

# NATURE BAY NEWS

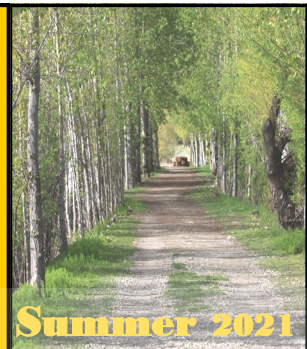
Newsletter of the Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society

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**Acknowledgement:** Nature Bay lies on the unceded and traditional territory of the Secwepemc peoples



Summer 2021

## SABNES AGM

Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm

Marine Peace Park

Outdoors- Near the Gazebo Stage

Show you Care - Bring your Chair



On behalf of the **SABNES** Board of Directors and the **Shuswap Naturalist Club**, thank you for your support regarding the recent bird box vandalism. We are happy to report that it has ended.

We were truly overwhelmed and inspired by the outpouring of offers to help, as well as the many generous donations. The destruction of bird boxes, active nests, and the killing of a mother swallow on her nest obviously hit a nerve. With the help of the **Shuswap Trail Alliance** and the **media**, word travelled across Canada, sparking outrage and action. **BC Nature Trust**, who owns the foreshore land that **SABNES** manages, set up a [CanadaHelps.ca](http://CanadaHelps.ca) fundraising page and offered to send their staff to help on-site . A **\$1000** reward has been posted by the **Gardom Lake Stewardship Society**.

Thanks to the forty individuals and organizations who contributed a total of **\$8,508** for restoration. Eight game cameras are now strategically mounted to oversee the birds, and volunteers connected with **Makerspace** have constructed forty new bird boxes. **Shuswap Naturalist Club** volunteers hope to use any extra boxes to replace some of the old ones near **Peterson's Orchard** to create a 'bluebird trail', which they would also maintain. Funds will also go toward installation of longer, stronger posts after the Lake recedes and nesting is over.

**SABNES** is in the process of rebuilding the bird viewing platform on the foreshore that was destroyed in high water two years ago. Our volunteer crew salvaged much of the timber from the existing structure to use to build the new one. Some of the donated funds will also help to complete this project. We have an engineered plan in the works and are in the process of hiring a qualified contractor. Volunteers will help with initial labour and some of the finishing carpentry.

Thanks again for your generous donations and all your volunteer time.

Janet Aitken, **SABNES** President

**\$1000 REWARD**

Offered for tips or information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for; damage or destruction of swallow nesting boxes in Salmon Arm Bay, killing and/or destruction of adult swallows, their babies and swallow eggs.

If you have a tip or any information please contact the following:  
 Salmon Arm RCMP @ 250-832-6044  
 Crime Stoppers @ 1-800-222-8477  
 BC Conservation @ 1-877-952-7277

This reward is being offered by the Gardom Lake Stewardship Society (GLSS) [www.gardomlakestewardship.org](http://www.gardomlakestewardship.org)

**SABNES is on FACEBOOK** Login to Facebook and then search: [salmon arm bay nature enhancement society](https://www.facebook.com/salmonarmbaynatureenhancementsociety)

## SABNES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Elected Directors

Janet Aitken, President.  
Geoff Benson, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.  
Mona Broad, Hanne MacKay, Carla Kirkpatrick,  
Sid Visser, Debbie Noakes, Di Wittner, Mitch  
Olineck, Cory Day, Don Derby

### Appointed Directors

Councillor Sylvia Lindgren, **City of Salmon Arm**;  
**Fish and Game Club** and **Downtown Salmon  
Arm Improvement Association**: No appointed  
representatives.

### Non-voting Directors

Georgia McLeod, Secretary  
Tom Brighthouse, Advisor

**We greatly appreciate the financial and service  
support from the following companies:**

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## CORPORATE MEMBERS

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## GRANTING AGENCIES

City of Salmon Arm  
Salmon Arm Rotary Club  
Shuswap Community Foundation  
Habitat Conservation Trust Fund  
BC Nature Trust

## Annual Membership Fees \*

Individual..... \$15  
Family..... \$25  
Sustaining Individual..... \$50  
Sustaining Family..... \$100  
Life Membership..... \$500

## Corporate or Organization

1-4 Employees.....\$50  
5-10 Employees.....\$100  
+ 10 Employees.....\$150  
Life Membership..... \$2,500

\* All but \$5 is tax-deductible

**NEW: Pay your SABNES  
membership or make your  
donation by e-mail transfer to :**  
[sabnes.org@gmail.com](mailto:sabnes.org@gmail.com)

## Membership Form

( If you **have been a member**, we only need you to enter **new** information  
If you are **sending your subscription by e-transfer**, please separately e-mail us the  
contact information asked for below )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give **SABNES** my time  
to help staff the nature centre  
( June, July and August)

Please Check

to help with trail clean-up and maintenance

Nature Bay Society (**SABNES**) is a Charitable Organization.  
Most of the Annual Fee is tax-deductible.  
Receipts for Income Tax purposes will be issued.

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The **Brighthouse Nature Centre** is open **10 to 4** each day until the end of August. We have two excellent interpreters:- **Levyn Radomski** and **Melissa LaRiviere**. They are continuing to daily monitor the compliance of dog walkers on the Fore-shore Trail. The **City of Salmon Arm** provided one grant and we have another grant from the Federal Government (**Canada Summer Jobs**).

**SABNES Improvements and accomplishments**  
**Brighthouse Nature Centre** - New lights and a new paint job. We are in the process of creating new signs.

**Bird Viewing Platform** -near Christmas Island has been dismantled with care to preserve any good timber.

**Permission Granted:** The **City of Salmon Arm** will begin an upgrade of the wettest part of trail this fall. **SABNES** was able to secure permission for this from **FLNRO** (BC Ministry of Forest Lands, Natural Resource Operations). We were also granted permission to rebuild the bird viewing platform. Work will begin in August.



First Step in Disassembly of the Bird Tower

## Make an Everlasting Contribution to SABNES

Please consider making a donation to **SABNES** via the **Shuswap Community Foundation ( c/o SABNES Endowment Fund)**. Your donation will remain in perpetuity in the fund and generate income, which will be used to help keep the **SABNES** lands in their natural state for the foreseeable future. Please send your cheque payable to **Shuswap Community Foundation, PO Box #624, 450 Lakeshore Drive, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N7**. Please mark on your cheque that you wish to place the donation in the **SABNES ENDOWMENT FUND**. The **Shuswap Community Foundation** will send you a tax receipt.