is one of Canada’s leading firms in its type, but rather stabilizing the building and making it safe for viewing. Council acknowledged that there is no immediate threat and to proceed with the WI building at this time, but is considering having reports done on other heritage buildings in the village in order to have an understanding of the integral fabric of the buildings and the particular concerns of each of them.

• Spokeswoman of the Grassroots Grammas, Linda Grabler, said in his talk on the Slocan in the 1890s at Knox Hall on July 28, when silver was found in 1891 the Slocan exploded. None imagined it would fizzle in a few years, she said. Three years after the discovery, the Slocan Valley boom was in full swing. A grasshopper of a mining camp, William Hunter took over and by 1894, the Nakusp & Slocan Railway a land grant of 10,000 acres/mile, and two years later a cash subsidy of $17,500/mile to the N&S.

The ore was rich and close to the surface, so the Slocan became the focus of North American excitement. By 1897, Sando was at its peak with 17 hotels, 50 stores and probably 2,000 people. It happened so fast because mineral finds elsewhere had spurred development of mining technology, railroad barons were eager to lay tracks, and government support was generous. In 1892, the provincial government gave the K&S Railway a land grant of 10,000 acres/mile, and two years later a cash subsidy of $17,500/mile to the N&S.

In 1894, ties associated with mining burned most of the forest from New Denver to Kaslo – so intense that water whirled upward off Bear Lake and smoked last for months. Many miners died from avalanches on burned slopes. In less than a decade, the mines and forests were stripped. In its heyday in 1897, nearly four million ounces of silver were mined in the Slocan and 30 million pounds of lead. By 1900, the boom was over.

• Did it end so fast? The Klondike Gold Rush lured miners north, a strike shut down the Slocan mines for most of 1899, and in 1900 Sando was razed by fire. But essentially, production dropped as ore deposits were exhausted.

Slocan Valley Grassroots Grammas raise $5,000 at rummage sale

submitted

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• All public buildings and commercial establishments will require bottled or otherwise acceptably treated water as a temporary measure.

• The Public Health Council recommends that they had now received a $5000 grant from RDCK, over 10,000 books had been catalogued, they are selling surplus books at the Sunday market and that the library is now hosting evening concerts. The library has received 673 books from an estate and a further 225 books from donations.

Graffiti Awareness, Reduction and Removal Policy
• The Library Committee reported

Historical Geographer Cole Harris on the Slocan in the 1890s

by Anne Champagne

“There’s an enormous amount of optimism that runs through a mining camp,” said Harris. “It’s a wonderful place to do research.” He’s been visiting the Slocan since 1972, working with the Slocan Historical Geographers: professor emeritus at UBC, award-winning author, member of the Order of Canada. His talk was part of the Hidden Garden Gallery’s Food for Thought series. Cole’s family was one of the first in the Slocan. His grandfather planted over 1,000 fruit trees

“A New Denver resident said their downed trees were an old indicator of water quality. A road trip was an adventure; cooking in a hotel was a treat. ‘In the Slocan, there was no resistance from the Sinixt, whose numbers had been decimated by smallpox epidemics, the first reaching the Slocan in 1787. Aggressive industrial capitalism was bent on short-term profits, and supported by a government eager to develop a thinly populated province. Prospectors, miners and shopkeepers all had a stake in rapid growth. The miners’ union, the Western Federation of Miners, a critic of industrial capitalism, offered a gentler vision of brotherhood that, Cole suggested, was “part Marx, part shorter Presbyterian catechism,” but had no chance of changing the system.

Cole described another way: in Sando not so long ago, Gene Peterson “farmed” a small, rich vein, working alone and taking out ore in a wheelbarrow. He often had to be keen to embrace food, but it may be too much to hope it will ever take up slow mining.

Slocan Lake Stewardship Society SlocanLakeSS.wordpress.com

NOTICE TO DENVER SIDING WATER USERS REMINDER: BOIL WATER NOTICE IN EFFECT

A BOIL WATER NOTICE is still in effect for customers of the DENVER SIDING WATER SYSTEM in the Regional District Central Kootenay (RDCK).

• The RDCK and Interior Health recommend that all customers drink boiled water or a safe alternative until further notice. Water intended for drinking, washing fruits and vegetables, making beverages or ice, or brushing teeth should be boiled for one minute. Boiled water should then be refrigerated in a clean, covered container. Customers could also choose to use bottled or distilled water, or water that has been filtered through a well-maintained treatment device.

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• This BOIL WATER NOTICE will remain in effect until further notice.

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Toadfest set for Summit Lake, August 22 and 23

The third annual western toadlet event – Toadfest – will occur at Summit Lake Provincial Park, just southeast of Nakusp, on Wednesday August 22, between 4 and 7 pm and Thursday August 23, between 9 am and noon. The free community event to help a few toadlets safely across the highway, has quickly become one of the summer’s highlight activities for many families in the Kootenay region.

The event is coordinated by the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP), with support from BC Parks, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO), the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (BCMOT), and Columbia Basin Trust. The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of BC, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

“The timing of the event is right at the start of the annual toadlet migration so we can’t guarantee numbers, and the emphasis is on education and awareness about this important western toad breeding area,” said Trevor Oussoren, program manager for the FWCP in the Columbia region. “The event provides an opportunity to talk to biologists, understand the life cycle of the western toad, and learn about other species in the watershed – and of course to have lots of fun in the process, as there will be games and live music as well!”

In addition to being able to find toadlets and carry them safely across the highway, there will be other activities to see and do, including live aquatic insects, amphibians, and reptiles on display, information on invasive plants, face painting and a chance to explore a simulated ‘toad tunnel.’ Western toads are listed federally as a species of special concern and are blue listed in the province. Every year tens of thousands of western toadlets, each not more than the size of a dime, get squashed as they attempt their first migration from the shoreline of Summit Lake, across Highway 6, to upland habitat.

In 2006, the BC Ministry of Environment and BCMOT began to address the situation through the design and installation of directional fencing and culverts (‘toad tunnels’) to safely guide the toads underneath the highway. Project partners are currently working to monitor and evaluate their effectiveness.

“Summit Lake is one of the key breeding areas for western toads in the Kootenay region, if not the province,” said Arrow Area Supervisor for BC Parks, Chris Price. “We need to ensure that it remains that way for generations to come, and a key part in doing so is ensuring that local communities know what we have here.”

To ensure the safety of event participants, traffic control, donated by Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YRB), will be in place during the scheduled times, and drivers can expect very minor delays. “We do not want anyone moving the toadlets outside of the organized event,” added Oussoren.

Camping spaces at Summit Lake Provincial Park cannot be reserved. To learn more about BC Parks, visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/parks. The event is free and containers for carrying the toadlets across the road will be provided. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. For more information about the event visit fwcp.ca or call 250-354-6333.

Aquaponics comes to Nakusp

by Dan Nicholson

Hans Sparreboom became interested in aquaponics a few years ago and has been experimenting ever since. His latest system employs pumps to move water from a fish pond into several buckets that grow lettuce and kale, and into five towers that produce tomatoes and peppers. The water is then pumped back into the fish pond. The system uses no pesticides, herbicides or chemical fertilizers, and the only expense, once set up, is fish food. Sparreboom uses goldfish in his aquaponic system, but notes that other fish would work equally well, including carp, tilapia and even trout.

Sparreboom’s lettuce and kale are doing remarkably well. The yield from his tomatoes hasn’t been as good as expected, but the taste is exquisite.

Aquaponics comes to Nakusp
Summarizing the key points:

**Summer music at the Cedar Creek Café in Winlaw**

- This summer, the Cedar Creek Café in Winlaw has been a popular spot for music lovers. On August 21, you can enjoy live music by Katharine Dickerson.

**Moore singing golden oldies.**

- A reception on Monday, August 20, will be shown at the Hidden Garden. This event will feature sculptures and brilliant glass pieces by Katharine Dickerson.

**The Hidden Garden...**

- The Hidden Garden, located on five acres on the Slocan River, has become the home to Rabi’a. She works with steel and found objects, creating unique pieces that reflect her passion for ancient Norwegian cultures as well as related to Maoris, Sami, Salish, and various cultures.

**Reflections on Identity and Place,**

- Katharine Dickerson has been researching and studying, working and living with Indigenous cultures and includes pieces related to Maoris, Sami, Salish, and ancient Norwegian cultures. She has woven numerous collections, the Smithsonian Institute’s Canadian Art Bank, two provincial awards, and three federal. She has exhibited her work at the Royal Conservatory of Canada. She has woven numerous collections, the Smithsonian Institute’s Canadian Art Bank, two provincial awards, and three federal. She has exhibited her work at the Royal Conservatory of Canada.

**Katharine Dickerson**

- Katharine Dickerson has been weaving for over 10 years. She was born in 1948 in Canada and immigrated with her family to Canada in 1958. She is passionate about the gardens and her art, and combines two of the Artful Lodger, her home on five acres on the Slocan River in Winlaw. The gardens have become the stage for sculpted mosaics, carved rock and mosaics.

**Winlaw Tailings**

- The Tailings project has been a reader’s theatre presentation of Katharine Dickerson’s experiences living and working with Indigenous cultures. The addition of stripes relates to the colours and rhythms of specific places. Katharine’s passion and respect for these cultural textile traditions runs through these woven ‘Reflections.’

**Katharine Dickerson’s**

- Katharine has been weaving for over 55 years. She retired after 30 years of teaching at the Alberta College of Art + Design, which gave her the designation of Lecturer Emeritus. Katharine has been researching ‘Twisting of the Pacific Rim Peoples’ for the past 40 years. Her work is included in the Canadian Art Bank, two provincial collections, the Smithsonian Institute and private collections in Norway, Japan, New Zealand, the United States, and Canada. She has woven numerous large commissions and has written a book related to the commission process from both the artist and the patron’s standpoint. She currently spends her time in her home and weaving studio overlooking Rosebery Bay on Slocan Lake.

**Valhalla Summer School of Music announces summer concert lineup submitted**

- For 15 years, the Valhalla Summer School of Music (VSSM) has been bringing music students and top-notch faculty from across Canada to gather in Silverton and New Denver for one week of music making. Following the Suzuki Valhalla Institute, VSSM will be shown at the Hidden Garden, located on five acres on the Slocan River.

**The 30th anniversary of MINE TAILINGS**

- On September 29, there will be a reader’s theatre presentation of Mine Tailings as a fundraiser for the Silverton Gallery. Advance tickets only go on sale September 1 at venues in town.

**FREE tuition!**

- This certificate program will run for 24 weeks, 27.5 hours per week. Students will develop knowledge and skills in office proficiency, interpersonal communication, internet search, basic business math, MS Office (Word, Excel), internet usage, office technology, records management, communications and creation of business documents. WHMIS: World Health and Safety Level 1 first aid training is included. All students will gain direct work experience through a 60 hour practicum component.

**Admissions must be received by:**

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1st Annual Nakusp Rodeo provides thrills and spills aplenty

Ladies Barrel Racing at the Nakusp Rodeo.

Bull Riding was the most exciting event at the 1st Annual Nakusp Rodeo.

Colesus the Redneck Knievel performed death-defying stunts at the Nakusp Rodeo.

There were three roping events at the Nakusp Rodeo, July 27-29.

Steer wrestling was another event at the Nakusp Rodeo.

It was a good weekend for the bulls at the Nakusp Rodeo. Only one bull rider made the qualifying time of eight seconds. This cowboy was not him.

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Kaslo Jazz Fest staffer and poet Peter McPhee tries on the cool with a little washtub bass workshop.

West Kootenay favourites Bessie and the Back Eddies put the swing back in roots and blues at Kaslo Jazz Fest Saturday afternoon.

Gabriel Palatchi’s world-class Latin jazz band was definitely the high water mark for the Sunday program of the Kaslo Jazz Fest this year.

Five Alarm Funk had the joint fully funkified for the dancing fools Sunday night at this year’s Kaslo Jazz Fest.

Nelson’s Laura Landsberg hit the Kaslo Jazz Fest stage with a smooth set of pipes and a brand new CD to launch.

Taj Mahal took the Kaslo Jazz Fest audience deep into the roots of the blues Friday night, from the deep south to West Africa.

Karmalea Bundy’s feline face painting is a great example of the wonderful work of Yvonne Boyd, Grasshopper Lane Artworks (Argenta), face painter at Kaslo Jazz Fest.

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The theme of both reports, ‘Foundation for Growth,’ serves CBT’s focus on strengthening its foundation to better serve Basin residents. It is doing so by working with partners and communities to build collective capacity, and by implementing solid systems that can address the growth in CBT’s ability to deliver benefits to the Basin.

Over the past year, we significantly increased our ability to deliver benefits to the Basin by leveraging and expanding our strategic partnerships, implementing new programs and initiatives and continuing to work collaboratively with residents and communities around key issues,” said Garry Merkle, CBT Board Chair. “We’ve also identified potential new roles and opportunities to work with Basin communities, and will further explore some of those opportunities and their implications for CBT over the coming year.”

In 2011/12, CBT returned a record $18.2 million in direct funding benefits to Basin communities, up from $11.2 million in 2009/10. CBT had a deficit of $1.4 million, partly due to making more funds available to deliver benefits in the Basin, and partly due to a decrease in total revenues, which were $22.9 million in 2011/12, down from $29.5 million in 2010/11. However, CBT’s earnings have increased over the past several years, resulting in surpluses. As such, CBT is in a strong cash position to fund future increases to its delivery of benefits.

“Due to deliberate and prudent planning, we were able to deliver a record $18.2 million in direct funding benefits to the region in 2011/12—80 per cent more than 10 years ago in the previous year,” said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. “We’re excited by a positive financial outlook moving into the new fiscal year and beyond, and plan to deliver $20 million in benefits in 2012/13.”

The Annual Report is posted online at www.cbt.org/annualreport to Residents is being distributed Basin-wide or can be found at any CBT office or online at www.cbt.org/2r.

Two Winlaw men arrested after crime spree submitted by RCMP

Police are recommending charges of Assault, Mischief, Break and Enter, and Theft against two Winlaw men after a series of offences were committed in Winlaw on the evening of July 19. The men were arrested, and then released from custody on a promise to appear in Nelson court on September 20.

On the night in question, the two suspects were first reported to have instigated an altercation near the Mini-Mart and were assaulted and having an altercation near the Mini-Mart. The two suspects were first seen near the area.

The Slocan Lake RCMP requests anyone with information regarding these offences to contact the local detachment (250-358-2222). If you wish to remain anonymous, please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or submit a tip securely through the BC Crime Stoppers website.

Kaslo water system update

by Jan McMurray

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of four-time national Emmy-award Flame magazine calls Big Thrill by James Jaros, the pen name Jaros' writing is literate, thought provoking, and detailed. "Publishers Weekly

The book, pack a survival kit, you're not prophetic...Before you pick up this book, read the current drought, James Jaros is beginning to sound downright prophetic..."Publishers Weekly also had more to say about the latest Jaros books were flying below the radar of mainstream media. But the blogosphere caught on fast with intense praise for Carry Down the Sky, the first book in the series: "Burn Down the Sky is one of those books I could not stop reading...the searing heat of the wasteland, the resonant ending drive of the characters, the amazing spirit of Ananda flung me into Jaros’s world...I found myself shouting out loud...It was one of the most thrilling scenes I’ve ever read. Ever." (Amanda Makepeake, Imagination Run Amok)

"James Jaros does a phenomenal job with world building in Burn Down the Sky...an edgy, dark thriller that keeps the reader engaged from the very first page. (Debbie Wiley Book Reviews)

“I strongly recommend it for fans of Stephen King. The Stand, the Mad Max films, Cormac McCarthy’s The Road, or Margaret Atwood’s Oryx and Crake.” (The Alternative)

“Takes the idea of the post-apocalyptic men’s adventure tale and turns it on its head, with the simple idea that it focuses on female leads...With truly stand-out moments: Burn Down the Sky never falters.” (Bruce Grossman of Bookgasm.com).

Although Carry the Flame is the second book in the Jaros series, it can be read and understood as a stand-alone novel.

Margo Talbot and Warren MacDonald to present ‘The Connection: Two People; two journeys. One Solution’

What is it about our wild places that connect us with who we are, and who we can be?

Wilderness inspires one man to reclaim his life after a horrific accident results in the loss of both legs, and a woman to give up a life of drugs and crime. This is their story...On Thursday, August 16, world renowned climbers and authors Margo Talbot and Warren MacDonald are teaming up to present an interactive workshop for all ages. This unique opportunity to listen to two exceptional speakers talk about overcoming experiences of trauma with a connection to nature will be an event you won’t want to miss. Geared toward a younger audience, the evening will be appropriate for the whole family and will be engaging to a wide audience.

Hosted by Slocan Valley Recreation, ‘The Connection’ will be held at Slocan Park Hall from 7 to 8 pm and admission will be by donation. Volunteers will go to a new Jackrabbits Nordic Ski program that is anticipated to start this winter.

To read more about Margo Talbot and Warren MacDonald, visit their websites at www.margotalbtot.com and www.warren-macdonald.com. For info about this event, or to let us know you’re planning to attend, call Slocan Valley Rec at 226-0008.

Annual local art show coming up at the Silverton Gallery

The ‘Grass Roots and Sprouts’ group art exhibition will be showing August 14-26 at the Silverton Gallery. This unjuried collection of creations from Slocan Valley and Nakusp artists has become an annual event. This year, there are offerings in several mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics and mosaics from over 20 local artists.

Says curator Andrea Saba: “Most of the artists this year are professional, although we have some lovely amateurs as well.”

And that is the idea behind the ‘Grass Roots and Sprouts’ show: to mix it up, and have a big community art exhibition.

The opening event this year is on Thursday, August 16 at 7 pm, and features musical entertainment by Silverton’s talented Matt Fry. With 20 artists and their guests, Grass Roots openings are always exciting. Everyone enjoys viewing one another’s latest artwork, and refreshments are provided.

It is not too late to submit an art piece. Submissions are open until drop off date, August 12. Please call Andrea at 250-358-2518. Gallery hours are 2-6 pm. Note: Gallery will be closed on Sunday, August 19.

New hospice society for Kaslo and Area D volunteer, please call Emily at 250-353-2600 for more information.

In the near future, the new Hospice Society of North Kootenay Lake will begin a membership and fundraising campaign. Support for this very important work in our community will be much appreciated.

Hospice is an international term used for organizations that provide compassionate, supportive services to assist individuals in their last stage of life. Hospice groups and their volunteers strive to promote dignity, quality of life, social, emotional, and other types of support to clients and their loved ones during an active care and the bereavement period.

Pirate Day returns to the SS Moyie

Be ye Jack or Lassie that be adventure and booty for the plunderin’ it do! Admission is $7.50 for adults, $18 for a family of 4, $5 for children (6-12). Wee sprogs under 5 be free! All pirates under 15 must be in the company of parents or guardians!

If ye seek more knowledge call 250-353-2525 or visit www.facebook.com/SSMoyiePirateDay for a chance to win a great and grand piratical booty!
Call for committee members for ‘crown land for agriculture’ project

Kaslo Food Security has been working on a project to map, identify and hopefully acquire crown land that could be held in trust for the use of local farmers. The organization is now calling for people who are willing to sit on a steering committee to see the project through.

With the help of Selkirk student Robyn Hicks and NKLCSS Office Manager Heather Hamilton, the organization was able to produce 11 maps outlining arable, crown land within Area D of the Regional District Central Kootenay. The organization also obtained information about the application process for leasing crown land.

Only one parcel was identified as suitable. Located in Meadow Creek, the parcel is about 100 acres but the lease requirements would limit the application to accessing about 30 acres. The land itself has a road, but would need to be cleared. There are currently no services for this parcel. It has been confirmed with government agents that the parcel is not currently leased.

On June 18, the maps and application details were presented to 20 local residents. “Several residents were interested in pursuing crown land for their own farming enterprises and we were able to assist them in identifying potential parcels that might meet their needs,” said Aimée Watson, Food Security Coordinator. “Unfortunately, we were unable to gain commitment from a core group of people interested in a group effort to secure land for future farmers. Consequently, we have had to postpone our own applications until we have local support for a steering committee.”

The organization can act upon this project for another year should enough people come forward to assist and participate. However, after 2013, the organization will not pursue the project. Anyone who would like to see crown land secured for future farmers and would be willing to work with Kaslo Food Security to facilitate this, please contact the Kaslo Food Hub at 250-353-7120.

To view the maps, visit: www.nklcss.org/food/maps. For a summary of the application process for leasing crown land, follow the links for the Food Security Project at www.nklcss.org.

Guitar Legend Sean Ashby at the Silverton Gallery August 19

Sean Ashby, a singer/songwriter/guitarist/producer now releasing his third solo album, Fantastico, is on a continental tour and will be appearing at the Silverton Gallery for one night on Sunday, August 19, 7:30, tickets $10 at the door. He will also give a guitar master-class that same afternoon at 1:30. See end of article for details.

Chances are, you’ve heard his radio on today you’ve heard his guitar playing. As one of North America’s go-to guitarists, Sean Ashby toured and recorded with Sarah McLachlan for 12 years. Based in Vancouver, Sean was leader of the award-winning band Jack Tripper, as well as Ginger (the former Grapes of Wrath), and is still playing with Delirium.

While Ashby was McLachlan’s guitarist on the original Lilith Fair tour and on several albums, he received two 4x platinum US discs and one diamond Canadian disc for studio and live CDs. He has appeared on the Grammy awards twice. The Tonight Show with Jay Leno five times, SNL and David Letterman three times, as well as other major TV shows. Sean’s guitar playing has appeared on CDs with sales in excess of 10 million copies worldwide... so far.

On stage, Ashby uses six types of guitars, including his ‘lap steel,’ similar to a dobro, which he plays with amazing skill. He describes his performance as a “singer-songwriter, guitar-guy show,” and his musical style as “twang and slide — heavy on the twang.”

Sean Ashby performs at the Silverton Gallery August 19 at 7:30 pm. Local guitarists will want to sign up for his workshop that afternoon.

Check out the artist at www.seanashbymusic.com or seanashbymusic.com. Contact Carla to register: 250-358-7198 or silvertongallery@gmail.com.

The Slocan Valley Historical Society is pleased to offer two exciting workshops this summer as part of their ongoing Village & Valley History project.

Introduction to Archival Practice and Managing Archival Photographs
August 28th & 29th, 2012 at WE Graham Community School in Slocan, BC

These workshops are open to anyone with an interest in volunteering in local archives or in managing their own collections.

For more information please email: jaj@netidea.com

This project is funded by Columbia Basin Trust and the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance.

Silverton Gallery Presents

Guitar Great
Sean Ashby
In concert
Sunday, August 19th
7:30 pm • $10

Special Afternoon Guitar Master Class preregister: $15 by August 12
$20 after

- Participants get half price on ticket to evening show!

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KENNETH WALTER GORDON

OBITUARY

KENNETH WALTER GORDON was born on October 23, 1931 in the Slocan Valley Hospital. He married the love of his life, Winona Marie Edwardson, on March 25, 1955, and to this union were born three children: Kenneth Walter Jr., Kerry Lou and Julie Anne.

Ken spent his whole career in the mining industry working in most of the local mines in the area and for far north as Pine Point in the Northwest Territory. The mining industry was among his many interests during his baseball years as a member of the New Denver Legion. He was best known for his pitching ability and was very active in hunting, fishing, golf, curling and hockey.

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Ken retired from mining in 1989, but continued to consult after his retirement, with special interest in acting as a consultant for his granddaughter (at that time) and potential succession planning. Ken was an avid husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and spent many years on the golf course with his wife Nonie and hunting and fishing with his family and friends. Ken was pre-deceased by his wife Nonie in February of 2012, and his two brothers: Sonny and Bill. Ken is survived by his son Ken (Camille), daughters Kerry (Manny), Julie (Lee), grandchildren Jesse, Ki (Tanya), Tymie (Sean), Bob (Samantha), Jacqueline (Jason), Judd, great-grandchildren Bradley, Brett, Logan, Keira, Bryton and Devon, sisters, Esther (Hap) and Joan (Erwin).

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KENNETH WALTER GORDON was born on October 23, 1931 in the Slocan Valley Hospital. He married the love of his life, Winona Marie Edwardson, on March 25, 1955, and to this union were born three children: Kenneth Walter Jr., Kerry Lou and Julie Anne.

Ken spent his whole career in the mining industry working in most of the local mines in the area and for far north as Pine Point in the Northwest Territory. The majority of Ken’s career was in the milling and processing aspect of mining, and he continued to consult after his retirement, with special interest in acting as a consultant for his granddaughter (at that time) and potential succession planning.

Ken was an avid husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and spent many years on the golf course with his wife Nonie and hunting and fishing with his family and friends. Ken was pre-deceased by his wife Nonie in February of 2012, and his two brothers: Sonny and Bill. Ken is survived by his son Ken (Camille), daughters Kerry (Manny), Julie (Lee), grandchildren Jesse, Ki (Tanya), Tymie (Sean), Bob (Samantha), Jacqueline (Jason), Judd, great-grandchildren Bradley, Brett, Logan, Keira, Bryton and Devon, sisters, Esther (Hap) and Joan (Erwin).

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.
Big John Bates plays the Royal August 16

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Big John Bates is coming to the Royal in Nelson August 16 on the final leg of the Headless Fool Tour. Big John Bates has revitalized his band with a gitty infusion of electrified western guitar into small town stories, trials and tribulations. No-depression lyrics and soulful screams infect Brandy Bones’ voice while Bates’ growl combines with accorion, cello and doom-wop piano to shake the ghosts out of the woodwork. Or as the band puts it, “It’s like being serenaded with a rusty hammer because we don’t just play from the heart, we tear it out by the roots.”

Producer Robert Fertchak (16 Horsepower, Woven Hand, Slim Cessna) gives the album a sweet and sour feel from the depths of his aptly named Absinthe Studios. After two years of non-stop touring, the band has finally been completed with long-time friend JT Massacre (Real Makenzies) on drums and trumpet and the debut of Khadijah on oompa tuba and organ.

Bates was the original singer for Annihilator and co-wrote their first two critically acclaimed albums. He then sharpened his Gretsch with Big John Bates & the Woodoo Dollz, chiseling out a 10-year career with a sexy cavray of misfits, playing well over a thousand shows across North America & Europe. He’s been featured on Battlestar Galactica, A&E; Discovery Channel; Bizarre Magazine; Tatooization; and has played for thousands at festivals across Europe and North America while his songs have shown up in dozens of movies and TV shows.

ATTENTION to those impacted by overland flooding or landslides between April 23 to July 18, 2012

Those most affected by overland flooding or landslides were eligible for financial support under British Columbia’s Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) Program. Assistance is available to qualifying homeowners, residential tenants (renters), small business owners, farmers, and charitable organizations that incurred more than $1,000 of unsalvageable damage caused by flooding or landslide events that are situated within the Regional District or Central Kootenay.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to: Ministry of Justice Emergency Management BC PO Box 9201 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9J1 OR via Fax: 250-652-5942 OR via e-mail: PEP.Funding@gov.bc.ca/dfa_claims/dfa.html

Type of Event | Date of Event | Geographic Area (RD = Regional District) | 90-day application deadline
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Landslide | July 12, 2012 | Johnsons Landing and surrounding area | October 11, 2012

Disaster Events Currently Declared Eligible for Assistance

Below is a list of disaster events declared eligible for assistance, and their corresponding DFA application deadlines.
Take the Columbia Basin Culture Tour — August 11-12

There are many participating venues in the Slocan Valley, Nakusp area and Kaslo area.

Slocan Valley

In Slocan Park, full-time professional studio potters, Lance Hall and Maureen McEwen of Stillpoint Pottery, offer a wide range of quality high fired functional porcelain and stoneware and raku pottery, including one-of-a-kind pieces.

Just a bit further along the highway in Panorama is the studio/gallery of printmaker, painter and collage artist Natasha Smith. In her latest series of collage and encrusted paintings, Natasha uses a primitive style to investigate themes of fragility, growth and change.

Before you reach Winlaw, you will find the pottery studio belonging to Robin Duvvott, a contemporary ceramic artist specializing in atmospheric fired pottery. Primarily using wood as the fuel source to fire the work, he creates beautiful and functional art through purposefully and impulsively utilizing byproducts of the local forest industry.

In Winlaw, MaMa Tea’s Herbs & Gifts offers unique gifts from nature and are all handmade including custom made moccasins, dream catchers, herb angels and painted feathers. Owner Therese Lewis makes sun tea with herbs from her gardens and will have a pitcher of it ready for you when you arrive.

If you head over the bridge at Winlaw and follow the signs, you will reach the Artful Lodger. This is the home and artistic world of Rabi’a. You’ll find an eclectic variety of art, all in an outdoor setting, with whimsical and functional art, mosaics on glass, mirror and rusty steel. It is an experience not to be missed.

Further north on Slocan River Road is Pamela Nagley Stevenson’s studio gallery. Pamela’s functional and ceremonial porcelain pots invite use by hand, heart and spirit in daily acts of offering, receiving, celebration and libation.

Nakusp area

Meet Barbara Maye at her studio – a multi-media artist who regularly rotates through drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography and portraiture of both people and pets. Barbara has invited several artists from around the world to join her at her studio and create during the tour.

The Studio Connexion is a fine art gallery located in downtown Nakusp, operated by Anne Elizabeth Beliveau, that showcases Canadian visual artists. This year for the Culture Tour, the Studio Connexion Gallery is proud to exhibit the work of Brigitte Desbois. Visit Debra Rushfeldt to see her body of work ‘Under Box Mountain,’ which documents the unique and creative properties of her friends and neighbours in Crescent Bay in a series of charcoal drawings.

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For a great dose of history, visit the Arrow Lakes Historical Society, which has been operating for 24 years and looks after historical data from all the towns, ghost towns, and drowned towns on the Arrow Lakes including the Lardeau region, which includes Trout Lake, Ferguson and Camborne. View the seven history books that the Society has published and its archive collections including maps, registers, documents, newspapers and over 400 taped interviews of the pioneers in the area.

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